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Providence Hebrew Day School To Run House Raffle

by Emily Torgan-Shalansky
Jewish Community Reporter

Buying a house is always a gamble, but those who really want to test their luck should take part in the Providence Hebrew Day School's "American Dream" raffle.

Each \$100 raffle ticket buys a chance to win a house at 24 Carver Street in Pawtucket with a market value of \$67,000.

"This is the first time a Rhode Island non-profit organization has held a house raffle," said PHDS Development Director Marvin Stark on Sept. 18. "Because we plan to sell no more than 2,000 tickets, people will know what their chances are."

Nov. 16 between 1 and 4 p.m., PHDS will hold an open house at the residence, which includes three bedrooms, one-and-a-half-baths, a wood-burning fireplace and an enclosed sunroom.

The drawing will take place at the school on Nov. 20.

The raffle's primary purpose is to raise funds for the PHDS Scholarship Fund, PHDS Dean Rabbi Mordechai Nissel hopes there will be additional benefits.

"It's nice to be innovative,"

Nissel said on Sept. 18. "It's good for people to see that we're out in front with our fund-raising efforts. Also, this is open to the general public, and normally, our fund-raising takes place in-house. This will help us reach new people."

Although ticket sales just began on Sept. 23, the members of the PHDS Budget and Finance Committee have been dreaming the "American Dream" for several years.

PHDS Executive Committee member Frank Halper, an accountant and former vice president of the Budget and Finance Committee, was intrigued by a story that innuendated the local media in the early 1990s.

"A couple living in Narragansett had been unable to sell their house, so they raffled it off," Halper said. "They sold 1,000 tickets at \$150 apiece, and reached their sale price within a few days."

Although the attorney general's office ruled that their raffle was illegal, it permitted the sale to stand.

"The attorney general wrote an opinion for the state police, who monitor games of chance,"

Halper said. "He said that only non-profits could run them."

About two years ago, when PHDS was forced to close its boys' high school because of financial problems, Halper started thinking about the house raffle again.

"I thought that might be a good way to clean up some of the debts," he said.

As a partner in Rosenstein, Midwood & Co., a Providence-based accounting firm, Halper learned that the house at 24 Carver Street was available.

"I knew the house would be affordable for the school," he said. "We had to buy it outright with no mortgage."

Halper's fellow board members also felt that its Pawtucket location, within walking distance of Congregation Ohave Shalom, would suit PHDS's needs.

They purchased the house, and obtained permission to hold the raffle from both the state police and the city of Providence.

"There have not been any house raffles in Rhode Island since the one in Narragansett," Halper said. "We run a raffle every year, and the prize is usu-



24 Carver Street, Pawtucket Herald photo by Emily Torgan-Shalansky

ally \$2,500, so we're very optimistic about this."

But by holding the "American Dream," PHDS is also playing the odds.

"Even though a lot of people will look at the ticket prices as a way to support the school, they will not be able to write off their contributions because this is a game of chance," Stark said. "The state police have said that we have to sell at least 1,000 tickets, or cancel the raffle."

But Nissel does not think the contest's price, or even the connections between gambling and

PHDS that it may create, will be problematic.

"People can look at this as a chance to support the school as well as a way to possibly win something," he said. "We've always held raffles, and even the stock market is a way of gambling. We've installed a special house line for this, and we think it will be ringing."

Those who wish to purchase tickets may do so by calling 331-1458, or send checks or money orders along with names, addresses and phone numbers to PHDS, 450 Elm Grove Avenue, Providence, RI 02906.

Religious Persecution Measure Poses Dilemma for Jewish Groups

by Daniel Kurtzman

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Republican leaders in Congress are pushing ahead in their campaign to fight religious persecution abroad.

But it remains to be seen whether legislation now pending, which was inspired by the movement to free Soviet Jewry, will have substantial Jewish support.

Some religious groups and lawmakers have been actively seeking that support, saying Jews should be behind the effort given the historical alliances when it came to efforts to rescue persecuted Jews in the Soviet Union and elsewhere.

But many Jewish groups, echoing the Clinton administration, fear that the legislation would be ineffective and create more problems than it solves.

Meeting with religious leaders recently, House speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) and Senate majority leader Trent Lott (R-Miss.) declared religious freedom a core U.S. value and vowed to make the fight against religious persecution a top legislative priority.

While stopping short of endorsing any specific legislation,

their comments nonetheless gave a boost to supporters of the Freedom From Religious Persecution Act, which is beginning to move swiftly through the House and Senate.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Frank Wolf (R-Va.) in the House and Sen. Arlen Specter (R-Pa.) in the Senate, would require economic sanctions against any country engaged in religious persecution. It would also give those fleeing religious persecution priority in gaining asylum in the United States.

It would also create a new office within the White House to monitor the treatment of religious minorities around the world. The legislation would initially require the director of the office to examine the treatment of Christians, Tibetans, Buddhists and Bahais before moving on to other faiths.

The bill's sponsors say most of the abuses are occurring within militant Islamic countries and the few remaining Communist nations. They have cited Sudan, China, Iran, Egypt, Pakistan, Vietnam and Algeria as some of the worst offenders of religious freedom.

The fight against religious persecution has emerged as a leading political cause in recent months, largely as a result of a grass-roots campaign organized by a coalition of religious groups led by evangelical Christians.

The coalition has sought to model the campaign after the Jewish community's successful efforts to free Soviet Jews in the 1970s and 1980s.

Proponents, in fact, hope that the Wolf-Specter legislation can provide a shot in the arm for their cause similar to what the 1974 Jackson-Vanik Amendment did for the Soviet Jewry movement. That legislation linked U.S. trade policy to a country's emigration practices.

Church leaders have sought input and support from their Jewish counterparts, but most Jewish organizations — along with a number of mainstream Christian groups such as the National Council of Churches — maintain serious reservations about the legislation.

While fully supporting the concept of combatting religious persecution, most Jewish legislative activists are worried that

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Learning the Shofar

Hanna Gregoretzki, 9 years old, a new arrival at Tzivos Hashem's Home for Girls in Dnepropetrovsk, Ukraine, learns how to blow the shofar in a pre-Rosh Hashanah workshop given by Rabbi Rafael Rutman. The orphanage, established through the generosity of Dr. Esther and Dr. William Benenson, serves as a haven for 75 orphaned and abandoned Jewish girls from across the former Soviet Union. Photo courtesy of Tzivos Hashem

HAPPENINGS

A Taste of Federal Hill

Rhode Island School of Design's Division of Continuing Education is offering a Tasting Tour of Federal Hill on Oct. 4 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The tour will feature a stroll down Atwells Avenue on Federal Hill — the heart of Providence's Italian community — with Lum Gasbarro, proprietor of Gasbarro's Liquors (one of the largest retailers of Italian wines and cordials in the United States).

Participants will meet at Pastiche where they can enjoy cappuccino and pastry, before sampling Italian delicacies at

Roma Gourmet and learning hand pasta-making techniques at Venda Ravioli. Along the way, the group will visit Antonelli's Poultry, Scialo's Bakery, Casa Vitello Fedrick Veal Co., Providence Cheese Co., and Gasbarro's Liquors. The tour will conclude with lunch at Angelo's Civita Farnese, another Federal Hill landmark.

Anyone interested in participating in the Tasting Tour of Federal Hill should call RISD's Division of Continuing Education at 454-6200. The event is open to the general public for a tuition fee of \$55 per person.

Volunteers Make Strides Against Breast Cancer

Do you want to do something to help in the fight against cancer? Volunteering is a great way to help and the American Cancer Society needs volunteers at its making Strides Against Breast Cancer five-mile walk on Sept. 28. There's something for everyone wanting to take part in this annual event that helps raise awareness of and funds for the breast cancer detection programs of the American Cancer Society. People are needed in the areas of set-up, registration, food/water stations, T-shirt sales, the memory tree and clean-up. Volunteers will meet at the starting point of the walk at India Point Park, Providence.

There is still time to participate in the walk as an individual or as part of a team. Join thousands of concerned Rhode Islanders for this fun, leisurely 5-mile walk down Blackstone Boulevard and along the Providence River. The walk begins and ends at India Point Park in Providence. Registration that morning is between 8 and 10 a.m.

To volunteer at the event or to get a sign up sheet to walk, call the American Cancer Society at 722-8480.

Perspectives, a young Jewish adult group, will be taking part in the walk as a group. Call Alison Link at 863-9357 for more information.

Calendar: September 25 thru October 4

- 25 Public policy expert** Ragui Assaad discusses changing Middle East workforce at 4 p.m., Brown University, Watson Institute of International Studies. Free and open to the public.
- Lynn Davidman**, associate professor of sociology, Judaic studies at Brown University, gives annual women's studies lecture at 4:30 p.m. at Alumnae Hall. Her talk is entitled "On Growing Up Motherless." The lecture is free and open to the public.
- 26 Join students** from Boston and Providence at Tuft's second annual Reform Shabbaton, Sept. 26 and 27, with special discussion with Rabbi Lawrence Kushner. Call Brown-RISD Hillel at 863-2805 for schedule and information.
- Wickford Art Association** exhibit, Sept. 26 to Oct. 9, 36 Beach St., Wickford. Call 294-6840.
- 27 Book Sale**, Sept. 27 and 28 at North Kingstown Free Library. Proceeds benefit library programs and projects. Call 294-3306.
- 9th annual Guinness Stout/Bass Ale** taste of Rhode Island, Sept. 27 and 28. More than 40 of R.I.'s best restaurants and caterers, music, entertainment and more at Newport Yachting Center. Call 846-1600.
- Pet Walk '97**, Providence Animal Rescue League's ninth annual pledge walk; funds support PARL programs. Roger Williams Park, Providence. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call PARL at 421-1399.
- Fall foliage kayaking** tour, 9 a.m. Paddle down the Sakonnet River. Beginners welcome. All equipment provided at Sakonnet boathouse, Tiverton. Call 624-1440.
- 19th annual Fall Harvest Festival**, Sept. 27 and 28. Musical entertainment, arts and crafts, regional foods, special children's entertainment, fireworks display at stadium on Park Ave., Cranston. Call 461-1000, ext. 3110.
- 28 Jewish Federation of Rhode Island** Phon-a-thon, help make calls for the JFRI phon-a-thon 1998 from 7 to 9 p.m. with Perspectives young Jewish adult group. Call Elissa Mirkin at 421-4111, ext. 171.
- Breast Cancer Walk-a-Thon** with Perspectives young Jewish adult group at India Point Park, Providence. Call Alison at 8863-9357 to R.S.V.P.
- Brown/RISD Hillel** presents Teva's first hike of the year, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Explore scenic trails of New England and meet nature lovers! Call 863-2805.
- Prime Minister of Cape Verde**, Dr. Carlos Veiga, visits Cape Verdean American Community Development Center in Pawtucket at 5:30 p.m. Call 726-8729 for information.
- Harvest Concert**, 1 to 4 p.m. at Diamond Hill Vineyards, Cumberland. Celebrate vineyard's fall harvest with music and more. Call 333-2751.
- 30 Be ahead and stay ahead** financially. Sponsored by Perspectives young Jewish adult group. Lou Goldman, CPA, speaks about preparing for the future (part of pilot program for an informational series), 7:30 p.m. at 106 Angell St. Call 863-9357.
- Oct. 1 Alternative medicine** lecture series with Greg Knight-Roifer at 7 p.m. For information, contact Eastside Chiropractic Center at 453-2225.
- Meeting Street Center**. Meeting for parents of children with disabilities, "Strengthening Parent and Community Relationships," 6:30 to 8 p.m., 667 Waterman Ave., East Providence. Sessions will meet on first Wednesday of each month. R.S.V.P. at 438-9520, ext. 254.

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Students Invited to Apply for International Travel Scholarship

Students who wish to see the world — and who have a plan to improve it — are invited to apply for the fifth annual Educational Tours Ambassador Scholarship. Sixty-two students will be selected to receive the award — an 11-day expenses-paid tour of Europe set to depart in July 1998.

Sponsored by EF Educational Tours of Cambridge, Mass., the scholarship was established to encourage students to think about changes they would like to make to their world. Based on their proposals for change, one qualified student from each U.S. state and each Canadian province and territory will be selected to participate in the 1998 EF Ambassador Tour.

Scholarship recipients will travel to New York, London, Canterbury, Paris, Geneva, and Lucerne on a unique journey of discovery and learning. Travel-

ing together through Europe, students will have the opportunity to discuss their ideas for change with similarly motivated peers, further reinforcing their ambitions. The itinerary will highlight sites of cultural, historical, and political significance, serving to broaden each participant's world view.

The scholarship award includes round-trip airfare, accommodations, breakfast and dinner daily, transportation, professionally led sightseeing, visits to special attractions, and the services of a full-time bilingual tour director. It is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for students to explore the world together.

The EF Ambassador Scholarship application deadline is Jan. 31, 1998. United States and Canadian students in grades nine through 12 are eligible to apply, and should request applications

by mail to Ambassador Scholarship Program, EF Educational Tours, EF Center Boston, One Education St., Cambridge, MA 02141-1883; by e-mail to <scholarships@ef.com>, or on the Internet at <www.ef-tours.com>.

Pumpkin Social Kicks Off Fall Season

The Historical Society of Smithfield is serving a variety of homemade pumpkin desserts at its annual Pumpkin Social to be held at historic Smith-Appleby House, 220 Stillwater Road, Smithfield, on Oct. 5 at 1 to 4 p.m. The cost is \$3 per person and \$1 more to tour the house. Reservations are not necessary, call 231-7363 for more information. Directions: Route 295 exit 8B, left at first light (Route 116), left on Stillwater Road.

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Enroll them
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high school.

Jewish high school graduates excel. In their academic performance. In their community involvement. In their personal and professional lives. They stand out as achievers. They stand out as people.

Surprising? Hardly.

According to an AVI CHAI study of 1,250 June 1996 graduates of Jewish high schools across the country, 99% were going on to colleges and universities. Schools like Brandeis, Chicago, Columbia, Harvard, Penn, Rutgers, UCLA, Yale and Yeshiva University.

Many of these students chose to defer college in order to build on their love for the Jewish land and its people through a year of Judaic study in Israel.

The values and achievements of Jewish high school graduates are eloquent testimony to the commitment of teachers, administrators, lay leaders and parents who make the learning experience challenging and effective.

However, much more can and must be done.

Budgetary constraints put limits on scholarship funds, and on the number of students who can be offered this ticket to Jewish and personal success.

Moreover, Jewish high school students deserve the finest labs, libraries and gyms. Yet, in most cases, the finances of Jewish high schools are stretched to the limit — buildings, books and faculty — with little remaining for the extras that enrich the educational experience.

AVI CHAI applauds these schools. And we know they can be even better with your support.

It's your future. Make it happen!



OPINION

Make 'Religious Worker' Visa Permanent

Federal provisions about the issuance of visas to religious workers like yeshiva teachers, *mohalim*, *shochetim* and *chazzanim* — were the focus of testimony delivered recently before a Congressional subcommittee on Capitol Hill.

The provisions, which were first enacted in 1990 after efforts by Agudath Israel and other advocates, created new categories of special immigrants — including "non-minister" religious workers. Such workers, with at least two years of experience in a religious vocation, can presently qualify for permanent residence in the United States with the sponsorship of a religious organization or institution that seeks to employ them to provide religious services to its community. Should Congress not act to extend them, the provisions will expire at the end of the month.

Presenting testimony on behalf of Agudath Israel of America's Commission on Legislation and Civic Action was immigration law expert David Grunblatt, who serves as chairman of COLCA's subcommittee on immigration. He called the Senate subcommittee's attention to the fact that religious worker immigrants provide a number of much-needed services to American religious communities. He noted, too, that while the benefit of such workers' talents to religious Americans is substantial, the number of admissions under the special visa program is small — approximately 5,000 a year.

Agudath Israel, among other religious groups, is petitioning Congress to not only renew the provision allowing visas for non-

minister special immigrant religious workers, but to make it part of the permanent immigration code, obviating the need for its reappraisal every three years. Grunblatt asked the committee "why the only general visa category relating to immigrants in the entire Immigration and Nationality Act... subject to an expiration date is the one that relates to religious workers."

Abba Cohen, Agudath Israel Washington Office director and

Cohen also noted that religious workers from foreign lands play a particularly important role in helping recent immigrants.

counsel, echoed that concern. "There really is no need," he asserted, "to reaffirm every three years what has been proven time and time again: that religious workers are of great value to American society."

Cohen also noted that religious workers from foreign lands play a particularly important role in helping recent immigrants from their native regions adjust to their new lives in the United States.

There have reportedly been discussions in the U.S. House of Representatives about tightening restrictions on religious-worker immigrants, including requiring them to have been members of their denomination for five years prior to their visa request, and forbidding them from supplementing their incomes through other employ-

ment. Grunblatt, however, maintains that such new conditions serve no constructive purpose, a position shared by the Senate Subcommittee chairman Sen. Spencer Abraham (R-MI), who is a strong proponent of the "religious worker" provisions.

Rabbi E.B. (Bunny) Freedman, an Agudath Israel activist in Michigan who has worked closely with Sen. Abraham on a range of issues, had high praise for the senator. "Ethnic and religious communities with immigration concerns," he asserted, "have long had a dear friend in Senator Abraham, and know that he will strongly endorse the religious worker provisions."

Abraham, indeed, voiced support for the provisions, and for their permanent extensions, as did full Judiciary Committee member Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) and ranking subcommittee member Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) in opening statements at the Friday hearing.

Submitted by Agudath Israel of America, a broadly based Orthodox Jewish movement with chapters throughout the United States and Canada.

Orthodox Union Supports Right of Yale Orthodox Freshmen to Live Off Campus

To the Editor:

The leadership of the Orthodox Union, representing the majority of Orthodox Jews and 1,000 Orthodox synagogues around the globe, is deeply troubled by the refusal of Yale University to accommodate the religious needs of its Orthodox freshmen who wish to live off campus in order to avoid compromising their ethical and religious principles by living in coed dormitories.

Yale University has always represented the highest standards of excellence. Inherent in those standards are moral and ethical imperatives in addition to academic excellence. To demean these moral imperatives sullies the otherwise impeccable reputation of the University.

Accommodations to living off campus have been made when there were compelling reasons, for example, married students or those over age 21. Is it any less compelling to accommodate these young adults who wish to subscribe to a moral and ethical Torah code that has sustained humanity for thousands of years?

Mandell I Ganchrow, M.D., president of the Orthodox Union, said:

"On the gates entering Yale University are the Hebrew words *Urim Vetumim*, referring to the priestly vestments, signaling the highest leadership standards of the Jewish people. The compromised moral standards that these Orthodox students are being asked to live with in coed dormitories are far removed from the standards represented by those ancient words."

Ganchrow added:

"This is an issue of interest not only to the Orthodox community, but to the cross section of America that believes it is time to reverse the moral decline of our society. An institution as prestigious as Yale University should be at the forefront of this movement. We call upon the president of Yale to allow the five Orthodox students to complete their registration and begin their university studies with their fellow freshmen."

Submitted by the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America

Worries Over Discrimination

Hadassah strongly applauds the researchers at the Johns Hopkins and Howard Hughes medical institutions for identifying the gene mutation that leads to familial colorectal cancer. "Hopefully, researchers will now study the general population to determine the exact risk and implications to the Ashkenazi Jewish population," said Hadassah National President Marlene E. Post.

Hadassah, the largest Jewish membership organization in the United States, is pleased that advances in genetic science may provide individuals with better information about their own

health status so they can seek early preventative or treatment measures.

However, this finding, like the many other recent discoveries in genome research, underscores the problem of genetic discrimination. Hadassah is deeply concerned that individuals who take genetic tests may find that an insurance company or employer has used that information against them.

Hadassah and members of national coalitions of Jewish, African-American, women's and healthcare advocacy groups are urging support of federal legislation to prevent insurance com-

panies from denying, canceling, refusing or raising health insurance premiums based on genetic information.

