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Jewish Adults Seek to Fill a Knowledge Gap

by Debra Nussbaum Cohen

NEW YORK (JTA) — From the outside, it looked like Kenneth Cohen had it all.

A founding executive of the software giant Oracle Corporation, Cohen worked for an innovative company in California's Silicon Valley.

With a wife and young daughter at home, life should have felt complete. But something, Cohen said, was missing.

"It's just inevitable that you say to yourself, 'What do I want to pass onto this kid other than my stock certificates?' I had to have a higher goal," he said.

So in his mid-30s, Cohen began to pick up where his bar mitzvah had left off by taking a couple of courses through Lehrhaus, the Berkeley, Calif.-based provider of adult Jewish education.

One class led to another — from Bible to Hebrew to Jewish theology — and at age 40, Cohen retired from Oracle in order to pursue Jewish studies full time.

After earning a master's degree in the field, today he is an expert on biblical history and

one of Lehrhaus' most popular teachers.

"Doing and receiving Jewish education is a remarkably rewarding thing," says Cohen, who also serves as president of the school.

"It's passing on not the latest hot computer chip, which will be obsolete next year, but taking the accumulated knowledge of humankind and perpetuating that, passing it on to new generations who will add their own insights and pass it on."

Although Cohen's journey from one career to another isn't typical, his interest in studying Judaism as an adult reflects a dramatic new phenomenon in American Jewish life.

Synagogues have long offered adult education courses, most of them lasting a handful of sessions. Congregants were too busy, it was presumed, to commit to more.

But what's happening now is turning that notion on its head: Non-denominational, independent institutions offering intensive adult Jewish education are

being established across the country and are growing rapidly.

"It's an awakening," said Paul Flexner, director of human resources development and head of adult education at JESNA, the Jewish Education Service of North America, an agency that provides support to professionals in the field.

Thousands of adults, many with children at home and long hours at work, are making time each week to meet in synagogues, Jewish community centers or private facilities to participate in these classes.

Among the programs around the country to which they are flocking:

- The Florence Melton Adult Mini-School program, based at Jerusalem's Hebrew University, is adding seven more American sites to its program in the fall, bringing the total to 34 locations. Each offers a two-year, 120-hour course of study to several groups of students at a time. (The Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island will begin this program in September.)

- Boston's Me'ah program, established four years ago with two classes, will have 20 sections this fall with 450 students committed to two years of study.

Also, for the first time, Me'ah is branching out, taking the program to Cleveland and Stamford, Conn. Other cities have also expressed interest.

- The Lehrhaus program has doubled its student body, to 4,000, in the past few years. Students choose from about 275 course offerings. Some are as short as one-day seminars, but others go on for 12 weeks.

"Beyond the Torah," taught by Cohen, examines biblical writings and history. His student group of roughly 30 people has been meeting for three years.

- The Jewish Community Centers Association is offering a course called "Derech Torah," or "The Way of Torah," in two dozen communities.

- The American Jewish Communities last year started offering a course in 20 locations around the country.

Its class on "The Jews, G-d and Politics" has been going on for four years in Washington, where congressional aides, White House staffers and journalists participate.

- A weekly study group in Los Angeles, sponsored by the Avi Chai Foundation, attracts television writers and movie producers.

- Denominational groups

from the Orthodox Aish HaTorah to the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, based in suburban Philadelphia, are offering similarly intensive courses.

Although programs differ in approach, one thing is consistent, say those involved: The majority of students are in their 30s, 40s and 50s; they are Jewish baby-boomers who are searching for meaning.

For many, formal Jewish education stopped the moment their bar or bat mitzvah party ended, if they had any training at all. Many members of that generation have an acute awareness of how much they don't know.

They are also realizing that they want to pass Judaism on to their children but, stunted by Jewish illiteracy, cannot.

"All of this language about 'continuity' is trickling down a little bit," says Betsy Dolgin Katz, North American director of the Melton program. "People want to do something to see that Judaism continues."

Another common thread among many of those enrolling is interfaith marriage.

The majority of those in the 20-week "Introduction to Judaism" course that Molly Ornati took in her Brooklyn, N.Y., neighborhood (Continued on Page 15)



Waterfire Providence

Don't miss your chance to catch a view of Providence's amazing waterfires. More than 60 bonfires illuminate the waters along the Providence River and are accompanied by rhythmic music. Stroll along the riverbank walkways or paddle a boat along the river to enjoy this unique event. Upcoming waterfire presentations are: Aug. 8 and 22 and Sept. 5 and 19 at Waterplace Park.

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Survivors in United States to Receive Swiss Payments

by Daniel Kurtzman

WASHINGTON (JTA) — While efforts to settle Holocaust-era claims against Switzerland remain at a standstill, some good news has emerged for American Jews awaiting compensation.

Tens of thousands of needy Holocaust survivors in the United States will begin receiving long-awaited payments from a Swiss humanitarian fund later this year, the World Jewish Congress said this week.

Some \$32 million of the \$170 million fund set up last year by Swiss banks is slated to be distributed in the United States.

Applications will be made available beginning Aug. 17, and a toll-free number with more information for applicants will be set up by a processing office run by New York state.

The WJC said that if half of the estimated 120,000 Holocaust survivors in the United States certified are eligible, one-time payments of about \$500 each would be distributed.

"The failure of the Swiss banks and the Swiss government to arrive at a settlement is

why there is this one-time payment of perhaps \$500 instead of perhaps 10 times more," said Elan Steinberg, the WJC's executive director.

Talks between Switzerland's three largest banks and Jewish negotiators broke down last month after the banks said \$600 million was their best offer to settle Holocaust-era claims, and Jewish groups, seeking \$1.5 billion, rejected the offer as "insulting."

Holocaust survivors in Eastern Europe began receiving distributions from the Swiss fund last year, but payments to survivors in the United States have been delayed more than three months while Jewish officials have been waiting for Swiss banks to transfer administrative funds, Steinberg said.

The funds, which will be used to pay for advertising and the toll-free number, are expected to arrive shortly.

Switzerland agreed to return \$58 million to the Allies in the 1946 Washington Accord, despite records which showed Switzerland accepted about five times that amount.

Sen. Alfonse D'Amato (R-N.Y.), who chairs the committee, and others have long threatened to re-open that accord if Swiss banks and the Swiss government did not prove forthcoming in returning stolen assets.

The WJC said it was planning to tell lawmakers that it remains "indifferent" about re-opening the accord; either way, it simply wants Switzerland to provide material restitution.

"It would be preferable if the agreement didn't have to be re-opened," said Steinberg. "But if lawmakers deem it necessary in order to compel Switzerland to make necessary restitution, we have no problem with that either."

The State Department has not taken a position on reopening the accord.

Switzerland was not planning to send a representative to the hearing, saying that the government has already testified before Congress on several occasions and that the country had already taken sufficient steps to address its wartime past.

HAPPENINGS

'Play With Shakespeare'

The Newport Children's Theatre Summer Workshops will present "Play with Shakespeare," an engaging collection of Shakespeare's funniest and best-known scenes, entertainment suitable for the whole family — Mom, Dad, Kids and Grandparents! Performances will be July 31, at 7 p.m. and Aug. 1 and 2 at 4 p.m. in Newport. General admission tickets are \$5, and will be available at the door as well as in advance. For further information or group tickets, contact the NCT at 848-0266.

'Bounty on the Bay Day' Celebrates Year of the Ocean

There will be an ocean of activity at the University of Rhode Island's Narragansett Bay Campus on Aug. 1 for the first-ever Bounty on the Bay Day. Free and open to the public, the event will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and features a host of fun marine-oriented activities ranging from fish printing and seafood cooking demonstrations to ship tours, beach activities, and more.

Some of the day's activities will include:

- **Fish Printing** — visit Kidsbeat tent and try Gyo-taku, the Japanese art of fish printing
- **Book Signings** — meet marine and environmental authors who will sign their latest books
- **Wet Art in Action** — watch more than a dozen prominent marine artists at work and join in a silent auction of their paintings
- **Beach Activities** — enjoy a tidepool touch tank and try saltwater fishing
- **Dock Activities** — view the Continental Sloop "Providence" and URI and EPA coastal research vessels and scientific gear
- **Tours** — tour an ecosystem research laboratory and historic South Ferry
- **Coastal Institute Visitor Center** — attend public lectures, enjoy the Living on the Edge exhibit, and visit the Coastal Institute Bookstore
- **Educational Displays** — learn the latest about our coast and ocean
- **Music and Entertainment** — enjoy music and fun for everyone

Bounty on the Bay Day is hosted by the Friends of Oceanography and the URI office of marine programs at the Graduate School of Oceanography in celebration of "The Year of the Ocean." The United Nations designated 1998 The Year of the Ocean to raise public awareness and understanding of the ocean and related issues. URI's Narragansett Bay Campus is located on South Ferry Road off of Rte. 1A in Narragansett. For more information, call 874-6211.