Rep. Louise Slaughter's (D-NY) Genetic Information Non-discrimination in Health Insurance Act (HR306) is close to receiving the 218 congressional co-sponsors needed to move it to the House floor. Recently endorsed by President Clinton, this bill has wide bipartisan support with 159 congressional and 76 organizational co-sponsors.

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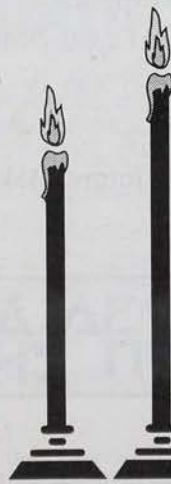
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Return to Tomorrow

by Richard M. Morin

One of the hermeneutic principles in studying Jewish texts is called *semuchim*, "contiguity." This means that a greater meaning can be derived and inferred by having two texts or important principles next to each other rather than having them stand alone. So it is especially meaningful at this High Holiday time that *Nitzavim* and *Vayeilech* are read together as a single *parashah*.

These two major themes independently are important but together are revolutionary! The key word of *Nitzavim*, like the old song by The Byrds, is *turn*, in Hebrew, *teshuvah*. We are faced several times with turning; a turn of our heart, a return unto G-d, G-d's turning of captivity into compassion, G-d's turning and gathering us, G-d's turning to rejoice over us.

Our early commentators Rashi and Nachmanides viewed G-d's demand for turning, for *teshuvah*, to be G-d's major commandment to us in this *parashah*:

"For this commandment which I command you this day" is the command to return, *teshuvah*.

The second independent yet profoundly complementary lesson of our double portion is found initially in *Nitzavim* and then underscored in *Vayeilech*. We learn that G-d wants us to

who must be collected to hear G-d's word. When the Jewish historian Josephus reported on this commandment, he provided an important insight: Neither woman nor child, nor slaves nor aliens should be excluded from the assemblage to

hear the recitation of the commandment. That women, children, slaves, and aliens should be part of this gathering is not unusual. That children are mentioned twice is quite meaningful and special.

Therefore, the teaching of the commandments, that is Jewish education, should not be the concern of only the priests, rabbis, or educators today. The commandments are meant to be the everlasting possession of the entire people — yesterday, today, and tomorrow. These two Torah portions strike the keynote of the educational and spiritual democracy established by Moses. The Torah is the heritage of all Israel.

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Torah Today

"turn" in our thinking, to return to G-d, but G-d does not make this command too difficult or too distant from our personal understanding.

As the text says, "It is not in the heavens [that someone must go to fetch it] neither is it beyond the sea." (Deut. 30:12, 13) This commandment is very close. It is in our hearts and mouths, our life experience. In *Vayeilech*, the second part of our double lesson, we find out who "our" is. In Deuteronomy 31, we read that it is not just an ordinary gathering of people

FEATURE



The Lady in Lavender

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

We sat in the paved patio of the temple during Shabbat. Greta Steiner looked lovely and elegant in a lavender suit. We sat on a stone bench and talked about the fresh new season. "My granddaughter wrote a story about me for a school project. I'll send it to you for a look." A few days later I read Erica Ernst's account of her interview. I offer some excerpts from this remarkable tale.

My grandmother was born into an "emancipated" family, well assimilated into Austrian society. They even had a Christmas tree in their home. Greta led a well-off life, taking trips, working as a volunteer in a hospital. In 1934 she had the chance to work in England for a year.

They gradually realized it was necessary to leave Austria. It started after the Nazis plundered her father's shoe business. They took away his keys and gave them to a non-Jew. Greta lost her job because the doctor she worked for was Jewish.

Greta left in September 1938. Her parents took the last ship from Europe in 1941.

"I still think often about my journey," she says. "I was allowed to bring \$8 and some linens." It was a shock to me that the towels still in use in my grandmother's house are the very ones she brought with her.

"I wanted to take a ring and a brooch given by my grandmother. I wore the ring under a glove and hid the brooch in pajamas. At the frontier, SS officers told me to get off the train for inspection. The SS men did not find the brooch, but they made me remove the glove. I didn't know whether to put the ring in the glove or leave it on my finger. I turned it over so it looked like a wedding band. The men squeezed the glove and then threw them back. The train began to move and I had to run to get back on. If I had been caught with the jewel, I could have been sent back to the concentration camps."

My grandmother took the Ile de France from a port in France. Five days later, she arrived in New York harbor. "I had it very nice," she claims. Finding a job was easy, she says cheerfully.

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Art Comes To Town

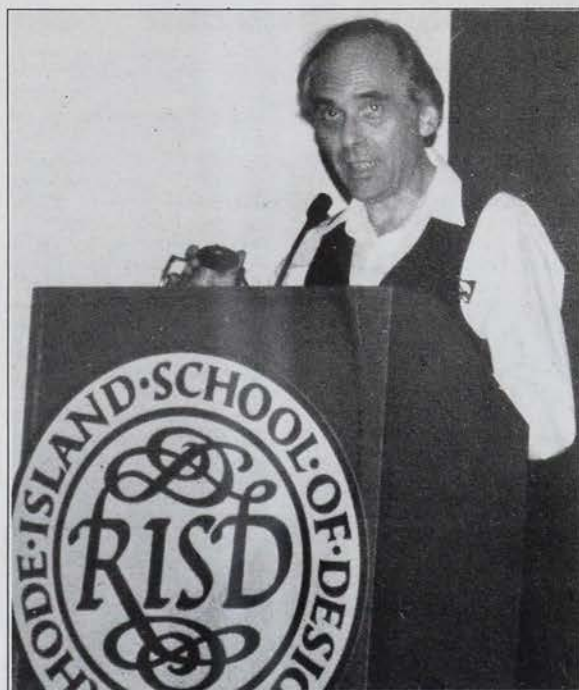
by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

"Mr. Spiegelman will smoke during his talk. Please don't join him." The R.I.S.D. lecture series got off to a fabulous start with the visit of Art Spiegelman, author of *Maus*, the comic book story of his stormy relationship with his survivor father, Vladek.

"I don't like the term 'comic' or the word 'holocaust,' but I haven't found the right substitutes," wryly comments the artist.

It fell to me to introduce, host, and chauffeur this most welcome campus guest. I had been trying to set up the event for a full decade. Tuesday, September 16, was my triumph. As the writer-illustrator signed copies of his book with logos of a mouse, a student asked me, "How do you feel after a dream comes true?" So I file this report in the aftermath of Art Spiegelman's whirlwind passage through Providence.

I pick him up at the new airport. He appears at the gate, with vest but no tie, carrying a backpack of slides and notebooks. He has no idea what an adventure, having a very myopic driver squinting at road signs. We manage to find the Biltmore lobby, but Art—what an apt name for him—design staring at mirror—asks for only a moment to check in. "I want to explore the



Art Spiegelman

Herald photo by Tara V. Lisciandro

second-hand bookstores," he says. So we go to Wayland Square and he really cases the joint, leaving with a bag of gifts for his friends and family. The boutique

is aptly named "Myopic Books" and boasts a lush fall garden in the patio.

Then we check out the Coffee House. (Continued on Page 13)



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THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Exhibit Brings Women's Voices to Midrash

by Emily Torgan-Shalansky
Jewish Community Reporter

At the "Reading Between the Lines: New Works Inspired by Traditional Texts" exhibit, viewers do not even have to read between the lines to see how much the tradition of textual interpretation is changing.

Once regarded as the exclusive domain of male scholars, midrash, the age-old dialogue about the meaning of biblical texts, is expanding and evolving as Jewish women begin to lend their voices.

At "Reading Between the Lines," now at the Starr Gallery at the Leventhal-Sidman Jewish Community Center in Newton,

some of these diverse and dynamic speakers make themselves heard.

"There's been a return to midrash, and this event celebrates the way women are coming into it in different forms," said Starr Gallery Co-director Almitra Stanley at a Sept. 21 reception that combined the exhibit with a book signing and a panel discussion. "The artists are creating a new form of visual midrash, and the editors are pulling together different women's voices."

At the reception, editors Gail Twersky Reimer and Judith A. Kates signed copies of their new book, *Beginning Anew: A*



WOMEN LEND THEIR VOICES to a panel discussion at New Voices for the Holy Days. From left, Jane Guberman, gallery co-director, artist Judy Sirota Rosenthal, artist Janet Shafner, co-editors Gail Twersky Reimer and Judith A. Kates, gallery co-director Almitra Stanley.



"The Creation of Eve" by Janet Shafner
Photos by Emily Torgan-Shalansky

Woman's Companion to the High Holy Days.

There, Kates discussed the reception and the work, an anthology of women's spiritual writing for the High Holy Days that incorporates new interpretations of text associated with Yom Kippur and Rosh Hashana written by Jewish feminist authors, scholars and educators.

"The idea is that both visual artists and women who express themselves verbally are contributing to midrash," she said. "They interpret biblical text in ways that reflect their questions and concerns as Jewish women. The writers included in this book contribute through essays, meditations and fictional recreations."

Around her, artwork by Jewish women inspired by scripture covered the walls.

Delicate papercuts by Diane Palley, a New Mexico-based artist known for reviving the traditional Jewish folk art, relayed ideas about biblical tales and concepts with incredibly intricate work.

Much of her work explored the story of Ruth.

While the fragility of Palley's papercuts contrasted dramatically with the strength of her convictions, other artists elected very direct approaches.

"I work as a primitive," explained artist Judy Sirota Rosenthal of her multi-media works at a panel discussion that followed the reception.

Using sticks, rocks, metal and thread, Sirota Rosenthal created starkly simple pieces that raised new questions, many of which involved female situations.

A series of 15 thread-wrapped sticks pointed to her interpretation of the identities of the 12 sons of Jacob.

"There is one named daughter, so I included a stick for her," Sirota Rosenthal explained. "Also, Joseph's children should be included."

Color-coded thread at the bottom of the sticks indicated their maternal lineage.

"I work from my own confusion," Sirota Rosenthal said of her themes. "I start from my heart and with whatever I want to figure out, and people can relate to that."

Large, vibrant oil-on-canvas paintings by Janet Shafner placed images from the text right before the viewers, providing them with many portraits of female emotions.

In one painting, the pillar of salt that was once Lot's wife loomed before the burning Sodom, and in another, dark paints depict Hagar grieving in the desert for the child she had left to die.

"I roam the text until I find something that intrigues me," Shafner said as she explained why she was drawn to the story of Lot's wife.

"When the city is burning, she turns around to see if her children are coming," she said. "What an incredibly human gesture. Any mother can understand that."

Editor Judith A. Kates was the last contributor to speak, and she discussed the way women bring their lives into their understanding of the Jewish holy books.

"For thousands of years, Jewish texts have been [comprised of] multiple voices," she said. "As interpreters, we, too, can occupy a place right on the page."

Correction

In last week's *Herald* an article entitled "JCCRI Open House Draws Doves" (on pg. 3) Louis Handwerker, founder of the newest JCCRI building, was misidentified. The *Herald* regrets the error.

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THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

New Jewish Theatre Ensemble Announces Open Auditions

Jewish theater is alive and well and finding a home in Rhode Island. The Jewish Theatre Ensemble is an organization comprised of individuals who feel that Jewish theater is an important way to express Jewish ideas, identities, and themes. The goal of The Jewish Theatre Ensemble is to provide a venue for the production of performance works which express the breadth of Jewish culture by musical, dramatic, and/or comedic means. The theater will also give playwrights the opportunity to have new works produced so the community can experience new and exciting "Jewish" theater.

The Center Players, the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, theater group formed in 1927, thrived in Providence for more than a decade, producing such plays as "The Chocolate Soldier," by Oscar Straus, "The Fortune Teller," by Victor

Herbert, and "Squaring the Circle," by Valentine Kataev. Focusing on one- and three-act plays, as well as operettas, the group's purpose was to provide an opportunity for the development of dramatic talents. Later, in the 1960s, a revival of the center's interest in theater took place and it attempted to produce musicals as fund-raising events. In 1961, "Bells are Ringing" yielded enough funds to offer several camp scholarships. However, the following year's performance of "Guys and Dolls" saw little profit and the theater project was scratched.

This new project is made possible through funding provided by the Continuity Commission of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and the Lola Schwartz Cultural Arts Fund and is co-chaired by Joel Gluck and Vita Smith.

The first production of this season will be the musical "Milk and Honey," written by Jerry Herman and Don Appell. It is about a group of single women who are touring Israel while looking for nice Jewish men to

marry. The story is funny, the music is upbeat and there are multiple dance numbers and songs to satisfy every musical taste. The production will be directed by David Epstein and musical director Joel Gluck.

Open auditions are scheduled for Oct. 6 and Oct. 8 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the JCCRI, 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence. All roles are open and those auditioning are asked to prepare two songs (one ballad and one upbeat) and wear appropriate clothing for movement. The Jewish Theatre Ensemble is looking for performers of all age groups, but especially needs men and women who can portray characters 50 years of age or older. The Jewish Theatre Ensemble encourages everyone with an interest to participate. Actors/actresses do not have to be Jewish, just have a desire to produce the best show possible. Technical and orchestra positions are also available. Call 828-7727 or 861-8800, ext. 108 for more information.

JFS Kosher Mealsite Schedule

The Jewish Family Service kosher mealsite will be closed for the following Jewish holidays this fall: Rosh Hashanah, Oct. 1, 2 and 3; Yom Kippur, Oct. 10; Sukkot, Oct. 16 and 17; Shemini Atzeret, Oct. 23 and Simchat Torah, Oct. 24. The mealsite will also be closed for Columbus Day on Oct. 13.

With the exception of the previously noted closings, Jewish Family Service kosher mealsite in Cranston is open every Monday through Friday, with activities, trips, movies, bingo, speakers, holiday celebrations, blood pressure screenings and concerts. Men's and women's discussion groups are held on Fridays and exercise programs take place on Wednesdays. Programs usually begin at 11 a.m. and a nutritious, hot kosher lunch is served at noon. Every Friday, there is a special Shabbat meal, complete with candles, challah and kiddush.

The JFS kosher mealsite in Cranston is located at Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave. Transportation is available every day for residents of Cranston and areas of Warwick. For reservations and information, call mealsite coordinator Gladys Kaplan at 781-1771.

National Council of Jewish Women Holds Meeting

The National Council of Jewish Women's regular meeting will be held on Oct. 8 at 9:30 a.m. at the Meeting Street Center, 667 Waterman Ave., East Providence.

Peg Langhammer of the R.I. Rape Crisis Center will be the guest speaker. She joined the center in 1980 as the executive director and has been in the forefront of public policy and advocacy issues relating to sexual abuse. The center's scope of services include: 24-hour statewide hotline, legal advocacy, individual and group counseling, child assault prevention program, R.I. Children's Advocacy Center, and prevention, education and professional training.

Langhammer's speech will address the accomplishments in the area of sexual assault prevention and advocacy for victims, and its challenges.

Join the National Council of Jewish Women for an informative meeting with a question and answer period to follow. Call 331-9832 for information.

Stay Tuned!

The Jewish Eldercare of Rhode Island Service for Rosh Hashanah will be aired on COX Communication (in Providence and North Providence) on Oct. 2 at 2:30 p.m. and Oct. 3 at 4 p.m.

The service for Yom Kippur will air on Oct. 10 at 4:30 p.m. and Oct. 11 at 2 p.m. Check the daily newspaper for Interconnect scheduling for other areas around the state.

Additional times for JERI services on Interconnect Channel B are:

Rosh Hashanah

Oct. 1, 7 to 8:30 p.m.; Oct. 2, noon to 1:30 p.m.; and Oct. 3, 11:30 to 1 p.m.

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THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Pioneer Women Begin Fall Season

by Tara V. Lisciandro
Herald Editor

The Jewish community of Rhode Island is brimming with interesting programs and people. I have found over the course of almost seven months that there are a number of people, places and resources that work together to create a very interesting, unique, creative and busy community. One such organization that assists in shaping the Jewish community is the Dvora Dayan Club of Pioneer Women/NA'AMAT of Providence which recently held their opening meeting of the fall season.

Because we are interested in the "big and little" of the community I decided to attend the opening meeting of the season of the organization. I was pleasantly greeted and welcomed by a group of almost 30 women (and one new male member!) who were excited to gather with their friends and chatted like sisters. Quickly I took my seat as the meeting room at Highland Court soon filled with members and the chatter grew louder. Florence Silver, president, greeted everyone and read the new and old business. She proudly passed, to all members, the certificate which displayed the 1996-1997 quota completion for Dvora Dayan/NA'AMAT

club of Providence. Other officer reports were given and the guest speaker, Dr. Blossom Kirschenbaum of Brown University's Department of Comparative Literature, was presented. Dr. Kirschenbaum is extremely interested in Jewish-Italian-American relations and has worked with Italian-English translations for a number of years. Three of her translated works have been published in Yale University Press anthologies.

Her most current translation, "How Arturo Cohen Became a Murderer and A Jew," by the northern Italian author Rosetta Loy, was discussed at the Pioneer Women's meeting. "Ciocolata da Hanselmann" (published in 1995) is the true title of the novel; however, Dr. Kirschenbaum felt that her translation told more of the intriguing story of one Italian family that saves a dear friend from falling into the hands of the Nazis.

During an interesting discussion Dr. Kirschenbaum wove the patterns of Italian-Jewish history, culture and tradition into current literary works, like Loy's, as well as world events. She spoke of defining and finding justice throughout a series of historic events. Recently, more attention has been given to the role of the Vatican and

Italian citizens during the second world war. Dr. Kirschenbaum focused on these issues as well. The Jewish community of Italy supported their country since 1870, when they gained full citizenship. However, after Mussolini's racial laws of 1938 they found themselves betrayed by their own government. "It's true that many Italians did what they could to save and hide Jews during the war," said Dr. Kirschenbaum; however, "Italians got recognition much later for their efforts in assisting Jews."

Dr. Kirschenbaum also discussed the recent Erich Priebke court case which took place in Rome. The ex-SS officer that was involved in the Ardenne caves and admitted to a number of shootings was set free during his first trial but because of outrage from the Jewish community he was put on trial again and given a short prison term. Lastly, the highly debated subject of Pope Pious XII's actions during World War II was discussed. "The pope was worried about a godless communism," said Dr. Kirschenbaum. Members of the audience also commented on the subject and were curious to find out more about the unanswered questions of the Vatican and its role in assisting the Jews.

Meetings and discussions of the Pioneer Women vary throughout the year. Novels and current issues and historical events are discussed, films are shown and other special guests inform the organization about other areas and topics of interest which concern the Jewish community. Afterwards, members enjoy speaking to one another about the evenings events and discussion while they are treated to coffee, tea, fruits and pastries.

I found Dr. Kirschenbaum's discussion very stimulating and informative and I believe the audience shared the same thought. At the same time, I found myself feeling right at home among the Pioneer Women; they, too, were entertaining and quite interesting. The local community gains a great deal from the lessons and examples set forth by organizations such as the local chapter of Pioneer Women/NA'AMAT.

Dr. Kirschenbaum will speak at Rhode Island College on November 19. Her memorial lecture is entitled "Those Who Were Not There: Imagining the Holocaust."

Camp JORI Closes Summer Season



JORI campers spent an afternoon exploring marine plants and animals during a nature walk through the camp's newly acquired waterfront site on Point Judith Pond. Camp JORI intends to use the waterfront for small craft boating activities pending state and local approvals.



Participants in the Camp JORI Leadership-in-Training Program gathered non-perishable goods for "Welcome House," an emergency shelter in South Kingstown.

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Junior PROVITY Seeks New Members

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The goal of Junior PROVITY is to allow Jewish teen-agers to meet and experience Judaism in fun and exciting ways. Jewish values and tradition are incorporated into all Junior PROVITY events and the teen-agers learn by doing various activities which combine socialization and education.

This year the group has many events planned. A February ski trip is scheduled as is a rollerblading trip, and holiday shopping at the mall and a movie. The group will be attending the annual regional junior

youth group "shul-in" in Brookline, Mass., in February. The shul-in provides a week-end of bonding with 300 other teen-agers from New England. Temple Beth-El will be hosting a local shul-in for approximately 50 junior youth groups members this March.

The youth group is led by teen-age leaders Jeffrey Lurie, Brandon Boucher, Adam Wallick, and Laura Lobosco. The adult advisors are Dr. and Mrs. Joel Gluck. The youth group looks forward to meeting other Jewish teen-agers in the community. Call 828-7727 for more information regarding Junior PROVITY.

Adoption Options Meeting

Adoption Options, the adoption program of Jewish Family Service, is now offering informational meetings about adoption for anyone interested in exploring the choices. The meetings will be held the first Monday of every month from 6 to 8 p.m. at the offices of Jewish Family Service. The next meeting will be held on Oct. 6.

The agency is located on the second floor of the United Way building at 229 Waterman St. in Providence. The meetings are free and open to anyone interested in pursuing an adoption.

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Memorial Foundation Holds Institute to Train Jewish Leaders Worldwide

Some 42 outstanding young Jewish men and women from Europe, Latin America, the United States and Israel received intensive exposure to Jewish life and culture as participants in Nahum Goldmann VII, an international leadership training program sponsored by the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture and held in Sweden, this year.

The 10-day institute — the Memorial Foundation's first leadership development program in Scandinavia and the first to take on an international cast — took place from Sept. 1 to 11 in Glamsta, Sweden, 90 miles north of Stockholm. Its globally focussed aim was to make the Jewish community a more effective instrument for deepening Jewish consciousness and cultural continuity, according to Dr. Jerry Hochbaum, executive vice president of the memorial foundation. The institute is named for the late Nahum Goldmann, first president of the Memorial Foundation.

The prospective leaders, all of whom are between age 25 and 40, are known as Nahum Goldmann Fellows and were selected from among the 300 alumni who participated in one of the six previous fellowship programs designed by the Memorial Foundation to discover and develop future Jewish communal leaders. They hailed from such disparate places as Siberia and the Ural Mountains in the former Soviet Union; all the former Soviet Republics, including the Baltic States; England, France, Germany, Holland and the Scandinavian countries; Bulgaria, Croatia, Macedonia, Turkey, Greece, Israel, Brazil, Argentina and the United States.

Earlier Nahum Goldmann Institutes were for European Jews. In 1987 and 1989, the institutes were held in England. In 1991, 1993 and 1995, the programs took place near Moscow. Last year's fellowship was held in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Sylvia Hassenfeld, chairwoman of the Nahum Goldmann Fellowship Program, noted that the institutes are helping to achieve one of Goldmann's "most cherished goals — the training of the most talented and intellectually gifted

young Jewish men and women for cultural advancement and leadership in the Jewish community." The Goldmann Fellows, she added, were selected from academia, the professions and Jewish communal life, based on such characteristics as motivation and interest in Jewish learning and living, capacity for individual growth and Jewish community leadership potential.

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, president of the Memorial Foundation, noted that the fellowships and the institute are designed to deepen the participants' understanding of Jewish history, culture, thought and contemporary Jewish life. "The goal is for them to contribute to the Jewish community and to become Jewish leaders in a network of Jewish communal institutions throughout the world," he said.

The curriculum for these "veteran" fellowship participants included lectures, small group discussions and seminars. A variety of cultural events and extra-curricular activities supplemented the academic program and enhanced the camaraderie of the group, Hochbaum said.

At the conclusion of the program, one of the Fellows, Dan Yanson of St. Petersburg, Russia, wrote to the Memorial Foundation: "Being in Glamsta has proved to be a very special experience for me. I now have a better understanding of what it means to be Jewish and to be part of a Jewish community."

New Bedford Memorial Makes Progress

The following report was sent to the Herald by the chairman of the Holocaust Memorial Sculpture project in New Bedford, Mass., about the project's progress.

The Holocaust Memorial in Buttonwood Park in New Bedford, Mass., is proceeding very well. The symbolic ground-breaking was held July 30. (If you did not get a chance to attend, read, or hear the profound speeches in the media, we have a complete 35-minute "professionalized" video by Local Cable Access which we can lend you. The foundation for the memorial and granite base and special brick plaza (simulating the crematorium ovens) are scheduled to be completed within the next few weeks. The stone work and bronze sculpture of the memorial are already being produced elsewhere, with the formal dedication ceremonies scheduled to coincide with Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) later in April 1998.

Our dedication committee is already preparing the dedication book, approximately 1,500 of which will be printed around February. Besides containing the program, committee members, Kaddish Prayer in Hebrew and phonetic-English, etc., this dedication book will also list the various donors by category up to the time of printing — except for one or two who wish to remain anonymous. (So far we have received donations and grants from more than 300 individuals and organizations.)

If you have not yet made such a donation (or may want to increase your earlier contribution), we are glad to receive any such further funds, payable to Holocaust Memorial Fund, care of

Jewish Federation of Greater New Bedford.

We are happy that we have already exceeded our original budget for the memorial itself, but now need further funds, for the engraved bricks (which are being provided freely to all donors exceeding \$500), granite meditation benches, lighting, dedication book and ceremonies, further enhancement of the memorial, and for a reserve fund (for perpetual care, possible repairs, maintenance, etc.).

Besides the above general messages, individual letters

were sent, within the last few weeks, to each of the donors-of-record to date (about 300). If you already contributed and did not receive such a letter (or form for the memorial-brick text on donations of \$500 or more), please inform us.

The dedication book is not intended to have any advertisements — just the items mentioned above and list of donors by category. It is intended to be a "memory book" to be given out at the dedication and mailed to all contributors and numerous others.

Star Singles Tours Israel

Star Singles is announcing the last call for the Fourth annual Singles Vacation to Israel. Scheduled for Nov. 24 to Dec. 4, Star Singles has planned an exciting itinerary good for first-timers as well as for repeat adventurers. Many activities are planned, including river rafting down the Jordan River, jeep rides, luncheon yacht cruise on the Red Sea, Thanksgiving party and dinner, camel safari, climb Massada at dawn, dip in the Dead Sea, and first-class stays in Jerusalem, Tel-Aviv, Tiberias, and Eilat. The package price is \$1,699 and includes round-trip El-Al air from New York or Miami, hotels, taxes, most meals, and a professional tour guide.

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"Mishpacha.com is a place for persons who want to add a Jewish spiritual dimension to their family life, but find that what they learned about Judaism as children in Hebrew school is not enough to satisfy them as adults," said Dianne Esses, a doctoral student at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and Mishpacha's educational director. "Mishpacha will encourage them to question, challenge and critique — and improve their parenting skills — as they explore Judaism as their own pace."

Another unique aspect of the program is that participants will be learning from each other, not from just a teacher, noted Larry Yudelson, Mishpacha technical director. "By making the message boards and chat area available to participants after the course ends, we hope to build a community that will endure be-

yond the life of the program," he said.

Mishpacha is a project of the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, which was founded in 1965 to rebuild Jewish life worldwide in the aftermath of the Holocaust. Funded primarily through reparations from the former West German government, the foundation has awarded grants totaling more than \$63 million in more than 30 countries to support the documentation of the Holocaust, train rabbis, scholars and communal workers, and build new institutions of Jewish scholarship, education and culture. As an international foundation encompassing 58 Jewish groups worldwide that cover the spectrum from Orthodox to Reform to secular, the memorial foundation is dedicated to helping families discover their Jewish roots so they can more intelligently choose the kind of Jewish family they wish to create.

Hadassah Women Enjoy Evening With Patinkin

by Sara Wise
Herald Editor

Providence Journal columnist Mark Patinkin shmoozed with a crowd of more than 30 Hadassah members at a meeting at the Sockanosset Library in Cranston on Sept. 22. The informal talk was part of a joint meeting of the Kent County and Nurse's Council Hadassah Groups.

In a setting more like a coffee klatch than a formal lecture, Patinkin charmed the all-female crowd with tales of his adventures at the *Journal* and abroad. They especially enjoyed hearing about his local activities and updates on his family members whom he often writes about in his column.

Topics ranged from Mayor Cianci's attempt to lure the Patriots to Providence with a new stadium, to the way Rhode Islanders give directions, to Jews in the media. Hadassah members questioned Patinkin freely about his work and about the *Journal's* coverage of local events. While he refrained from criticizing specific reporters, he did comment on what he called "a lack of consciousness" on the part of many journalists. "There is a sense of recklessness in the press," said Patinkin. "Journalists seldom pause and look at the impact a story may have on people. They often don't bring a sense of thought or humanity to the profession."

On the topic of anti-Semitism, Patinkin said that although he has seen some disturbing examples during his 22 years in Rhode Island, including the few inappropriate letters or calls he receives each year, he finds Rhode Island to be much more tolerant than other places. "I really believe that there is something to the principle that Rhode

Island was founded on and descends from in terms of its emphasis on tolerance," said Patinkin. He told a story of an early trip his parents made to Touro Synagogue in Newport that turned his father into a lifelong George Washington fan after reading the famed letter on religious tolerance sent by Washington to the synagogue.

Asked about his personal stance on Israel, a topic he seldom touches on in his column, Patinkin avoided making a strong political statement, but did say that he could understand both sides' claims and expressed frustration with Jewish settlers who he sees as jeopardizing the peace process. "There are extremists on both sides and you have to set aside the compelling, passionate arguments and look at the bottom line," said Patinkin of the conflict in the Middle East. "I think there is a lot of hope. You have to go back and look at history to see the progress."

Patinkin also emphasized his belief in the importance of Israel. "It's not a country, it's a mission, an idea," he said. He passionately illustrated the need for Israel to exist by describing some of his own travels to remote Jewish communities and recalling the moving experience of standing at Ben Gurion airport at 3 a.m. and watching Russian Jews arrive in Israel. "In most countries, when you're Jewish, you're a stranger, and there has to be a place [for you]."

Patinkin finished the evening by updating the women on his more famous cousin, actor and singer Mandy Patinkin, who recently quit his television job and will soon release a Yiddish album.

WGBH Radio Offers Holiday Program

The eight days between Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, and Yom Kippur, the "Day of Atonement," signal a serious passage in the calendar of Jewish life. "The Door Is Open: A Jewish High Holidays Meditation" gives listeners an opportunity to experience the psycho-spiritual impact of the High Holidays. The hourlong special, winner of a Gabriel Award, airs Sept. 28 at 6 p.m. on WGBH/89.7FM.

Producer/host Ellen Kushner ("Sound & Spirit") provides a running narrative continuum, melding her personal feelings, with music, stories, prayers and observations by Rabbi Harold Kushner (no relation), Rabbi Barbara Penzner, and poet and scholar Joel Rosenberg.

"I had been going to High Holiday services for a number of years," Ellen Kushner said. "Every year I'd talk about what I learned and really reflected on it; it was an important part of my life. But, one year I went to services and afterward joined a group of people to talk about the services and they focused only on the guilt aspect. They were denying this opportunity to claim their cultural, religious, spiritual heritage; disregarding this great yearly experience all about renewal and getting rid of guilt. It was obvious they'd lost a spiritual birthright, and non-Jews don't understand ideally what this holiday is about."

That experience gave Kushner the impetus to create "The Door Is Open." She devel-

oped the show to highlight the subjects of the holiday: friendship, family and forgiveness. Specifically she focused on providing an opportunity to think about these relationships and how to deal with them, regardless of one's religion.

The music is drawn from the popular and the familiar, with each piece chosen for its lyrical and emotional reflections. The underlying theme, Richard Stoltzman's haunting clarinet solo, "Begin, Sweet World," emphasizes that Rosh Hashanah is the birthday of the world and the beginning of each person's own spiritual new year. The support and love of family and friends is heard in Maura O'Connell's "Feet of a Dancer" and Jon Gailmor's loving reminiscences of his grandparents, "Jacob and Eva," while Laurie Anderson sings of our responsibility to those around us in "Strange Angels."

"The Jewish holidays are great subjects," said Kushner. "They have a complex and time-tested value system to deal with the great human issues — how can it not be fascinating?"

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



RISD Museum Seeks Information About The Tirocchi Family

The Museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design, is seeking information about Anna and Laura Tirocchi and their dressmaking shop in an effort to plan for an exhibition in the fall of 2000. Museum curators specifically would like to speak with the Tirocchi sisters' clients.

The Tirocchi shop was located in an ornate Victorian house on the edge of Providence's thriving Italian neighborhood. The house also served as the office of Laura's husband, Dr. Louis J. Cella, an American-born physician and political activist in the Italian community.

The two sisters were taught the dressmaking trade in Italy before they immigrated to the United States in 1907. By 1915, when they bought the house and opened the shop in the second-floor billiard room, the sisters had developed their clientele, most of whom were wealthy wives and daughters of local industrialists.

When Anna, the older of the two sisters, died in 1947, many of the garments, fabrics and business records were wrapped in tissue

paper, placed in dressers and closets, and not opened again until 1990 when the Cella family offered The RISD Museum the beautiful and historically important garments and textiles. In addition to these objects, the museum was given 18 cubic feet of archival materials including business correspondence and letters; business papers; ledgers; daybooks; check registers; employee time books; client books and bills; suppliers' bills and receipts; programs from couture showings at Paul Poiret and Lucien Lelong in Paris in the 1920s; and personal correspondence.

The house contained many examples of clothing dating back to the early 1920s that had been made in the shop; examples of clothing brought to this country from France and Italy by merchant Harry Angelo, other New York importers and the dressmakers themselves. In addition to the clothing there were hundreds of bolts of fabric dating from 1915 to the 1940s; perfume bottles; imported linens; artificial flowers and trims; costume accessories; and a collec-

tion of lace that is a textbook of early 20th-century machine- and handmade lace. According to Susan Hay, curator of The RISD Museum's costume and textile department, "the collection is a unique resource for studying the impact of fashion on the lives of women of varying social status in the early 20th century."

If you are a former client or have any information about Anna and Laura Tirocchi or their dressmaking shop, call 454-6514 and explain your association, state your name, and leave your telephone number.

The organization and description of the Tirocchi Collection was supported by a National Endowment for the Humanities "Access and Documentation grant," which made it possible to organize and preserve the business papers and precise cataloging and technical analysis of the textiles and clothing. The research and planning for this exhibition was made possible by an additional grant from the NEH and by the generous support of Dr. Louis J. Cella, Jr.

"Rescuers: Stories of Courage — Two Women"

On Oct. 5 at 8 p.m. (E.T./P.T.), Showtime, in association with Paramount Network Television, will premiere "Rescuers: Stories of Courage — Two Women," the first film in the Rescuers project of three films from executive producers Barbra Streisand and Cis Corman through Barwood Films, Ltd., and produced by Jeff Freilich. Based on the powerful book *Rescuers: Portraits of Moral Courage in the Holocaust*, by Gay Block and Malka Drucker, "Rescuers: Stories of Courage" is comprised of true stories involving the courageous efforts of non-Jews who risked their lives to rescue victims of the Holocaust.

"Rescuers: Stories of Courage — Two Women," the inaugural film in the Rescuers series, stars Elizabeth Perkins, Sela Ward, Anne Jackson and Fritz Weaver. Peter Bogdanovich directs both stories in "Rescuers: Stories of Courage — Two Women," from scripts by Susan Nanus and Ernest Kinoy.

Nanus's script focuses on Gertrude Babilinska (Elizabeth Perkins), a Polish Catholic housekeeper who devotes her life to raising and protecting a young Jewish boy, Mickey, after his mother dies during a frightening Nazi raid. Kinoy's story introduces Marie-Rose Gineste, a French woman who slowly finds herself assisting the Resistance movement by delivering underground pamphlets from town to town on her bicycle and who later hides Jews from Nazi persecution.

The second Rescuers film, "Rescuers: Stories of Courage — Two Couples," stars Linda Hamilton, Dana Delany, Martin Donovan and Alfred Molina. The final film in the project, "Rescuers: Stories of Courage — Two Families," features Daryl Hannah, Tim Matheson, Michael Rapaport and Robin Tunney. Both will premiere on Showtime in 1998.

A Day of Ballet

South County Center for the Arts offers a trip to the Wadsworth Atheneum and the Hartford Ballet on Nov. 1. Early registration deadline is Oct. 1.

At the Wadsworth, travelers will see the only American showing of the Ballets Russes costumes from the early 20th century. Costumes worn by dancers during Diaghilev's reign were painted and designed by Picasso, deChirico, Bakst, Matisse, Ernst and Miro. The costumes were restored by the University of Rhode Island textile department.

In conjunction with the special museum exhibit, the acclaimed Hartford Ballet will

present Nijinsky's "Rite of Spring" and "The Afternoon of a Faun," two of the Russian Ballet's greatest successes. Balanchine's "The Prodigal Son" will also be presented. Musicians by Stravinsky and Debussy. Travelers will be served lunch in the Wadsworth restaurant. Continental breakfast will be served at the Arts Center prior to departure.

Trip fee includes museum and ballet admission, round-trip bus transport, continental breakfast and lunch. The fee is \$90 for members and \$105 for non-members.

The bus will leave the South County Arts Center at 9:30 a.m. and return at 6 p.m. Call 782-1018 for more information.

Kids & Pets Join New Children's Museum

In October the new Providence Children's Museum will open to the public. As a result of the museum's relocation, a new partnership was formed between the Children's Museum and the Providence Animal Rescue League to provide children with information about pets and pet care. Both organizations have long realized the need to combine humane education and children's exhibits.

The nearly 500-square-foot exhibit now known as Pets & People will be totally interactive and will contain seven different components that include a scaled down animal hospital with all the appropriate tools needed to make each visitor feel like a real vet, a mini adoption center where children can pretend to adopt new pets. Also found in the space is a Book Nook, Puppet Theatre, Animal

Homes, a Wildlife Tree, and the Pet Tales Media Center.

The Pet Tales media center is designed for listening and sharing. The video monitor will be designed to have kids telling visitors about how they care for their own pets. The design of the space is complete and now PARL needs to make the video.

Through the kind cooperation of WPRI TV-12, PARL is working on the video and hopes to find between 30 and 40 children who are expressive and informed about their particular pet and who's story can be part of this video for the museum. Channel 12 will be contributing the filming, editing and production for PARL.

PARL's request is simple. They want the word to get out to all communities in Rhode Island, so as to produce the informative video on schedule. The

rules are simple. Kids ages 6 to 12 years old who have a family pet that they are partially or totally responsible for are invited to apply. The pet must be portable enough to be carried to Channel 12 and the child needs to have a clear understanding of that pet's specific needs. Applications can be picked up at PARL or can be mailed to interested children. There will not be any monetary compensation for children who participate, rather the compensation will be that every child featured in the video will be part of a historic event. Children will be notified by telephone by Oct. 14.

Remember, that the Pets & People exhibit is the first of its kind in the nation.

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FEATURE



Local Artist to the Stars

by Tara V. Liscandro
Herald Editor

The little salon, The Spa at Michael Rose, owned by Michael Markarian, tucked away on Oaklawn Avenue, is constantly busy with chatter, laughter, high-speed hairdryers, and frisky scissors. Tendrils large and small fall to the black and white tiled floors and are quickly swept away. Clients spin and rise in the big salon chairs as hair and make-up artists work their magic hands. Among the daily clients are future Miss Americas, Miss USAs and Mrs. Americas from Rhode Island. They have selected Michael Rose as their personal salon when it comes time to compete locally and nationally.

After graduating from the Arthur Angelo School of Cosmetology in Providence and the La Coupe Academy in Montreal, Markarian entered the beauty business full-time and has been there for 30 years. "I love people," said Markarian

who, as a national hairstylist, is responsible for traveling with the women who represent Rhode Island in a variety of national beauty pageants. "Some clients become like family." Recently he spent two and a half weeks in Las Vegas for the Mrs. America pageant and within a few months he will be making a visit to Washington, D.C. where he will meet Hillary Clinton. Meanwhile, a collage of colorful photos hangs in his salon which remind him of his past experiences with stars like Florence Henderson, Suzanne Summers and Bob Hope.

The frequent pageants are not only entertaining experiences but also helpful in forecasting styles and trends for the Michael Rose salon. The owner is able to view for himself upcoming fashion, hair and make-up styles set forth by women from across the United States. He uses his own creativity combined with the talent of his stylists who are actually beauty technicians repre-

sented a variety of international hair and skin companies. They are trained to work specifically with the newest, and safest, styling products such as hair color, relaxers, deep conditioners and other treatments. In general, people are using fewer products in their hair, and if they use gels, sprays or other products they should be using more professional products, which are healthier for hair and skin.

This fall season will be full of neutral and natural colors and styles. Most hair styles are short, straight and sleek, with a lot of shine, fitting into the fast-paced lifestyles that so many lead today. Browns and wines, softer looks, fewer perms and "highlights that are barely there," said Markarian, are in for the fall. The retro-'70s styles are back. However, Markarian feels "it's what looks good on you." Although he does agree that more women today are turning back to their natural colors and the new short cuts are much simpler and more sophisticated. "A good stylist is a good listener," said Markarian.

The Michael Rose salon also offers special services for bridal consultations. A team of three stylists will work with the bride and her party in order to prepare everyone for a special day. Other special services include massage therapy, manicures, pedicures, and a complete spa.

In order to make time for pageant competitors, brides and many other regular clients, Markarian makes special hours for them. "He makes house calls, works to all hours and gives 200 percent of himself," said Linda Piccirilli, receptionist at Michael Rose. Not only a knowledgeable stylist, witty in character and highly experienced, the owner of Michael Rose is a talented star himself who serves a local and national community.

Jewish Children's Medical Clinic Opens South of Chernobyl

Tzivos Hashem has opened a medical clinic to serve the needs of the Jewish children of Northern Ukraine. The Jewish Children's Clinic is housed in a wing of the new five-story Zdrovya, a private medical clinic in Zhitomer, 75 miles south of Chernobyl, and will share medical staff and equipment.

The effects of the Chernobyl disaster on the region have been devastating. One in four children have affected immune systems, blood-related sicknesses have increased fourfold, and the number of childhood anemias has risen tenfold.

The new clinic will monitor the children, who are at high risk due to radiation exposure and will provide regular check-ups for the earliest signs of malignancy and other diseases. Treatment and medication will be administered as necessary. In cases where hospitalization is required the clinic will make all the necessary arrangements with the appropriate hospitals. Children with chronic health problems will undergo a 10-day rehabilitative program twice a year at the clinic.

The center will also be a clearing house for medical missions from the United States and shipments of medication for the region. The clinic is an outgrowth of Tzivos Hashem's ongoing efforts to improve the material and spiritual lives of children in the former Soviet Union.

The effects of radiation fallout from the Chernobyl catastrophe in 1986 are just one of the environmental disasters that have greatly impacted children in the region. According to a

recent UNICEF report, "The overall effect of lead exposure, air pollution and water contamination have as insidious an effect on the health of children as the radiation from Chernobyl. Air pollution is so severe that in 1990 the Supreme Soviet of Ukraine declared the country an 'ecological disaster zone' with 55 cities reaching a critical level of air pollution. Much of the water piped into Eastern European households is contaminated with nitrates, arsenic, viruses and bacteria, pesticides, ridionulides and chlorinated organics."

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In addition there are indications of increasing child morbidity rates. Eastern Europe has seen a marked growth in the incidence of infectious diseases such as diphtheria and tuberculosis. The reappearance of these diseases of poverty is especially troubling, as they had been nearly eradicated.

Health risks have increased since the fall of communism. Today parents can no longer count on a universal public health system nor on the same levels of efficiency in the system to screen and check for risks their children are facing.

Rabbi Wilhelm, director of Chabad Or Avner activities in Zhitomer, experienced firsthand the deficiency in the medical care provided in the region. "Seven months ago my child became ill with a relatively run of the mill childhood sickness and we brought him to a local hospital. Within a week, due to lack of proper medication and equipment, the situation had deteriorated to the degree that the doctors said that there was nothing more they could do. I chartered a plane and flew the child to Israel. Thank G-d, with the proper medical care the child recovered. I don't want any other Jewish child to undergo what my child went through."

Parents are having to take greater responsibility for the development of their children at a time when they are less able to do so and when child health needs are rising. Tzivos Hashem's Jewish children's clinic will do what it can to help parents with their efforts in assuring the health of their children.

In the former Soviet Union Tzivos Hashem runs two orphanages, youth centers, Torah competitions, and Passover and summer camps. In addition Tzivos Hashem publishes Russian language children's books, and a newsletter five times a year for the more than 10,000 children who are members of Tzivos Hashem.

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FEATURE

Art Comes to Town

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fee Exchange and sit and sip on the deck. Art takes out a copy of his latest, not yet distributed, kid's book, a dog on a leash. I mean the book is a puppy. It's a weird graphic experiment, and he claims the idea came to him during his sojourn in a mental hospital. "I only pretend to be normal. Inside I'm still there," he murmurs mysteriously. He proposes that the pulp strip and book "comic" form is a Jewish invention, mixing ironic Yiddish with vulgar American English, without having to go to Establishment funding sources for art support. Spiegelman is very much a product of the sixties revolt against authority, a brilliant bloom of the movement.

Brown-RISD Hillel delivers a pasta salad supper to the R.I.S.D. Tap Room, with a semicircle of chairs around the artist's table. He permitted both individual and group interviews. Several young women were grandchildren of survivors. One among them asked, "What does religion mean to you?" His answer: "Being Jewish, everything. Judaism, nothing."

I posed a possibility. "Can't we read your struggles with your father as an allegory, a Torah reference to the struggle of Jacob with the Angel or Moses' arguments with the Lord?" "No, and I never resolved my fights," he responded tersely. "On Yom Kippur I go for pizza with bacon." "But isn't that a very Jewish gesture of protest?" I go on.

Spiegelman was at his best listing the Holocaust artists he admired, or reviled. He detests the entire career of Spielberg, particularly "An American Tail," but including "Schindler's List" and even the Shoah project. "He stole my Maus, and in Schindler he pulled out all the stops to reach the simplest souls. If he had included the actual survivors throughout the movie, not just at the end, he might have been on to something." His objection to the Spielberg interview methods is that, a reborn family, or the state of Israel, do not constitute a happy ending. Cheap hope is not his aim, but freedom of expression and invention. He told the bizarre odyssey of a survivor who wrote about sex and madness in the camps, fell into depressive silence in postwar Israel, took an LSD "cure," sunk deeper into his darkness, and writes superb satire.

In fact, Spiegelman's vision, radically artistic, rejects all formula, all propaganda, all therapy.

It was time to guide our guest to the auditorium and the lecture facing the full house of students and the general public.

He presented a slide show of the history of his medium, not the "graphic novel," but the page on newsprint in simple squares and panels to work out a crazy sequence of storyboard ideas. There was Nancy, there was Nemo. We caught up with Thimble Theater, Dogpatch, Superman, Dick Tracy, Orphan Annie, Raw, and even Prince Valiant. "The artistic is the enemy of art," he put forward, attacking Valiant because the illustrations are too good. Although he opposed the right-wing politics of the eccentric and

I thought he looked like Al Jolson, just a harsh minstrel. I took my mouse from Kafka's Josephine, not from popular kitsch. Once a partner of R. Crumb, he broke with him when he attacked blacks and Jews, "parody turning into the thing it parodies, like a weapon blowing up in your face." Art Spiegelman can use rich words wisely and gracefully, or resort to the four-letter words, blunt and straightforward. He made you think, and laugh. And worry. "Without museums to discover and support us, we may no longer practice our art. I may be the last blacksmith."

The signing, autographing, and illustrating session went on and on, like producing visas at a frontier. I stood like a valet to the great man. It was after midnight that we searched the streets for a supper club. We landed in the Marriott lot and sought out the comforts of the new restaurant retreat, the former Quiet Bar. They have a new chef from Paris, Philippe. We dined and drank a draught and discussed Jewish topics. "Next year we plan another wedding, not religious, but at least ceremonial. Our first marriage was just to keep my lady from being deported. Now we have our two children. I was afraid I couldn't relate to my son. I didn't want to be my father. I didn't know how to do the most ordinary things."

I wended my way home in the wee hours and climbed into bed, thinking how full and how unreal the day had been. "How does it feel when a dream comes true?" my student had asked. I had to admit, strangely empty. Art Spiegelman didn't ask for my address. He didn't tell me to come to New York and look him up. He took my attention for granted. His performance here was superb, inspiring, helpful, dazzling even. But the bubble burst like a trick in an Oz movie. Had I met Art Spiegelman at all? Maybe all genius is like his name, the maker staring at his own dark half-mad eyes in the glass of his own fashion.



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Art Spiegelman

obsessed Harold Gray or Chester Gould, he delighted in the designs of their strips, the blank-eyed Annie and Sandy, the grotesque criminal types that Tracy tracks down. It all made both sense and nonsense and got the audience warmly and genially on his side among his judgments. We learned some history and moved only gradually into the autobiographical elements in *Maus*. *Maus* started small, just a page really, and then grew beyond his experiment. It was hard to sell, but once it caught on it was just as hard to turn down movie offers. Spiegelman is proud that he refused to let his honest mouse turn into a kind of Mickey. "I looked at Disney's creation and

Lady in Lavender

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She had family, a job, a place to live. She spoke English before she had come to America.

"I didn't have problems because I spoke the language. I stood on my own feet."

"You did not have to look behind you because you were afraid that a Nazi was there. I was fond of FDR, and thought he was playing a large role in letting Jews escape. Only years later did I learn that he was actually turning Jews away by enforcing immigration restrictions."

Greta's identification has changed greatly. She considered herself an Austrian, but now she has shed all association with it. Since she arrived, she has strong ties to the Jewish community, especially to other Austrian and German refugees. While she has

other friends now, those refugees were her only friends at first. "People didn't want to associate with us, because they had made it already. They helped, but not on a personal, friendly basis. It is one thing to give money or teach a skill. It is different to be a friend."

For her, America was a land of survival, more than of opportunity.

Erica writes her grandmother's story with grace and fine point. She also tries to relate her ordeal to that of other minorities in our own day. I look back upon that pleasant moment in the synagogue garden as upon a poetic portrait, the lady with the soft smile who has known such fear, such hope, such triumph, such close calls with fate.

Riding Chai

Chabad Rabbi Brings
Judaism to Masses
by Motorcycle

by Lesley Pearl
Jewish Bulletin of
Northern California

SAN FRANCISCO (JTA) — No pork enters Mort Friedkin's kitchen, but there's a hog in his garage.

A Harley-Davidson, that is — with a silver and red body, and black and wire accents. The only words the usually articulate real estate mogul can find to describe his motorcycle are, "Whoa, really cool."

On weekends, Friedkin tears up the hills of Oakland, Calif., and its environs or "wherever there's not a lot of traffic." Suburbanites make way for the slight 5-foot 8-inch rider who sports Levi's, a leather jacket, helmet and gloves.

"All you can see is my beard, helmet, sunglasses, and I'm stereotyped an enemy of society," he said during a recent interview.

Dressed in a double-breasted suit and suspenders, and with his cellular phone ringing constantly, Friedkin, 48, hardly evokes the image of a biker.

In fact, he is past president of the Jewish Federation of the

Greater East Bay, a board member of the *Jewish Bulletin of Northern California* and the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, and past chair of Northern Californians for Good Government.

However, he is hardly the only professional Jew with a penchant for an "Easy Rider" role.

Consider Detroit's informal Jewish motorcycle gang Members of the Tribe. Or Toronto's Yidden on Wheels Motorcycle Touring Club, a 110-rider organization.

Yidden on Wheels meets weekly, publishes a monthly newsletter and is a regular presence at the annual motorcycle show at the Toronto Convention Center. The group's logo is a motorcycle riding through the curve of the Hebrew letters for chai.

Bay Area riders are less cohesive. Instead, they follow a more rebel-California-loner spirit model.

But they, too, balk at myths like "nice Jewish boys (and girls) don't ride motorcycles."

"My greatest fear is to be stereotyped," said Bob Stoklin, a longtime biker and a commercial real estate salesman from Sausalito, Calif.

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OBITUARIES

RUTH HERMAN

CRANSTON — Ruth Herman, 94, of 470 Meshanticut Valley Parkway, a secretary for the Division of Motor Vehicles, retiring in 1968, died Sept. 18 at Roger Williams Medical Center, Providence.

Born in Killingly, Conn., she was a daughter of the late Henry and Mary (Dimond) Herman.

She leaves a brother, Jerome Herman of Cranston. She was the sister of the late Benjamin and Ruth Herman.

A graveside service was held Sept. 19 in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. The family was assisted with the arrangements by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

MARION KOUFFMAN

DEERFIELD BEACH, Fla. — Marion Kouffman of Deerfield Beach, formerly of Providence, died Sept. 11.

She was a longtime employee of the Bulova Watch Co. where she worked for 45 years.

She is survived by three brothers, Leo Kouffman, Dr. Samuel Kouffman and Maurice Kouffman; and three sisters, Ruth Kouffman, Norma Packer and Charlotte Miller.

Graveside services under the direction of the Breznick-Rodman Funeral Directors, Newton, Mass., were held at Lincoln Memorial Park, Warwick, on Sept. 15.

CELIA G. LIPSON

FALL RIVER — Celia G. Lipson, 86, of 102 Moore St., owner with her husband of

Bertha's Bake Shop and My Own Quality Bakery for many years before she retired, died Sept. 18 at home. She was the wife of the late Israel Z. Lipson.

She was born during her parents', the late Benjamin and Fannie (Lipschitz) Davidson, Transatlantic migration to America in 1910. She had lived in Fall River since 1946.

She was a member of Congregation Adas Israel and its sisterhood, Hadassah, and the Women's American ORT.

She had been active in both the Girl and Cub Scouts as a troop leader. She had also been a camp counselor at the Girl Scout Camp in Tatapanum.

She leaves two sons, Richard Lipson of Middleboro, Mass., and Barry Lipson of Attleboro, Mass.; two daughters, Barbara Kleinman and Janet Weissman, both of Fall River; three brothers, James Davidson in Fla., Benjamin Davidson of Fall River, and Herman Hillman in South Carolina; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held on Sept. 19 at 10:30 a.m. in Congregation Adas Israel, 1647 Robeson St., Fall River, Mass. Interment following the service was held at the Hebrew Cemetery, Fall River. The family was assisted with the arrangements by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

SAUL S. MILLER

PROVIDENCE — Saul S. Miller, 89, of Dryden Avenue, Pawtucket, owner of the former

Miller's Supermarket before retiring in 1973, died Sept. 20 at Miriam Hospital in Providence. He was the husband of the late Dora (Weisinger) Miller.

Born in Attleboro, a son of the late Samuel and Rachel (Kaufman) Miller, he lived in Providence before moving to Pawtucket 50 years ago.

He later worked for Alcraft Inc., until 1995. He was a member of Temple Emanu-El. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Roosevelt Lodge of Masons.

He leaves a son, Leon Miller of Delray, Fla.; two daughters, Bobbie Hurwitz of Pawtucket, and Roanne Miller of Newton, Mass.; two brothers, Max Miller of East Providence, and Norman Miller of Warwick; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He was a brother of the late Jack and Morris Miller.

The funeral service was held Sept. 22 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

SIDNEY S. PRIEST

PROVIDENCE — Sidney S. Priest, 78, of Rosewood Manor, 140 Pitman St., a coordinator at the American Insulated Wire Co., Pawtucket, for 40 years before retiring in 1984, died Sept. 21 at home. He was the husband of the late Edith (Jagoliner) Priest.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Benjamin and Eva (Schendel) Priest, he lived in Warwick for 10 years before re-

turning to Providence.

He was an Army veteran. He was a member of the Rhode Island Jewish Fraternal Association and the Majestic Senior Guild.

He leaves a daughter, Nancy Vilker of Cranston; two sisters, Marion Sugarman of Wakefield, and Helen Weintraub of Cranston; and two grandchildren. He was a brother of the late Edward Priest.

A graveside funeral service was held at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Post Road, Warwick. The service was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

BESSIE STRAUSS

PROVIDENCE — Bessie Strauss, 90, of 98 Blaisdell Ave., Pawtucket, died Sept. 21 at Summit Nursing Home, Providence. She was the wife of the late Abraham Strauss.

Born in Austria, a daughter of the late Joseph and Fruma (Greenspan) Hamer, she lived in Providence for many years before moving to Pawtucket 52 years ago.

She was a member of Congregation Ohave Shalom, and was a past president of its Sisterhood in the 1940s.

She leaves two daughters, Joan Gadol of Pawtucket, and Fruma Efreom of Warwick; a son, Bernard Strauss of Framingham, Mass.; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was the mother of the late Arnold Strauss, and sister of the late Anne, Julius and Charles Hamer.

The funeral service was held Sept. 23 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Post Road, Warwick.

STEVEN P. WATTMAN

TORRINGTON, Conn. — Steven P. Wattman, 50, of Pine Meadow, Conn., marketing manager for Marketing Services of Edison, N.J., died unexpectedly Sept. 11 at Charlotte Hungerford Hospital, Torrington. He was the husband of Lynn (Mason) Wattman.

Born in Providence, he was a son of Irving and Frances (Singer) Wattman of Providence.

He attended Moses Brown School and Hope High School, where he was awarded the John Philip Sousa Music Award. He was a graduate of Emerson College, Boston.

Besides his wife and parents, he leaves a daughter, Halley E. Wattman of Pine Meadow, Conn.; and two sisters, Judith Schubert of Foxboro, Mass., and Marjorie Lang of Irvine, Calif.

HANNAH A. WEINER

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Hannah A. Weiner, 68, of 77 East 12th St., New York City, a fashion designer at Kaiser Industries in New York City for 10 years, died Sept. 11 at home.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Samuel and Ruth (Marks) Finegold, she had lived in New York City for 40 years.

She was a magna cum laude graduate of Radcliffe College in Cambridge, Mass.

She wrote poetry for 30 years and had several books of her poetry published. She received a Guggenheim Fellowship Award in the 1970s.

She leaves a brother, Maurice Finegold of West Newton, Mass., and four nephews.

A graveside service was held Sept. 18 in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Post Road, Warwick.

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Florida Postal Workers Denied Time Off for the High Holidays

by Faygie Levy

NEW YORK (JTA) — A battle over freedom of religion is brewing in southern Florida, where at least four Jewish post office employees have been denied time off for the High Holidays.

Now the employees of the U.S. Postal Service in Coral Springs, Fla., are struggling to figure out how they will observe Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

It's like "something out of history books you read about," said Sid Gradman, a postal carrier and 10-year employee of the office.

There is "no compassion for Jewish holidays," he said.

The problem stems from a postal regulation, which states that no more than six people can take a day off at the same time.

Of the nearly 100 people in the office, at least eight are Jewish.

According to Karen Schultz, spokeswoman for the South Florida District Postal Service, six people have already asked — and been approved for — those days off.

Yom Kippur is even more of a problem than Rosh Hashanah since most of the people who were granted Oct. 11 off are non-Jews who want to extend their Columbus Day weekend.

According to Schultz, the Jewish employees waited too long to request the time off. She said that in order to ensure time off, a request must be made 60 days in advance.

But employees said that in the past, requests for time off for the holidays had always been granted no matter when they were requested.

They said the problem has arisen only since the arrival of new management last year.

The time off "was always a given," said Dan Rosner, a 12-year veteran of the Coral Springs office.

Joan Peppard, the Anti-Defamation League's southern states' counsel, said that if the rule about 60 days notification had not been practiced in the past, then the "post office had a duty to inform people" that the rule was now being enforced.

The ADL, which was contacted by Rosner, has begun an investigation into the allegations.

But even if every Jewish employee had requested the time off in August, there would still be Jewish employees who would be refused the time off, because there are more Jewish employees than vacation slots.

"They want us to fight each

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Religious Persecution

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focusing solely on religious persecution could send a message that other forms of persecution — political or ethnic persecution, for example — matter less and detract from broader efforts to address human rights abuses in general.

Specifically, Jewish activists remain troubled by the notion of creating a White House czar with a focus on religious persecution. They are also concerned about the sanctions mandated by the bill and about how it might impact U.S. refugee policy.

The Clinton administration flatly opposes the bill.

Testifying before the House International Relations Committee recently, John Shattuck, assistant secretary of state for human rights, said that although the administration "strongly supports the objectives of eliminating religious persecution," the Wolf-Specter legislation threatens to do more harm than good in addressing religious freedom issues.

"We fear reprisals by repressive governments against victims, as well as an end to any dialogue on religious freedom, in retaliation for the sanctions," Shattuck said, adding that it might hurt "vital bilateral relations with key allies and regional powers."

Jewish activists, for their part, have worked hard in recent weeks to make the legislation more palatable.

The bill's implications for U.S. refugee policy have been a key concern because the bill does not specify how the number of refugee slots — which are fixed each year — would be affected or how to fund slots to accommodate additional refugees.

Jewish groups have been concerned that by creating a new class of refugees, the legislation could force Jews and others out of a limited number of slots.

Jewish organizational officials, led by the Council of Jewish Federations, took up their concerns with the bill's sponsors and were given assurances that changes would be made to ensure that existing refugee policy would not be affected. The officials have not, however, endorsed the bill.

Postal Workers

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other for time off," Gradman said.

According to Gradman, he was told that if he took off, "you'll be AWOL," and he would have to face the repercussions.

For his part, Michael Winograd, associate director of the ADL regional office, said there are "lots of creative ways to ensure employees observe religious holidays."

Gradman said he hopes his bosses will come around and give them the time off. If not, he said, "I will call in sick." His co-worker Rosner said, "I am taking off, and in doing so I will face suspension or dismissal."

"I am ashamed I have to go through this horrible, miserable experience," he added.

There is no guarantee, moreover, that such changes will actually be implemented.

A House International Relations subcommittee was scheduled to vote on the Wolf-Specter legislation recently. No action has yet been scheduled in the Senate.

Most Jewish groups are reserving final judgment on the legislation until the final wording becomes clear.

"The Jewish community really wants to stand with those who fight against religious persecution and they want to stand with Christian groups who have stood by our side in the past," said Rabbi David Saperstein, director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism.

"But they don't want to do something that will be counterproductive to its very goals."

Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein, president of the Chicago-based International Fellowship of Christians and Jews, which has helped bring the issue to the fore, said he sees the Specter-Wolf legislation as imperfect, but a "good starting point."

"Right now, it's the only game in town and there is no consensus," said Eckstein, who builds bridges with Christian groups, including evangelical Christians. "We're still hopeful that legislation that does have a consensus and does bring greater attention to the issue will be created."

One Jewish group that has actively endorsed the bill is the Republican-aligned National Jewish Coalition.

"The Jewish people have suffered through the world's most heinous acts of persecution and we cannot allow the tragedies we have endured to be perpetrated upon others," said Cheryl Halpern, national chairwoman of the NJC. "We must speak out."

JNF Cuts Budget, Sends More to Israel

by Cynthia Mann

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Jewish National Fund of America has approved plans to cut \$5.1 million from its budget and has pledged to send 70 percent of the money it raises annually to Israel by the year 2001.

The planned cuts involve closing five regional offices and eliminating 32 full-time posts.

The administrative committee of the Zionist philanthropy — known best for planting trees in Israel — approved the initiatives recently.

The moves were recommended by a national task force appointed earlier this year to reassess the group's priorities and examine its finances and structure.

The appointment was made after an audit last year revealed fiscal mismanagement in the organization and the fact that only 21 percent of the funds raised were actually being transferred to Israel.

Riding Chai

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At 37, he boasts, "Wearing a suit during the day and riding a cycle on the weekend, I don't appear a motorcycle-riding free spirit. I'm Jewish, you know, 'people of the book' and all. I'm reasonably well-read."

While Stolkin's biker persona is only known to a few, Rabbi Yosef Langer's motorcycle is infamous.

The Chabad spiritual leader rides around San Francisco on a Honda that once belonged to a meter maid. The back section is cut out to accommodate additional riders, and it is customized with a menorah and the words "Chabad of S.F. Mitzvah Bike" and "Moshiach NOW!"

A takeoff on Chabad's Mitzvah Mobile, the Mitzvah Bike allows Langer to "take the message [of Judaism] to the streets," he said.

Just as Chabadniks invite Jews on the street into their large mobile homes — teaching men how to lay tefillin and women how to light candles for Shabbat — Langer also keeps both candlesticks and phylacteries on his bike.

The Mitzvah Bike, like Chabad's chanukiah in San Francisco's Union Square and the "Grateful Yid" Shabbat dinners aimed at attracting young Jewish Grateful Dead fans, is a symbol of Langer's push beyond the walls of the conventional synagogue.

"My concern is to touch lives, make that connection. You have to go out into the street to touch the disenfranchised Jew," he said. "This is the wild, woolly West."

"San Francisco is renowned for its Hell's Angels. I'm trying to be one of heaven's angels."

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Mincha-Maariv Services 6:30 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 2

Shacharith 8:30 a.m.

Sermon 11 a.m.

Shofar 11:15 a.m.

Musaf 11:30 a.m.

Mincha-Maariv 7:18 p.m.

Lighting of Candles 7:11 p.m.

Fri., Oct. 3

Shacharith 8:30 a.m.

Sermon 11 a.m.

Shofar 11:15 a.m.

Musaf 11:30 a.m.

Mincha-Maariv 6:30 p.m.

Yom Kippur

Fri., Oct. 10

Lighting of Candles 5:54 p.m.

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Kol Nidre 6 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 11

Shacharith 8:30 a.m.

Sermon and Appeal 11 a.m.

Yizkor 11:30 a.m.

Musaf 11:45 a.m.

Mincha 5 p.m.

Nielah 6 p.m.

Conclusion of Fast After 7 p.m.

Succoth

Wed., Oct. 15

Lighting of Candles 5:43 p.m.

Maariv Services 6 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 16

Shacharith 9 a.m.

Torah Reading 10:30 a.m.

Musaf 11 a.m.

Mincha-Maariv Services 6 p.m.

Lighting of Candles 5:43 p.m.

Fri., Oct. 17

Shacharith 9 a.m.

Torah Reading 10:30 a.m.

Musaf 11 a.m.

Maariv Services 6 p.m.

Hoshana Rabbah

Wed., Oct. 22

Shacharith 9 a.m.

Lighting of Candles 5:33 p.m.

Maariv Services 6 p.m.

Shmini Atzereth

Thurs., Oct. 23

Shacharith 9 a.m.

Torah Reading 10:15 a.m.

Yiskor 10:45 a.m.

Musaf 11 a.m.

Lighting of Candles After 5:33 p.m.

Hakofos-Marching with

Torahs 6 p.m.

Simchas Torah

Fri., Oct. 24

Shacharith 9 a.m.

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The Rhode Island Jewish Herald
Thursday, September 25, 1997

Invest in a Healthy Jewish Lifestyle

by Rabbi Raphael Kanter

It's perplexing that in our day with all our scientific knowledge and expertise on physical health, we have an epidemic of Americans who get little to no exercise. The risks of not exercising are clear and the outcome will be illness or injury. Yet with this knowledge we have a long way to go before Americans are pronounced fit. Habits need to change.

It should not be a surprise that in the quest for better health, religion can be good medicine (according to the Associated Press). Dale Matthews, a researcher for Georgetown University, in fact said that in reviewing 212 studies, 3/4 of the studies showed a positive effect of religious commitment on health. Presenting his evidence at the American Association for the Advancement of Science, he showed the benefits of religion in dealing with drug abuse, alcoholism, depression, cancer, high blood pressure and heart disease. What's even more interesting is that being religious or feeling religious is not enough. There are specific aspects of religion, such as prayer, that are particularly powerful. As Herbert Benson of Harvard Medical School said simply "Prayer is good for you." In fact, taking part in prayer and ritual

lowers stress, reduces high blood pressure, chronic pain, insomnia, anxiety, infertility among other things. Do you need to be convinced further?

Tradition saw the intrinsic value of Judaism in this world. Regular tefillah (prayer) is part of the spiritual path of Judaism (Halakhah) which is given to us by G-d to enhance our lives. So perhaps with the New Year upon us, it's time to spend some time investing in a healthy Jewish lifestyle, something that pays immediate dividends: being an active part of a spiritual community, a synagogue, and spending time in prayer.

Teshuvah, repentance, is wonderful because you need not wait a single moment before beginning the process. Let me share one of my favorite prayers so you can start a healthy Jewish spiritual life. The prayer, by Rabbi Nachman of Bratzlav (and translated by my father, Rabbi Shama Kanter), says, "Grant me the ability to be alone; may it be my custom to go outdoors each day among the trees and grasses among all growing things and there may I be alone and enter into prayer to talk with the one that I belong to."

Rabbi Raphael Kanter is the rabbi at Tifereth Israel Congregation in New Bedford, Mass.



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Touro Synagogue High Holiday Services

ROSH HASHANAH

Wed., Oct. 1 5:40 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 2

Services

... 8:30 a.m. and 5:40 p.m.

Fri., Oct. 3

Services

..... 8:30 a.m. and 5:40 p.m.

YOM KIPPUR

Fri., Oct. 10

Kol Nidre 5:40 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 11 8:30 a.m.,

4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are by reservation only. Call 847-4794.

Touro Synagogue is located at 85 Touro St., Newport.

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Congregation Sons of Jacob Schedule

Sat., Sept. 27 First Slichos after midnight Tues., Sept. 30 Slichos "Zchor Bris" ... 8:30 p.m. Wed., Oct. 1 Rosh Hashanah Eve Candlelighting 6:06 p.m. Services 6:15 p.m. Erev Tavshelim before Candlelighting Thurs., Oct. 2 First Day of Rosh Hashanah Candlelighting 7:15 p.m. Services 8:00 a.m. Mincha 6:00 p.m. Maariv 7:11 p.m. Fri., Oct. 3 Second Day of Rosh Hashanah Services 8:00 a.m. Mincha 6:03 p.m. Services 6:06 p.m. Sat., Oct. 4 Sabbath of Tshuva (Repentance) Services 8:30 a.m. Sabbath ends 7:22 p.m. Sun., Oct. 5 Fast of Gedaliah Slichos 6:30 a.m. Morning Services 7:30 a.m. Mincha 6:15 p.m. Fast ends 7:20 p.m. Mon. Oct. 6 to Fri., Oct. 10 Services 6:30 a.m. Mincha 6:15 p.m. Fri., Oct. 10 Mincha 2:30 p.m. Ready for the Fast of Yom Kippur 5:40 p.m. Kol Nidre: Candlelighting 5:51 p.m. Services 6:00 p.m. Sat., Oct. 11 Yom Kippur Shacharis 8:00 a.m. Yizkor 10:30 a.m. Mincha 5:00 p.m. Neilah 6:00 p.m. Maariv and Havdalah 6:53 p.m. Fast ends 7:15 p.m.	Wed., Oct. 15 Erev Tavshelim before Candlelighting Mincha Candlelighting 5:47 p.m. Services 5:30 p.m. Thurs., Oct. 16 First Day of Sukkos Shacharis Services 8:30 a.m. Mincha Candlelighting 6:45 p.m. Services 5:30 p.m. Fri., Oct. 17 Second Day of Sukkos Shacharis 8:30 a.m. Mincha Candlelighting 5:45 p.m. Services 5:30 p.m. Sat., Oct. 18 First Day of Chol Hamoed Services 8:30 a.m. Mincha 5:00 p.m. Sabbath Ends 6:00 p.m. Sun., Oct. 19; Mon., Oct. 20; Tues., Oct. 21 Chol Hamoed Shacharis 6:30 a.m. Mincha 6:00 p.m. Wed., Oct. 22 Hoshanah Rabbah Candlelighting 5:36 p.m. Services 6:00 a.m. Erev Tavshelim before Candlelighting After Maariv, Hakofos 6:50 p.m. Thurs., Oct. 23 Shmini Azetres Shacharis 8:30 a.m. Yizkor 10:30 a.m. Mincha 5:35 p.m. Maariv Candlelighting 6:34 p.m. Services 6:34 p.m. After Maariv, Hakofos 7:00 p.m. Fri., Oct. 24 Simcha Torah Shacharis 8:30 a.m.
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Mincha
Candlelighting 5:33 p.m.
Services 5:30 p.m.
Maariv 7:00 p.m.

CONGREGATION SONS OF JACOB SYNAGOGUE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE OCTOBER 1997/5758

As the old year comes to a close and the summer ends, I would like to share a few thoughts with you.

Our community affects different people in different ways. Perhaps an inspirational moment to one may be a Dvar Torah shedding new light on a familiar topic, while to another it is experiencing and observing a first Shabbos, while to yet a third it is simply being among a group of Jews. Hence, while emotions are intense for individuals at various times, there is something in particular we can share together — growth in commitment and dedication to G-d and Judaism. We must remember that Jewish involvement and commitment requires that of every Jewish person, not just a few select leaders. Jewish people must be unified.

Our synagogue is celebrating its 101st year of Orthodox service to the Rhode Island community. We are the only Jewish house of worship remaining in the North End of Providence. Only working together can we truly reach the greatest heights. Many members have passed away. So much more can be



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accomplished when there is Achdus-unity. Won't you find the greatest accomplishment for yourselves and family by joining the daily and Shabbos services? Please help us to continue.

I would like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your president and to share the many accomplishments and goals we have at-

tained. May all of you continue to have good health and success and may all of our sick get well very quickly.

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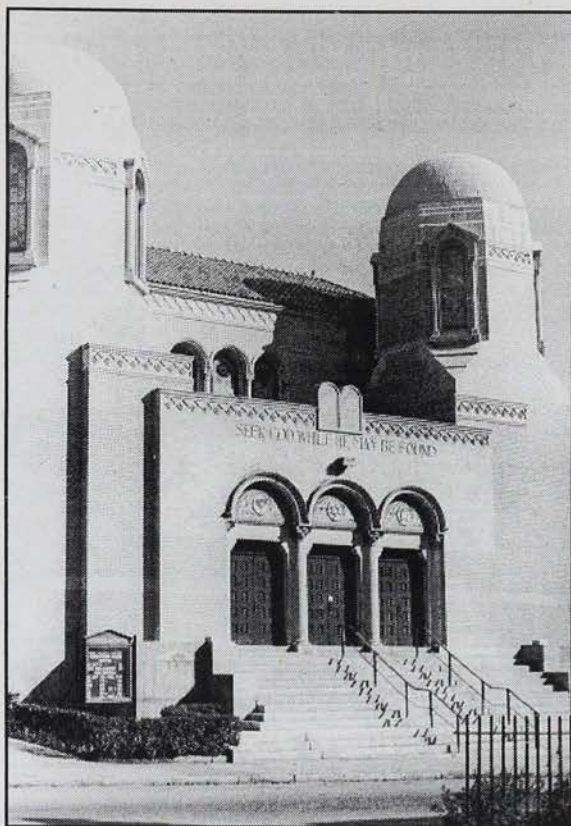
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ROSH HASHANAH

First Day
Wed., Oct. 1 6 p.m.
(Chapel)

Thurs., Oct. 2 8:45 a.m.
(Sanctuary)

Second Day
Thurs., Oct. 2 6 p.m.
(Chapel)

Fri., Oct. 3 8:45 a.m.
(Sanctuary)

Children's service in the chapel conducted by Dr. Marshall Taitz, Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to noon.

SHABBAT SHUVAH

Fri., Oct. 3 5:30 p.m.
(Chapel)

Sat., Oct. 4 9:30 a.m.
(Chapel)

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sun., Oct. 5 11 a.m.
(Temple Beth El Cemetery)

YOM KIPPUR

Kol Nidre
Fri., Oct. 10 6 p.m.
(Sanctuary)

Yom Kippur Day
Sat., Oct. 11 8:45 a.m.
(Sanctuary)

Yizkor Memorial Service
(after the sermon)

Children's service in the chapel conducted by Dr. Marshall Taitz, 10 a.m. to noon.

Mincha and Neilah
..... 4:15 p.m.
(Sanctuary)

The congregation will break the fast together immediately after the Neilah Service in the Ziskind Auditorium. The entire congregation — adults, young people and children — is invited to participate as families for this Neilah Service on Yom Kippur afternoon in the sanctuary so that we may conclude the Day of Atonement together.

Temple Beth El is located at 385 High St., Fall River, Mass.



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Wed., Oct. 1
Erev Rosh Hashanah ... 7 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 2
Morning Service 9 a.m.
Torah Service 10 a.m.*
Tashlich — meet at the Blackstone River 5:30 p.m.
Mincha/Maariv 7 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 3
Morning Service 9 a.m.
Torah Service 10 a.m.*
Sat., Oct. 4
Shabbat Shuva 9 a.m.
Fri., Oct. 10
Erev Yom Kippur —
Kol Nidre 7 p.m.

SCHEDULE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Rosh Hashanah
Thurs., Oct. 2 and Fri., Oct. 3
10 a.m. to noon
Yom Kippur
Sat., Oct. 11
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

YOUNG ADULT SI'ACH

Discussion Group
(ages 13 to 18)
Rosh Hashanah (first day only)
Thurs., Oct. 2
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

YOM KIPPUR

Sat., Oct. 11
Morning Service 9 a.m.
Torah Service 10:15 a.m.*
Yizkor/Martyrology noon*
Mincha 4:30 p.m.
Neila 6 p.m.
Conclusion/Chorus 7 p.m.
*approximate times —
within 15 minutes either direction.

Sat., Oct. 11 noon to 1 p.m.
Discussion Group

Yom Kippur Afternoon
Plans are still being finalized for the discussion group to be held during the Yom Kippur break. The time, leader and topic will be announced from the bima.

Barbara Levinson
Ritual Committee

SUKKOT SERVICES

Thurs., Oct. 16
Sukkot/First Day 9 a.m.
Fri., Oct. 17
Sukkot/Second Day 9 a.m.
Thurs., Oct. 23
Shemini Atzeret/Yizkor 9 a.m.
Erev Simchat Torah 7 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 24
Simchat Torah 9 a.m.
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Congregation Agudath Achim Holiday Schedule

ROSH HASHANAH

Wed., Oct. 1
Erev Rosh Hashanah
Maariv, Evening Service 7 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 2
Shacharit 8:30 a.m.
Torah Reading 9:50 a.m.
Sermon 10:30 a.m.
Shofar 11 a.m.
Musaf 11:15 a.m.
Minchah followed by
Tashlich 6 p.m.

Fri., Oct. 3
Shacharit 8:30 a.m.
Torah Reading 9:50 a.m.
Sermon 10:30 a.m.
Shofar 11 a.m.
Musaf 11:15 a.m.
Maariv, Sabbath Evening
Service 8 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 4
Shabbat Shuvah
Shacharit 9 a.m.

Sun., Oct. 5
Sukkah Decoration .. 9:30 a.m.
Annual Memorial Service at
Mt. Nebo Cemetery Noon

The rabbi will be present at
the cemetery from 10 a.m. to
individual prayers.

YOM KIPPUR
Fri., Oct. 10
Erev Yom Kippur
Kol Nidre 6 p.m.
Sermon 7:15 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 11
Yom Kippur Service
Shacharit 8:30 a.m.

Torah Reading 10:15 a.m.
Sermon 11 a.m.
Yizkor 11:30 a.m.
Musaf 11:45 a.m.
Minchah 4 p.m.
Neilah 5:45 p.m.
Shofar 7 p.m.

EREV SUKKOT

Wed., Oct. 15
Maariv — Brief Evening
Service followed by
Kiddush in the Sukkah
..... 7 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 16
Shacharit, Hallel 9 a.m.
Kiddush in the Sukkah

Fri., Oct. 17
Shacharit, Etrog & Lulav
..... 9 a.m.
Kiddush in the Sukkah
Sabbath Evening Service
..... 8 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 23
Shemini Atzeret Service 9 a.m.
Yizkor 10:30 a.m.

SIMCHAT TORAH

Maariv & Torah Procession
..... 6:45 p.m.
(for adults and children)

Fri., Oct. 24
Simchat Torah 9 a.m.
Celebration of the completion
of the Torah reading cycle
Sabbath Evening Service
..... 8 p.m.

Congregation Agudath Achim
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The Historic United Brothers Synagogue High Holiday Schedule

ROSH HASHANAH

Wed., Oct. 1
Erev Rosh Hashanah
Service 8 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 2
First Day Service
..... 10 a.m.

Fri., Oct. 3
Second Day Service
..... 10 a.m.

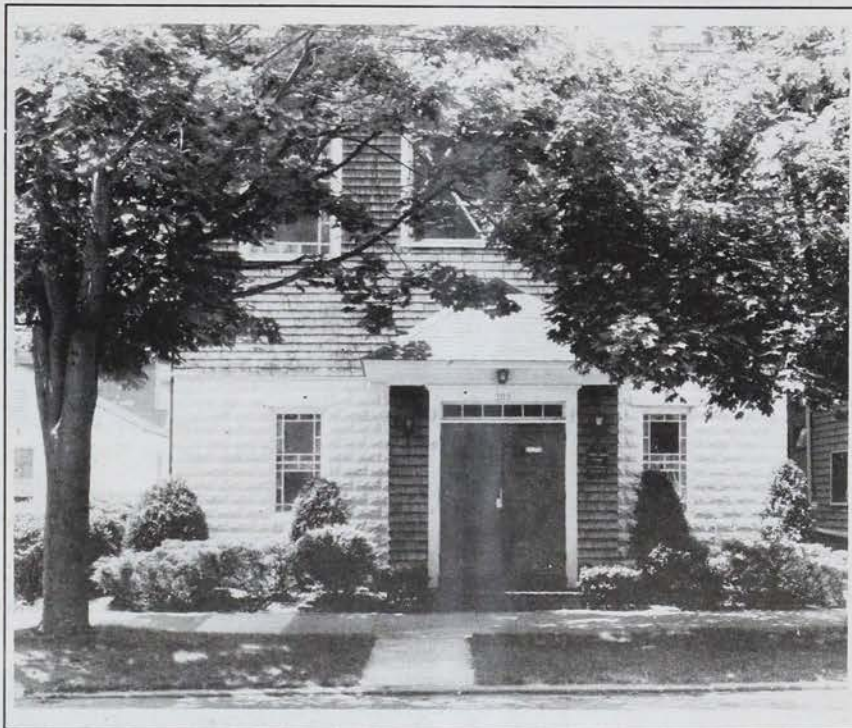
YOM KIPPUR

Fri., Oct. 10
Erev Yom Kippur
Kol Nidre Service 8 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 11

Yom Kippur, Yiskor
Service 10 a.m.
Ne'ilah Service 5:30 p.m.

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Friday	October 3	10:00 a.m.

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Friday	October 10	8:00 p.m.
Saturday	October 11	10:00 a.m.

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GRAPES DELIGHT

2 pounds seedless red and green grapes, stems removed

1 1/2 cups honey

3/4 cup brandy

2 T. fresh lemon juice

Mix honey, brandy and lemon juice in a small bowl. Pour over grapes in a large bowl and toss. Refrigerate covered overnight.

Whipped topping can be dolloped over each serving if desired.

CANTONESE CHICKEN AND NOODLE SALAD

1 2-1/2-pound roasted chicken, skinned, boned and shredded

1 pound linguine

2 bunches green onions, sliced

fresh cilantro (optional)

3/4 pound snow peas, stringed, thinly sliced lengthwise

1 head of cabbage

SALAD DRESSING

1/2 cup soy sauce

1/4 cup peanut butter

1/4 cup rice vinegar

1/4 cup oriental sesame oil

1 T. sugar

Combine dressing ingredients in processor, blend until smooth.

In a saucepan cook snow peas in boiling salt water for one minute until just tender. Rinse with cold water and drain.

Cook linguine in large pot of salted water until just tender but still firm to bite. Rinse with cold water. Drain well. Transfer to large bowl.

Add sesame oil. Toss to blend. Stir in chicken and on-

ions, and cilantro if desired. Pour dressing over the salad and mix to blend well.

Can be prepared one day ahead. Cover and refrigerate.

Line a large platter with Napa cabbage leaves. Mound salad over and serve. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

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1 cup sifted cake flour

1/2 cup shredded coconut

1/8 tsp. salt

1/8 tsp. baking soda

scant 3/4 cup sugar

1/2 tsp. ground nutmeg

1/4 cup melted margarine or butter (1/2 stick)

1/4 cup honey

2 large egg whites

1 T. milk

In a mixing bowl, combine flour, salt, soda, sugar and nutmeg.

In another smaller bowl, stir together margarine, honey, egg whites and milk. Mix well, but do not overbeat. Stir in coconut.

Pour into an 8- x 8-inch square pan that is well oiled, waxpaper lined and lightly oiled again.

Bake in a 350 degree oven for 35 minutes or until top is firm when pressed lightly with fingers.

Turn out onto a rack and immediately remove waxed paper.

Cut into squares or bars. Cool. Store airtight.

If cake flour is not available, remove 2 tablespoons from the cup of four and add 2 tablespoons cornstarch.



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Tifereth Israel Congregation Schedule

ROSH HASHANAH

Wed., Oct. 1

Erev Rosh Hashanah 5:45 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 2

First Day 8:30 a.m.

Tashlich 4:30 p.m. (Buttonwood Park)

Mincha/Maariv 6 p.m.

Fri., Oct. 3

Second Day 8:30 a.m.

Contemporary Service 10 a.m.

Mincha/Maariv 5:45 p.m.

SHABBAT SHUVAH

Sat., Oct. 4

Shabbat Service 9 a.m.

Kiddush

Mincha/Maariv 6:05 p.m.

Sun., Oct. 5

Fast of Gedaliah

YOM KIPPUR

Fri., Oct. 10

Kol Nidre

Shacharit 7:15 a.m.

Kol Nidre 5:45 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 11

Yizkor 8:30 a.m.

Mincha 4 p.m.

SUKKOT

Wed., Oct. 15

Erev Sukkot 5:45 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 16

Sukkot 9 a.m.

Kiddush Luncheon

Mincha/Maariv 5:45 p.m.

Fri., Oct. 17

Sukkot 9 a.m.

Kiddush

Mincha/Maariv 5:45 p.m.

Wed., Oct. 22

Erev Shemini Atzeret

..... 5:45 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 23

Shemini Atzeret 9 a.m.

Yizkor

Mincha/Maariv 5:45 p.m.

Erev Simchat Torah 7 p.m.

SIMCHAT TORAH

Fri., Oct. 24

Services 9 a.m.

Kiddush Luncheon

Mincha/Maariv 5:45 p.m.

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Congregation Beth Sholom — Sons of Zion Holiday Schedule

ROSH HASHANAH

Wed., Oct. 1
Mincha, Candlelighting 6:10 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 2
Shacharit 8 a.m.
Shofar Blowing 10:30 a.m.
Tashlich 5:10 p.m.
Mincha 6:10 p.m.
Earliest Candlelighting 7:11 p.m.
(From pre-existing flame)

Fri., Oct. 3
Shacharit 8 a.m.
Shofar Blowing 10:30 a.m.
Mincha 6:10 p.m.
Candlelighting for Shabbat, 6:07 p.m.
(From pre-existing flame)

YOM KIPPUR

Fri., Oct. 10
Kol Nidre 5:50 p.m.
Candlelighting 5:55 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 11
Shacharit 8 a.m.
Yizkor 11 a.m.
Mincha 4:30 p.m.

SUCCOT

Wed., Oct. 15
Mincha, Candlelighting 5:47 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 16
Shacharit 9 a.m.
Mincha 5:47 p.m.
Earliest Candlelighting 6:48 p.m.
(From a pre-existing flame)

Fri., Oct. 17

Shacharit 9 a.m.
Mincha 5:44 p.m.
Candlelighting for Shabbat 5:44 p.m.
(From pre-existing flame)

SHIMINI ATZERET AND SIMCHAT TORAH

Wed., Oct. 22
Mincha, Candlelighting 5:36 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 23
Shacharit 9 a.m.
Mincha 5:36 p.m.
Earliest Candlelighting 6:38 p.m.
(From pre-existing flame)

Fri., Oct. 24
Shacharit 9 a.m.
Mincha 5:33 p.m.
Candlelighting for Shabbat 5:33 p.m.
(From pre-existing flame)
Congregation Beth Sholom is located at 275 Camp St., Providence.



CONGREGATION BETH SHOLOM — SONS OF ZION — 275 Camp St., Providence

Congregation Ohawe Sholam Schedule of Services

Sat., Sept. 27
Selichos program 11 p.m.
followed by Selichos 12:25 a.m.

ROSH HASHANAH

Wed., Oct. 1
Make an Eruv Tavshilin before 6:10 p.m.
Rosh Hashanah begins, Candlelighting 6:10 p.m.
Mincha followed by Maariv 6:15 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 2
Shacharis 8 a.m.
English Prayers 10:30 a.m.
Shofar 10:45 a.m.
Meet at the shul for Tashlich 5:10 p.m.
Mincha followed by learning and Maariv 6:10 p.m.
Candlelighting not before this time 7:08 p.m.

Fri., Oct. 3
Shacharis 8 a.m.
English Prayers 10:30 a.m.
Shofar 10:45 a.m.
Candlelighting for Shabbos 6:06 p.m.

Mincha followed by Kabbalas Shabbos and Maariv 6:10 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 4

Shacharis 9 a.m.
Mincha followed by Seudas Shlishi and Maariv 5:55 p.m.
Shabbos ends 7:08 p.m.

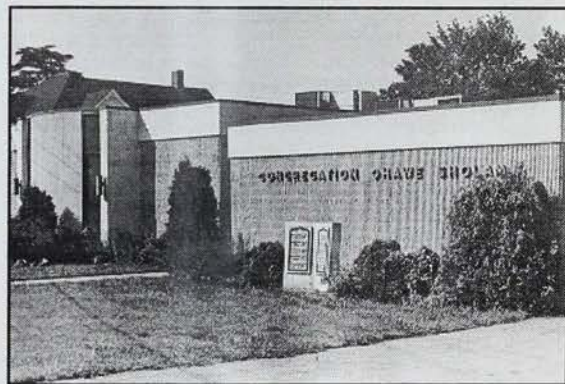
Sun., Oct. 5
Tzom Gedaliah — Fast begins 5:23 a.m.
Shacharis 8 a.m.
Mincha 1 p.m.
Fast ends 7:06 p.m.

YOM KIPPUR

Fri., Oct. 10
Mincha 3 p.m.
Candlelighting for Yom Kippur and Shabbos 5:53 p.m.
Kol Nidre 6 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 11
Shacharis 9 a.m.
Yizkor 11:30 a.m.
English Prayers 11:45 a.m.
Mincha followed by Neilah and Maariv 4:50 p.m.
Fast ends 6:56 p.m.

It is written (Psalms 89:16), Happy are the people who know the teruah. Do not the other nations know how to blow various horns, bugles, and wind instruments? But we know how to appease our Creator with the teruah blast. He then stands up from His throne of judgment, sits on His throne of mercy, and, filled with mercy, transforms harsh judgment into mercy. When? On the seventh month. (Midrash Rabbah, Leviticus 29)



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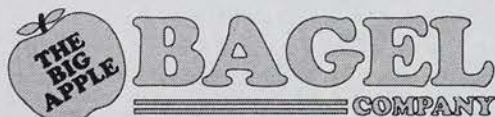
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Ahavath Achim High Holiday Schedule

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ROSH HASHANAH

Wed., Oct. 1
Mincha/Maariv 6:15 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 2
Shacharis/Preliminary Service 8 a.m.
Shacharis 8:30 a.m.
Blowing of Shofar 10:45 a.m.
Musaf 11 a.m.
Tashlich/Buttonwood Park 4:30 p.m.
Mincha/Maariv 6:15 p.m.

Fri., Oct. 3
Shacharis/Preliminary Service 8 a.m.
Shacharis 8:30 a.m.
Blowing of Shofar 10:45 a.m.
Musaf 11 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv 6:15 p.m.



AHAVATH ACHIM SYNAGOGUE — 385 County St., New Bedford, Mass.

Sat., Oct. 4
Shabbat Concludes . 7:13 p.m.

YOM KIPPUR

Fri., Oct. 10
Mincha/Erev Yom Kippur 2:30 p.m.
Kol Nidre 6 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 11
Shacharis/Preliminary Service 8:30 a.m.
Shacharis 9 a.m.
Sermon and Yizkor Noon
Musaf 1 p.m.
Martyrology 3 p.m.
Mincha 4:45 p.m.
Neilah 6 p.m.

Mon., Oct. 13

Blow Shofar and Conclusion of Fast 7:11 p.m.
Ahavath Achim Synagogue is located at 385 County St. in New Bedford, Mass.

Chabad of West Bay CHAI Center High Holiday Schedule

RABBI'S MESSAGE

The CHAI Center holiday services are held in a relaxed and homey atmosphere. Portions of the services will be held in English, interspersed with interesting anecdotes on the significance and background of the prayers and customs. In addition, every participant will receive *The Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Companion Guide*, a beautiful guide to help you through the prayer liturgy.

If you have any questions or need more information, contact me at the center, 884-4071.

Please let us know how many members of your family will attend and specifically which services, so that we can prepare prayer books and guides for everyone.

Wishing you and yours a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Rabbi Eliezer Y. Levy
The CHAI Center

ROSH HASHANAH

Wed., Oct. 1
Maariv 6:15 p.m.*

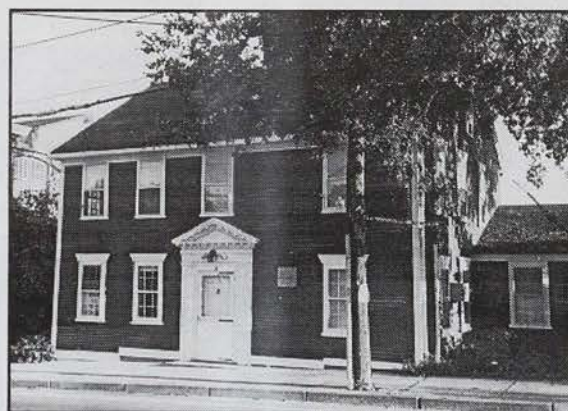
Thurs., Oct. 2
Shacharit 9:30 a.m.
Maariv 6:15 p.m.*

Fri., Oct. 3
Shacharit 9:30 a.m.
Maariv 6:15 p.m.*

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Fri., Oct. 10
Kol Nidre 6 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 11
Shacharit 10 a.m.
Mincha 4:15 p.m.
Havdalah 6:55 p.m.

SHMINI ATZERET

Wed., Oct. 22
Maariv, Kiddush, Hakafot 6 p.m.*

Thurs., Oct. 23
Yizkor 5:15 p.m.*

SIMCHAT TORAH

Thurs., Oct. 23
Maariv, Kiddush, Hakafot 6:15 p.m.*

Fri., Oct. 24
Hakafot, Mincha, Maariv 4:45 p.m.*

*All services marked with an asterisk will take place at 29 Arrowhead Way, Warwick. All other services will take place at the center.

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Preparing Children for the High Holy Days

The High Holidays — at home and in the synagogue — come alive for young children in two new books, *All About Rosh Hashanah* and *All About Yom Kippur* by Judyth Groner and Madeline Wikler. The books explore the background, traditions, and folklore of these important days, and provide the words and music to blessings recited around the family holiday table. Beautiful, full color illustrations complement the text.

"Children are aware of the centrality of the High Holidays," the authors note. "They stay home from school, share festive meals, and attend children's services. But the concepts of prayer, repentance, and renewal are difficult ones to explain — even to adults."

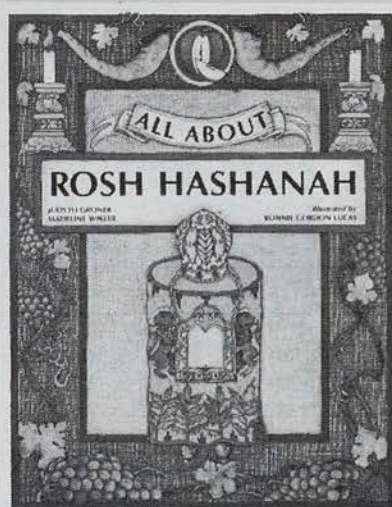
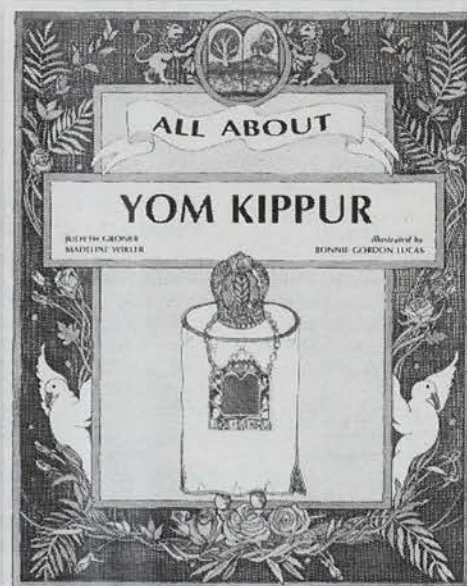
Folktales (there are five in each book) are used to help convey the meaning of the

holidays. When children read about the villagers who beat drums to summon firefighters,

about the little boy who recites the alphabet because he doesn't know how to pray helps children understand that prayer must come from the heart. And a tale about a little girl who cannot gather the feathers she scattered, teaches that untrue words also can be hard to "take back."

All About Rosh Hashanah also explores the meaning of the shofar and describes the prayer asking G-d to inscribe us in the Book of Life. The home service includes the blessings recited over candles, wine, and challah, and the blessing over apples and honey, asking for a sweet, new year.

All About Yom Kippur explains the concepts of fasting and confessing sins and features the Biblical story of Jonah, read on



the holiday. A children's blessing, recited before leaving for Kol Nidre services, is included. Judyth Groner and Madeline Wikler, who created Kar-

Ben Publishing 23 years ago, are the authors of the children's Passover classic *My Very Own Haggadah*, a Jewish family calendar, and several books for toddlers. They have been honored by the Association of Jewish Libraries and the Women's National Book Association. Indiana artist Bonnie Gordon-Lucas has been working as an illustrator for more than 20 years. Her lyrical images have appeared in books, magazine, greeting cards, and hand-painted clothing.

Kar-Ben publishes more than 100 books, calendars, and cassettes on Jewish themes for young children and their families, many of which are available locally at Rhoda's Judaica in Providence.

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Honey Brings Sweetness to Festive Holiday Meals

by Naomi Arbit

MILWAUKEE (JTA)—Rosh Hashanah marks the beginning of the Jewish New Year, which begins on the eve of Oct. 1. As with most of the holidays, it has both serious and joyous aspects.

The holiday calls for a period of reflection on the deeds of the past year and it asks for repentance. It is also a joyous time as we look forward to a good sweet year.

Food is always an important part of our holidays and is taken literally, with the dishes served symbolizing sweetness. The traditional challah baked in a round loaf, often studded with raisins, is blessed, sliced and served with slices of apple. Both are dipped in honey before eating.

Preparing a dish not eaten at any other time acknowledges the newness of the year. The following recipes are sweetened with honey which has a higher sweetening power than sugar. For easy measuring lightly coat measuring cups or spoons with vegetable cooking spray or oil. One 12-ounce jar of honey measures one cup.

BUTTERNUT SQUASH SOUP

2 T. margarine
1 onion, chopped
1 clove garlic, minced
4 carrots, diced
2 celery ribs, sliced
1 potato, peeled, and sliced or cubed
1 butternut squash, peeled, seeded and diced
3 cans (14.5 oz each) chicken broth
1/2 cup honey
1/2 t. dried thyme leaves, crushed
salt and pepper to taste
ground nutmeg (optional)

In a large pot, melt margarine over medium heat. Stir in onions and garlic. Cook until tender.

Stir in all ingredients, except salt and pepper. Bring mixture to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 45 minutes, or until vegetables are tender. Remove from

heat and cool slightly.

Working in small batches, transfer mixture to blender or food processor and process until smooth. Return pureed mixture to pot. Season to taste with salt and pepper and a dash or two of nutmeg, if desired. Heat until hot and serve.

HONEY CHICKEN WITH TOMATO-OLIVE SAUCE

1/2 red jalapeño pepper, seeded and chopped
2 T. honey
1/8 t. salt or more to taste
4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves (about five ounces each)

TOMATO-OLIVE SAUCE

2 T. honey
1 medium tomato, peeled and diced
1/4 cup finely chopped green pepper
1/2 cup finely chopped red onion
12 kalamata olives, pitted and coarsely chopped
1 T. balsamic vinegar
1 T. olive oil

Place red jalapeño pepper, 2 tablespoons honey and salt in a

food processor and puree. Rub mixture over chicken. Cover and chill for one hour.

In a small bowl mix together 2 tablespoons honey, tomato, green pepper, onion, olives, vinegar, oil and salt.

Broil chicken until browned, 8 to 10 minutes. Turn chicken over and broil until it is no longer pink in the center, 8 to 10 minutes.

Pour tomato-olive mixture

over chicken and serve. Garnish with fresh sprigs of parsley.

HONEY ALMOND CARROTS

2 cups sliced carrots, (about 4 to 6 carrots) sliced 1/8-inch thick
1/2 cup water
1/4 cup toasted slivered almonds
3 to 4 T. margarine, softened
1/2 t. dry mustard
1/8 t. nutmeg
2 to 3 T. honey

In a 2-quart saucepan, combine carrots and water. Cover and cook over medium heat until carrots are crisp-tender. Drain. Stir mustard, nutmeg and honey into the butter. Add this mixture to the carrots. Stir and heat through.

Sprinkle with almonds before serving.

To toast almonds: Spread almonds in a single layer in a baking pan. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes in a 350-degree oven or until light golden brown.

CHOCOLATE (COCOA) HONEY CAKE

2 eggs
2/3 cup sugar
1/2 cup cocoa
1/2 cup hot water
1/2 cup honey
1 T. vegetable oil
1 3/4 cup sifted flour
pinch of salt
3/4 t. baking powder
1/2 t. baking soda
1 cup almonds, chopped
2 T. cognac
coffee syrup (see recipe)
non-dairy whipped topping

Oil or vegetable non-stick spray a 9-inch square pan. Line with waxed paper and repeat.

In a mixing bowl, beat eggs until thick, adding sugar gradually.

In a small bowl, combine and blend well cocoa, hot water, honey and oil. Beat into egg mixture. Combine the dry ingredients and add to batter.

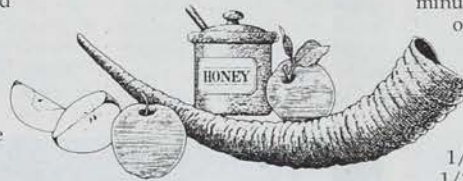
Stir in the nuts. Add the cognac. Bake in a 325-degree oven for 45 minutes.

Meanwhile make the coffee syrup.

Pour the syrup over the cake when it comes out of the oven. Cool. To serve, dollop with whipped topping cut into squares.

COFFEE SYRUP

1 cup sugar
1 t. instant coffee granules
2/3 cup water
1 T. dark rum
In a saucepan, mix the sugar, coffee granules and water. Bring to a boil and boil for one minute. Cool slightly. Add rum. Pour over hot cake.



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Embracing the Arts as a Path Toward Spiritual Fulfillment

by **Connie Benesch**

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — Worshipers at High Holiday services might find something new this year: the arts.

Poetry, storytelling, musical performances and dance will play a significant role in ushering in the Jewish new year.

Indeed, a growing number of religious leaders across the country are finding that artistic expression heightens the religious experience.

"It's an emerging phenomenon," said Richard Seigel, executive director of the National Foundation for Jewish Culture.

The foundation is funding three synagogue-based artists residencies in Washington, D.C., Los Angeles and Minneapolis as part of a three-year pilot program.

Meanwhile, 11 synagogues are experimenting with the use of music and movement in prayer and healing as part of the Synagogue 2000 program — a transdenominational project that is working to transform the synagogue.

"One of the things we are looking at is how we can create an authentic spiritual experience in the prayer service," said Ron Wolfson, director of the Whizin Center for the Jewish Future at the University of Judaism in Los Angeles, which is spearheading the Synagogue 2000 project with the Hebrew Union College's Rabbi Lawrence Hoffman.

The idea, Wolfson explains, is "to embrace the arts not just as cultural expression, but as religious expression."

The trend has provided a new venue for artists interested in exploring Judaism.

Choreographer Liz Lerman, who runs Liz Lerman Dance Exchange in Takoma Park, Md., works with Temple Micah in Washington, D.C., to create 10-minute dance segments for the temple's family services as well as entire services of singing and dancing.

"People can't get enough," she said. "It turns into a dance of praise for people who know G-d."

JoAnne Tucker, the artistic director of the New York-based Avodah Dance Ensemble, which performed in Rhode Island this spring, was so much in demand by synagogues around the country that five years ago she was able to quit her day job as a computer specialist at a bank.

A decade ago, Temple Beth El in Jersey City, N.J., commissioned Tucker to create a forgiveness-themed dance piece for the Selichot service, held late at night the week before Rosh Hashanah. This year, her company is bringing the work to Congregation Emanu El in Houston.

One of the more innovative ways to combine art and Judaism is through Bibliodrama, the

improvisational renditions of biblical scenes.

Bibliodrama is gaining increasing acceptance and popularity largely due to the efforts of pioneer Peter Pitzele and Rivkah Walton, director of the Institute for Contemporary Midrash in Philadelphia, an organization dedicated to bringing the arts into contact with sacred text.

The institute has held training in ways to interpret Midrash, including art, dance, music and Bibliodrama. The workshops drew 70 participants this past July.

"When I saw Peter teach a

Bibliodrama class at a rabbinic retreat, I was just bowled over," said Shelley Whizin, vice president of the Los Angeles-based Whizin Foundation, which supports innovative approaches to Judaism.

"Whatever character, whether it was Abraham or Sarah, they just became human beings for the first time in my life, not just one- or two-dimensional characters. They stepped out of the page and became human," adds Whizin, an advisory board member of the Institute for Contemporary Midrash.

Often, Bibliodrama performers invite those watching the

presentation to imagine they are the famous personalities. Engaging in such improvisational re-enactments enables "people to see themselves in the text and see the text in their own lives," said Walton.

"The Bible is very porous," she said. "It rarely tells you about people's motivations, dreams and aspirations."

"There are often huge gaps of time and many, many silent characters, particularly women. Doing Bibliodrama is an opportunity to fill in the gaps. It's really Torah of the imagination."

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ROSH HASHANAH

Wed., Oct. 1

Rosh Hashanah Evening 8:15 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 2

Rosh Hashanah Morning 10 a.m.

Children's Service 3 p.m.

Sun., Oct. 5

Cemetery Pilgrimage... 10 a.m.

YOM KIPPUR

Fri., Oct. 10

Kol Nidre 8:15 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 11

Yom Kippur Morning 10 a.m.

Children's Service ... 1:30 p.m.

Afternoon Service ... 2:30 p.m.

Yizkor/Concluding Service 4:30 p.m.

SUKKOT

Thurs., Oct. 16

Sukkot Festival Service 10 a.m.

Fri., Oct. 17

Sukkot Under the Stars (Family Service) 6 p.m.

Wed., Oct. 22

Festival Service/Yizkor 5:45 p.m.

Consecration 6:30 p.m.

SIMCHAT TORAH

Thurs., Oct. 23

Simchat Torah/Yizkor 10 a.m.

Temple Beth-El is located at 70 Orchard Ave. in Providence.

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter

The Roman year begins just as the darkest and shortest days give early promise of new life. Once, it started out nearer the spring equinox. But the Jewish calendar chooses the regal air of harvest time to mark our time and set our goals.

The past bears its fruit for you to taste. And yet, you know the days of light before you are numbered. The birds migrate on currents of air. My mother passed away at this point in her life, just in the autumn of her years, before getting the benefit of her gifts and sacrifices.

It was Emerson who called the sky "the daily bread of the soul," and you do look up at the rich tones of blue, purple, even scarlets, that add to this regal air of our harvest time, our head of the year.

Some of us feel anxiety at the prospect of the fast, or the pebbles in the cemetery, or the sad candles of bygone mourning. Others may quicken the pulse at the picking up of the social season, new friendships and alliances to make milestones on our journey.

I write these words at the brink of the new year, just beyond the border of summer into fall. And I think, every day is Rosh Hashanah.

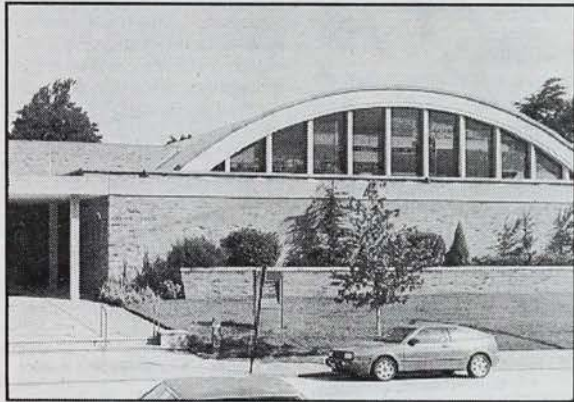
I look every single day for the moment of truth, peace, beauty, or sanctity. Maybe it's a joke or a gentle gesture. Perhaps it's a message, by phone or by post. Often the high spot

of the date is a simple greeting. It could even be a flower or the glimpse of a wild creature. Corny, if you like, but you're the poorer if you let these instants pass by you without taking clear note of their music.

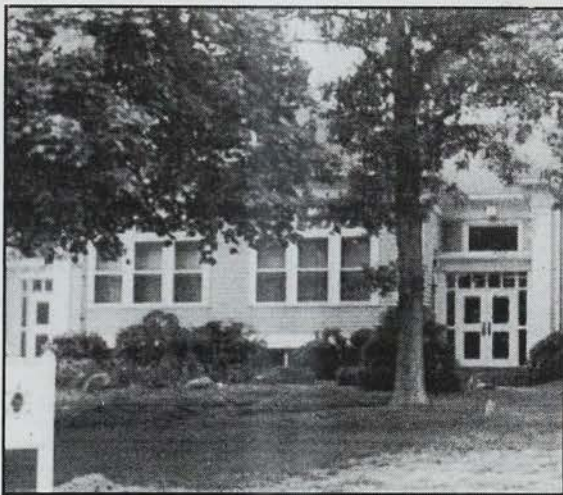
We all live in memory—our very identity is planted deep in yesterdays. We plan the future, through our investments and our commitments. But in the end, all we have is the rosh hashanah of every day's small pleasures. As a writer and a teacher I seek them out, hoping not to exploit them but to celebrate them and give them the

breath of brief life. A young person says something right on. An elder offers a kind reassurance. A ladybug lands on your finger. A squirrel leaves an acorn in your car.

For me this time round, the series of rituals that make up our Indian summer hiatus offers me a chance to squeeze the juice of time the way my parents made up the orange and grapefruit nectar to sweeten my road to school or shul. Every day heads the year and leads to the path before me.



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ROSH HASHANAH

Wed., Oct. 1
 Candlelighting 6:08 p.m.
 Minha/Maariv 6:15 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 2
 Shaharit 8 a.m.
 Junior Congregation and Pre-School
 10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
 Rabbi's Message 10 a.m.
 Tashlich, Minha/Maariv
 5 p.m.
 *Candlelighting
 not before 7 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 3
 Shaharit 8 a.m.

Junior Congregation and Pre-School

..... 10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
 Rabbi's Message 10 a.m.
 Minha/Maariv 6 p.m.
 *Candlelighting 6:05 p.m.

SHABBAT SHUVA

Sat., Oct. 4
 Shaharit 9:30 a.m.
 Minha/Maariv 6:05 p.m.

TSOM GEDALIAH

Sun., Oct. 5
 Shaharit 8:15 a.m.

YOM KIPPUR

Fri., Oct. 10
 Candlelighting 5:53 p.m.
 Kol Nidre 6 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 11
 Shaharit 8 a.m.
 Junior Congregation and Pre-School
 10:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
 Rabbi's Message/Yizkor
 10 a.m.
 Minha/Ne'ilah/Maariv
 5 p.m.
 Conclusion of Services:
 Shofar, Havdalah 6:54 p.m.

SUKKOT

Wed., Oct. 15
 Candlelighting 5:45 p.m.
 Minha/Maariv 5:45 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 16
 Shaharit 9 a.m.
 Minha/Maariv 5:45 p.m.
 *Candlelighting
 not before 6:46 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 17
 Shaharit 9 a.m.
 Minha/Maariv 6:15 p.m.
 *Candlelighting 6 p.m.

HOSHANAH RABBAH

Wed., Oct. 22
 Shaharit 6:30 a.m.

SHEMINI ATZERET/SIMCHAT TORAH

Wed., Oct. 22
 Candlelighting 5:34 p.m.
 Minha/Maariv 5:30 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 23
 Shaharit 9 a.m.
 Yizkor 5:15 p.m.
 Minha/Maariv, Hakafof,
 Reading of Torah
 5:30 p.m.
 *Candlelighting
 not before 6:36 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 24
 Shaharit 9 a.m.
 Hakafof 10:15 a.m.
 Minha/Maariv
 5:30 p.m.
 *Candlelighting
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Temple Am David is located at
 40 Gardiner St. in Warwick.

Spiritual Fulfillment

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Despite its growing popularity, incorporating the arts into traditional liturgy is not endorsed by everyone.

Rabbi Eric Yoffie, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the umbrella organization of Reform congregations, suggests caution in bringing the arts into services.

The liturgical revolution is positive because "it gives us new insights to Jewish traditions," said Rabbi Yoffie.

But being liturgically creative "does not necessarily lead to more heartfelt worship. All kinds of other things need to be done, too."

Some rabbis oppose the innovations outright.

"I'm reluctant to replace the old prayers with new-fangled poems that may come and go," said Rabbi Richard Thaler of Sutton Place Synagogue in Manhattan. "There's great strength in traditions. It's a source of comfort and continuity."

But others say that bringing the arts into the sanctuary can attract people who might otherwise feel alienated.

The arts can be particularly meaningful for people who find the service inaccessible because they do not know Hebrew or the traditional liturgy.

Says Joel Grishaver, the author of *The Bonding of Isaac: Stories and Essays about Gender and Jewish Spirituality*: "In essence, the arts become bread crumbs that invite people into the study of Judaism."



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First Day: "Havurah-style" service led by guest, Rabbi Eliezer Diamond, with daveners, Samuel Shamoon and Judy Kaye.

Second Day: Family service

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A specially designed service for your kindergartners to second-graders and baby-sitting for toddlers are offered during this time.

YOM KIPPUR

Kol Nidre: Rabbi Eliezer Diamond will lead this service along with Robert Starr, who will chant the service.

Morning: Dr. Joshua Gutman will conduct Shacharit, Jerry Shapiro will lead the Torah service, and Judy Kaye will daven Musaf. Rabbi Diamond will lead this "Havurah-style" service.

ROSH HASHANAH

Wed., Oct. 1

Minhah and Ma'ariv 6 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 2

Psukei d'Zimra 8:30 a.m.

Shacharit 9 a.m.

Junior Congregation ... 11 a.m.
Children's Programs ... 11 a.m.
Tashlich Service 4:45 p.m.
Minhah and Ma'ariv 6:15 p.m.

Fri., Oct. 3

Psukei d'Zimra 8:30 a.m.
Shacharit 9 a.m.
Family Service 10:30 a.m.
Children's Programs ... 11 a.m.
Minhah and Ma'ariv 5:45 p.m.

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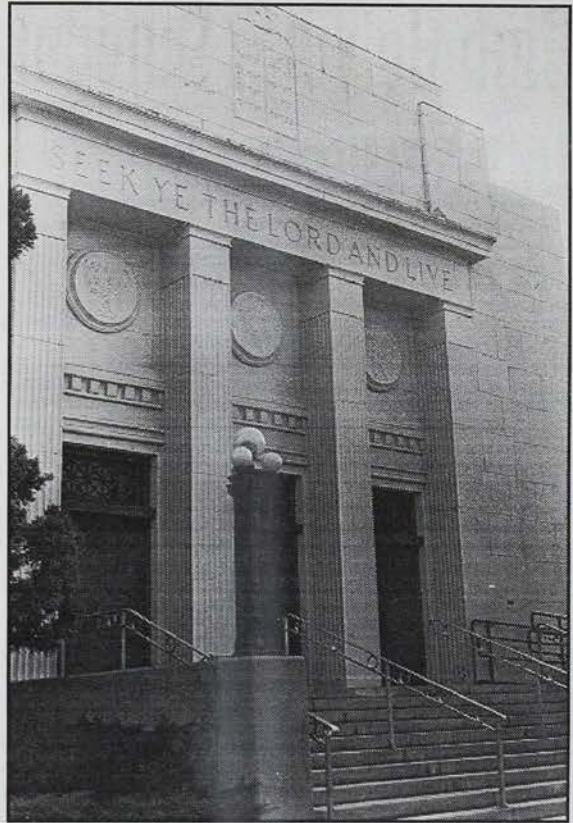
Fri., Oct. 10

All Sanctuaries 6 p.m.

YOM KIPPUR

Sat., Oct. 11

Psukei d'Zimra 9 a.m.
Shacharit 9:30 a.m.
Junior Congregation ... 11 a.m.
Children's Programs ... 11 a.m.
Ask the Rabbis 2:45 p.m.
Minhah 3:55 p.m.
Neilah 5:15 p.m.
Story Telling for
Children 6:25 p.m.
Havdalah 6:56 p.m.
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Fall Schedule for JCCRI Kosher Mealsite

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, which offers a kosher mealsite at the center as well as a kosher Meals-on-Wheels program, will be closed on the following dates this fall in observance of the Jewish holidays:

- Oct. 2 and 3 for Rosh Hashanah
- Oct. 16 and 17 for Sukkot
- Oct. 23 for Shemini Atzeret
- Oct. 24 for Simchat Torah

While the kosher mealsite program will be open on both Oct. 10 (Erev Yom Kippur) and Oct. 13 (Columbus Day), there will be no kosher Meals-on-Wheels on Oct. 13.

The JCCRI kosher mealsite program, located at the JCCRI, 401 Elmgrove Ave. in Providence, is open Monday through Friday, with hot lunch served each day at noon.

In addition, the mealsite features a variety of special programs, including holiday and birthday celebrations as well as trips and guest speakers. On Fridays, in honor of Shabbat, Dr. Wold, a retired professor from Brown University, hosts

a music appreciation program. He has planned a special Yom Kippur program with holiday music for Oct. 10. Also on Fridays, the JCCRI's former executive director, Lola Schwartz, leads Kumsitz, a popular discussion group. On Tuesdays, Marina Lapidus, the Senior Adult Program assistant, facilitates a Russian discussion group, focusing on current events as covered in American newspapers.

The kosher Meals-on-Wheels program is also offered every Monday through Friday, bringing hot, nutritious meals delivered to the homebound elderly.

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ROSH HASHANAH

Wed., Oct. 1 8 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 2

Adult Service 10:30 a.m.

Youth Service (ages 8 and up) 10:30 a.m.

Children's Service (7 and under) 2:30 p.m.

YOM KIPPUR

Fri., Oct. 10 8 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 11

Adult Service 10:30 a.m.

Youth Service 10:30 a.m.

Discussion Group 1:15 p.m.

Children's Service 2:15 p.m.

Afternoon Service 3 p.m.

Memorial Service 4:30 p.m.

Concluding Service 5 p.m.

SUKKOT

Wed., Oct. 15

Family Service 7 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 16

Morning Service 10:45 a.m.

Temple Sinai is located at 30 Hagan Ave. in Cranston.



TEMPLE SINAI — 30 Hagan Ave., Cranston

Congregation Agudas Achim Schedule for Holiday Services

ROSH HASHANAH

Wed., Oct. 1

Erev Rosh Hashanah ... 8 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 2

First Day Rosh Hashanah 9 a.m.

Tashlich (at the duck pond) 4 p.m.

Fri., Oct. 3

Second Day Rosh Hoshanah 9 a.m.

Mincha 5:30 p.m.

Fri., Oct. 10

Kol Nidre 5:45 p.m.

YOM KIPPUR

Sat., Oct. 11

Services 9 a.m.

Mincha/Neilah 4:30 p.m.

Followed by Break Fast

SUKKOT

Sun., Oct. 12

Sukkah Building 9 a.m.

Wed., Oct. 15

Erev Sukkot Service and Pot Luck Dinner 5:30 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 16

First Day Sukkot / Services and Brown Bag Lunch in Sukkah 10:30 a.m.

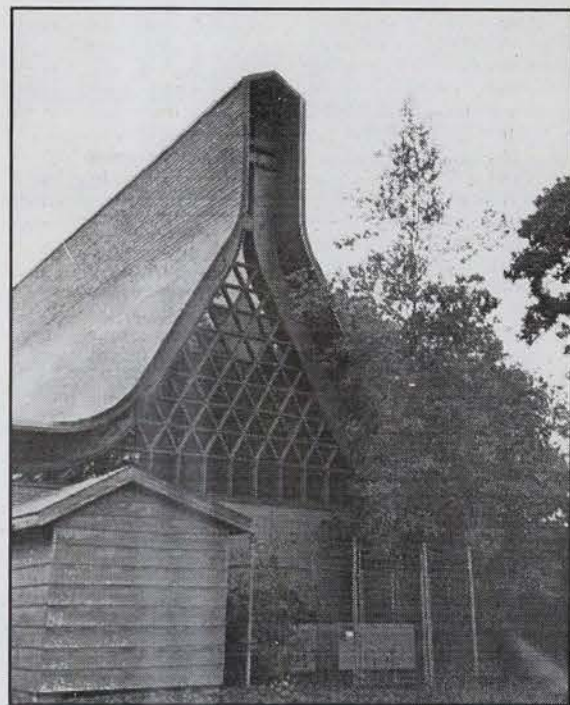
Thurs., Oct. 23

Shemini Atzeret Yizkor 6:45 a.m.

SIMCHAT TORAH

Thurs., Oct. 23 7 p.m.

Children's services will be held on both mornings of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur morning. Services for children ages 3 to 7 begin at 9:30 a.m.



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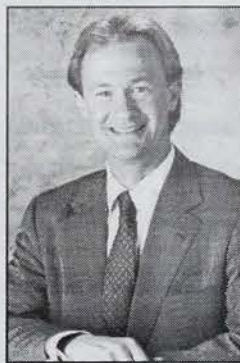
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'The Shofar' — A Cry From the Heart

Rabbi Yisroel Baal Shem Tov, founder of Chassidism, related the following famous parable about the blowing of the Shofar:

A king had an only son who was the very apple of his eye. The prince was well educated, and both he and his father decided that he should travel to other countries to further his studies and become familiar with other teachings and customs. His father gave him servants and ordered nobles to accompany him, so that the prince would be able to travel in luxury and roam over all the countries and distant islands. All this so that through his travels, the prince would attain a higher level of wisdom and knowledge.

Many years passed. All the wealth that the king had supplied his son for the journey had been spent by the prince on the luxuries to which he had always been accustomed. In fact, in the course of his travels, the prince had acquired an even greater taste for luxuries than before, and his father's wealth was squandered in an attempt to satisfy these newly acquired desires; things came to such a

pass that the prince had sold every last thing he possessed.

The prince now came to a country so far away from home that the inhabitants had not even heard of his father, the great king, and when he said that he was the son of King so-and-so, they did not believe that he was a prince nor had they ever heard the name of his royal father. When the prince finally saw that there was no hope for him there, no healing for his tortured soul, he decided in the depths of his despair to return to his homeland — to the country of his royal father.

In the course of the many years of wandering, however, the prince had forgotten even the language of his country! When he returned, he started to gesture to the inhabitants in an attempt to convey to them, in sign language, that he was the son of their king. But the people mocked him. "Is it possible that the son of our mighty monarch should be dressed in rags and tatters?" They struck him and beat him so badly that he became bruised and wounded from head to toe, until he came to the courtyard of his father's royal palace. Again he attempted by sign and gesture to indicate to the guards that he was the king's son, but they ignored him.

In desperation, the prince

began to cry out and scream and shout in the hope that his father, the king, should recognize his voice. When the king heard the shouting he exclaimed, "Is that not the voice of my son, crying out to me in distress?" The great love for his son welled up within him and he ran and embraced and kissed his son.

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The King is the A-mighty — The Supreme King of Kings. The Jewish people is G-d's only son, as the Torah says, "My son, my firstborn son, Israel," and again, "You are children to G-d, your G-d." G-d caused the soul to descend into the body, and just as the purpose of the prince's travels (in the parable) was to further his education, in the same way the soul enters the body so that through performing mitzvot and good deeds it should become refined and elevated to a level higher than it enjoyed previously. However, through the love of one's own body, greed and other material desires, the person wanders far away, to a "place," (i.e. a state of mind), where the name of his Father (G-d) is altogether unknown. As Pharaoh of ancient Egypt declared: "Who is G-d that I should obey his command? I do not know G-d."

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ROSH HASHANAH

Wed., Oct. 1..... 6:10 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 2 and Fri., Oct. 3
..... 9 a.m. and 6:10 p.m.

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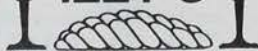
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Beginning Anew: A Woman's Companion to the High Holy Days

Rabbis, ministers, and priests have traditionally defined the Bible and other religious texts through the male experience. The female role has often gone undiscussed, leaving women with an incomplete understanding of how they fit into their respective cultures and religions. For Jewish women this exclusion has, in the past, been extremely evident during the two holiest days of the Jewish calendar — Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur — when Jews gather in synagogue to celebrate the New Year and ask G-d for atonement.

That is until now. With more women becoming rabbis and a greater effort being made to explore the overlooked role of females in Judaism, the impact that women have made is becoming increasingly apparent. Gail Twersky Reimer and Judith A. Kates, editors of the acclaimed *Reading Ruth: Contemporary Women Reclaim a Sacred Story*, have compiled an

important and thoughtful collection of essays entitled *Beginning Anew: A Woman's Companion to the High Holy Days*. The essays, through their focus on the text of the High Holy Days, probe the central role women have played within those texts as well as in Jewish history, both ancient and contemporary.

Beginning Anew brings together a collection of original essays written by contemporary Jewish women authors, scholars, theologians, and educators of all backgrounds, experiences, and affiliations in an effort to seek new approaches to the High Holy Days. Some of the interpretations are more radical than others, but they are all in search of the women's contribution to the Jewish faith. The contributors are as diverse as the themes they write about.

Novelist Carolivia Herron weaves together her own African American heritage and her chosen Jewish identity in a

haunting fictional meditation on Sarah and Hagar. Exploring the same biblical pair of women, bestselling author Rosellen Brown contemplates the historical prejudices in Jewish history and religion. Musings on how previously childless women give birth to heroes, Francine Klagsbrun traces a full life history for Sarah and Hannah that makes sense of their sons' personalities and pushes us to recognize the adult Isaac and Samuel as truly their mothers' children. Feminist Bible scholar Avivah Zornberg pursues the connection intimated by the rabbis between "the death of the mother of the Jewish people, Sarah, and the plangent, penetrating notes of the shofar-cry."

Rebecca Goldstein, a MacArthur winner, and her daughter Yael explore what the binding of Isaac reveals about the parent-child relationship.

As Reimer and Kates write in their introduction of *Beginning Anew*, "As we bring to the fore the stories of our foremothers, the explicit and implicit women's voices within the Torah readings, the ground shifts to reveal the female experiences at the very foundation."

Beginning Anew: A Woman's Companion to the High Holy Days is published by Touchstone Books/A Simon and Schuster Trade Paperback.

Temple Shalom Ushers in High Holy Days

Congregation Temple Shalom of Middletown, a progressive, egalitarian and sacred community dedicated to learning, prayer and spirituality will usher in the High Holy Days of 5758 beginning on the evening of Oct. 1 at 8 p.m. Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer will officiate and deliver the sermon entitled, "Living for the Moment." Cantor Fredric Scheff will chant the liturgy.

Services for the first day of Rosh Hashanah will commence at 9 a.m. on Oct. 2. Dr. Edward Scheff will chant the introductory service. The rabbi's sermon for that day will be "Can We Talk?" Cantor Scheff will chant the liturgical portions and sound the shofar. Children are invited to attend youth services in The Samuel Zilman Bazarsky Religious School commencing at 10:45 a.m. There will be baby-

sitting available. Reservations must be made in advance by calling Ruth Ziegler at 846-5858.

Later that day, at 5 p.m., the congregation will assemble in the temple parking lot and proceed as a group to Bailey's Brook for Tashlich. The evening service will follow.

On Oct. 3, at 10 a.m., the congregation will assemble for a contemporary service in the main sanctuary. Rabbi Jagolinzer and Cantor Scheff will lead the unique service. The prayerbook for this service has been specially prepared by the rabbi. During the Torah service, all those families who experienced the birth of a child during the past year will be called to the pulpit for a special blessing.

Services for the Sabbath of Repentance will commence at 6 p.m.



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Temple Torat Yisrael High Holy Day Services

ROSH HASHANAH

Wed., Oct. 1	
Candlelighting	6:08 p.m.
Mincha/Maariv	5:45 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 2	
Shacharit	8:30 a.m.
(Berger Hall Only)	
Torah Reading	10:00 a.m.
(Berger Hall, Weissman Davis Sanctuary and Multipurpose Room)	
Shofar	10:45 a.m.
Sermon	11 a.m.
Musaf	11:45 a.m.
Conclusions	1:15 p.m.
Tashlikh (at Lake)	5 p.m.
Mincha/Ma'ariv	6 p.m.
Candlelighting	7:07 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 3	
Shofar	10:45 a.m.
Sermon	11:00 a.m.
Musaf	11:45 a.m.

Conclusion	1:15 p.m.
Mincha/Ma'ariv	5:30 p.m.
Shabbat Candlelighting	6:05 p.m.

YOM KIPPUR

Fri., Oct. 10	
Mincha	3 p.m.
Candlelighting	5:53 p.m.
Kol Nidre	5:30 p.m.
(Berger Hall, Weissman Davis Sanctuary and Multipurpose Room)	

SHABBAT

Oct. 11	
Shacharit	8:30 a.m.
(Berger Hall Only)	
Torah Reading	10 a.m.
(Berger Hall, Weissman Davis Sanctuary and Multipurpose Room)	
Sermon	11 a.m.
Yizkor	11:30 a.m.

Musaf	Noon
Mincha	4:15 p.m.
(Berger Hall Only)	
Neilah	5:15 p.m.
(Berger Hall & Weissman Davis Sanctuary Only)	
Ma'ariv/Havdalah	6:30 p.m.
Shofar	6:53 p.m.

SUKKOT

Wed., Oct. 15	
Candlelighting	5:45 p.m.
(L'hadlik ner shel Yom Tov and Shehecheyanu)	
Service	6 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 16	
Morning Service	9 a.m.
Mincha/Ma'ariv	6 p.m.
Candlelighting	6:45 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 17	
Morning Service	9 a.m.
Service	6 p.m.
Shabbat Candlelighting	5:42 p.m.

SH'MINI ATZERET/SIMKHAT TORAH

Wed., Oct. 22	
Candlelighting	5:34 p.m.
(L'hadlik ner shel Yom Tov and Shehecheyanu)	
Service	6 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 23	
Morning Service	6:30 and 9 a.m.
(Yizkor will be recited)	
Service	6 p.m.
Candlelighting	6:32 p.m.
Family Simkhat Torah Celebration	
Fri., Oct. 24	
Morning Service	9 a.m.
(Simkhat Torah luncheon follows services)	
Service	6 p.m.
Shabbat Candlelighting	5:31 p.m.

Temple Israel is located at 125 Pond St. in Sharon, Mass.

ROSH HASHANAH

Wed., Oct. 1	
Services	6:30 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 2	
Morning Service	8:30 a.m.
*Torah Service	9:30 a.m.
*Shofar Blowing	10:15 a.m.
*Rabbi's Sermon	10:30 a.m.
Tashlich	5:45 p.m.
Minchah/Maariv	6:30 p.m.

Fri., Oct. 3

Morning Service	8:30 a.m.
*Torah Service	9:30 a.m.
*Shofar Blowing	10:15 a.m.
*Rabbi's Sermon	10:30 a.m.
Minchah/Maariv	6:30 p.m.

KOL NIDRE

Fri., Oct. 10	
Minchah	5:45 p.m.
Friday evening	6 p.m.

YOM KIPPUR

Sat., Oct. 11	
Saturday Morning	9 a.m.
*Torah Service	10 a.m.
*Rabbi's Sermon followed by Yizkor	10:45 a.m.
Ask the Rabbi	3:30 p.m.
Minchah/Neilah/Maariv	4:30 p.m.
Shofar Blowing	6:55 p.m.
(*Approximate Times)	
Yom Kippur Fast ends at 6:55 p.m.	

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The Shofar

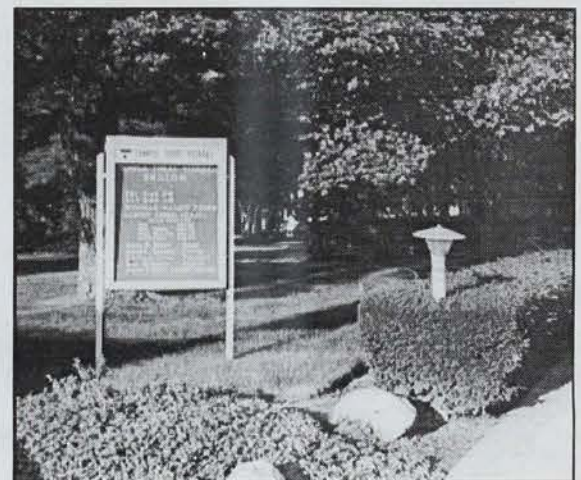
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As a result of all these wanderings the soul of the Jew forgets and loses all that it had before (as in the parable where the son squanders all his father's wealth) until, finally, he forgets the very "language" of his homeland — its acquaintance and familiarity with G-dliness. In desperation, the Jew begins to return, and, on Rosh Hashanah, he utters an incoherent cry — the call of the shofar — so that his father should recognize his voice. The shofar's call is, indeed, the cry from the very depths of our hearts, expressing to G-d our deep remorse for the past and our firm re-

solve to listen to our Father's voice in the future.

On hearing this cry, the Supreme King of Kings, the A-mighty blessed be He, becomes aroused and displays His great love for His only son. He forgives His son for past misdeeds — as signified by Yom Kippur which is the Day of Forgiveness and Atonement (so that we celebrate the festival of Sukos "with a clean slate"). And just as, in the parable, the king embraced his son, so does the A-mighty embrace us and encompass us with the Suka.

Submitted by Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer. Adapted from the works of Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson.



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Take Time To Reflect During Days of Awe

by Katy Z. Allen

WAYLAND, Mass. (JTA) — Students in an advanced adult Hebrew language class were discussing what the High Holidays meant to them. Said one young man, "It's good to have one day during the year when I stop and really think about what I have done."

One day. Is one day enough? Perhaps sometimes. Perhaps for some people.

The noted philosopher Franz Rosenzweig was on the verge of converting to Christianity in early-20th-century Germany when he attended Yom Kippur services. As a result of that experience, his thinking did an aboutface, and he submersed himself in Jewish thinking and learning.

But for most people, one day is not enough.

Consider how often you need to think about what you are doing, and how hard you need to think about it in order to change an ingrained behavior? If I hurt you and then ask for forgiveness, and you forgive me, and then tomorrow I turn around and hurt you again, I am no better off. You are no better off. Nothing has changed.

Recent research on chemical brain activity is proving what was, in its spiritual essence, self-evident to the ancient rabbis. We can, to be sure, learn new behaviors, but not just because we want to make

a change. We must make an effort — a big effort.

If I hurt you and ask forgiveness, and you forgive me, I had better be prepared to work hard to ensure that I do not do the same thing to you again.

This is what forgiveness is really about. Changing our brain connections. Changing our behavior.

whole lot easier not to question our behavior, not to think about how we have hurt someone, not to change.

The sages also knew what they were doing when they increased that period of introspection to 10 day, from Rosh Hoshanah to Yom Kippur, and then tagged on another month — Elul — for preparation.

thing from me that I feel unable to give?"

Perhaps I see that my spouse's habit of picking up after me angers me. I must ask myself, "Why? Do I feel my autonomy is threatened? Do I think I am being criticized?"

Perhaps I feel put-upon everytime someone asks me to do something. I must ask my-

quires compassion. If we break out in anger at what we find within, we will have taken a detour.

For, coming full circle, to have compassion for ourselves requires forgiveness. We may have been forgiven by someone else, but in order to enter the place where we are worthy of that forgiveness, where we can understand and appreciate that forgiveness, we must first forgive ourselves.

The Days of Awe are a time for family gatherings, fasting, prayer and more. Together, our own personal combination of rituals, customs, and traditions — ancient and modern — has the potential to transcend any single aspect of our observance and to precipitate a change in our brain chemistry and, as a result, a lasting behavioral change.

We need take only one small step in a new direction, but when we make that turn, as the gates of heaven close and the shofar sounds one last, long blast, we will find ourselves with no choice but to continue in our new direction, and when we do, slowly but surely, every day of the new year, we will strengthen our new brain connections; we will strengthen our new behavior; we will draw ever closer to our true selves, ever closer to our G-d, every single day of the year.

Katy Z. Allen is a Jewish storyteller and freelance writer.

The sages knew what they were doing when they made sure we would stop and think about our behavior at least one day a year..

Changing oneself is not an easy process. In fact, it is incredibly difficult — so difficult that we rarely do it unless we feel squeezed between the Red Sea and the army of the Pharaoh.

Change takes time, energy, self-awareness, sensitivity to others and commitment. It also takes faith. Faith that change is possible. Faith that we have the strength to change our viewpoint and our habits.

Faith that we have the strength to grow up a little bit more, no matter what our age. Faith that we can alter our brain chemicals.

The sages knew what they were doing when they made sure that we would stop and think about our behavior at least one day a year. It would be a

Because it can be so hard to see that we have done something hurtful, it can take a lot of digging to unearth our buried awareness of it. It can be so hard to see what we have done that we may need to stop, consider and ponder before we can even begin to see.

Once we have seen — and accepted — the dark side of ourselves, we need to go beyond that seeing. We need to change. But changing requires understanding. And so we need to ponder what we see, and that is no easier than the seeing.

Perhaps I see that I refuse to truly listen to my teen-age son. I must ask myself, "Why? Am I afraid of what he might say? Do I think he might want some-

self, "Why? Am I already doing something that is so dear to my heart and my soul? Do I feel I am already giving in ways that are not being noticed or appreciated?"

Perhaps I react violently — either physically or verbally — when someone crosses my path. I must ask myself, "Why? Is there some deep-seated inner pain of which I am unaware? Do I doubt my own self-worth?"

In order to answer questions like these, we need to dig even deeper. We need to listen to that "still small voice," the voice that tells us who we are and why. We must be honest, nakedly honest, with ourselves.

But we must also tread tenderly, for understanding re-

May you be written for a good year..



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