Calendar: July 30th thru August 9th

- 30 Calvin Coolidge: Examining the Evidence**, conference July 30 and 31, JFK Library, Boston, Mass. Call (617) 929-4571.
- Gardens of the Gilded Age: Newport & Beyond**, Newport Art Museum lecture, 7 to 9 p.m. Call 848-8200.
- 31 21st annual Heritage Days**, 10 a.m. to dusk, Veterans Memorial Park, Narragansett. Call 783-7121
- Picnic in the Park Concerts**, 7 p.m. Jazz music at Waterplace Park, Providence.
- August**
- 1 Save the Bay Swim**, 8 a.m., Naval War College, Newport. Celebrate your right to swim in a clean and healthy bay. Call 272-3540.
- Summer Ice Cream Festival**, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., music, rides, games and ice cream at South County Museum, Narragansett. Call 783-5400.
- Farmers Market**, Hope High School, corner of Doyle and Hope streets, Providence, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., now until the last Saturday in October.
- Art on the Lawn**, Aug. 1 and 2, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., display of works by regional artists, Newport Art Museum. Call 848-8200.
- Rhode Island Lighthouse Tours**, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Aug. 1 to 31, Newport. Take Jamestown/Newport Ferry. Call 847-4242.
- Day of Caring & Sharing**, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at BJ's in South Attleboro. Proceeds will be donated to breast cancer research. Information and activities will be available. Call (508) 651-6857.
- American Cancer Society Annual Ball**, Rosecliff Mansion, Newport. Call 722-8480.
- 2 Fast of Tisha B'Av** — Ninth day of month of Av, memorializes Temple's destruction by Romans.
- Blessing of the Animals**, 2 p.m., Colt State Park, Bristol. Prayers and meditation for museum animals and visitors' pets. Call 253-9062.
- 4 "42nd Street," Theatre-by-the-Sea**, Matunuck, Aug. 4 to 23. Call 782-8587.
- Lunchtime Concert Series**, noon to 2 p.m., Providence Washington Plaza. Call 751-1177.
- 5 Pajama Storyhour series for children 3 to 8 and their families**; 7 p.m. every Wednesday evening at Books on the Square, Providence. 331-9097
- Lafayette Band Summer Concert Series**, 7 p.m. Concert by one of the oldest community bands in the United States (est. 1882), N. Kingstown Free Library. 295-1476.
- 6 Best of Rhode Island Party**. Enjoy tasty dishes from 80 restaurants. Proceeds benefit the March of Dimes campaign for healthier babies, R.I. Convention Center. Call 781-1611.
- Historic South Ferry Walking Tours**, 10 a.m. Orientation of historic Narragansett Bay areas and ferry landing, Coastal Institute Visitor Center. Call 874-6211.
- 7 Moonlight Cruise on Glass Bottom Boat**, Aug. 7 and 8, 7 to 9 p.m., cruise on the "Night Heron" around Pt. Judith Pond, South Kingstown. Call 783-9977.
- Annual Quilt Show**, Aug. 7 to 9, South County Museum, Narragansett. Call 783-5400.
- Riverboat Tour of South County**, Aug. 7 to 10, 10 to 5 p.m., explore hidden lakes on the Blackstone Valley Explorer, South County Tourism. (800) 548-4662.
- 8 Perspectives Havdalah & Waterfire**, 8:45 p.m. Havdalah service then to Providence Waterfire. For more information, call 863-9357.
- R.I. Wild Plant Society**, guided paddle tour of Belleville Pond, observe plant adaptations in the wild. Call for canoe space and reservations. 783-5895.
- 5th annual Block Island Arts Festival**, Aug. 8 and 9, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., artists exhibit and sell their works, entertainment, food and more. Call (800) 383-2474.
- 9 Jewish Interaction Event**. Escape to Newport, visit Touro Synagogue with a professional guide, tour the city and enjoy a sunset dinner organized by Hebrew University, Boston, young adults. R.S.V.P. (617) 457-8666.
- Oaklawn Beach Festival**, 10 a.m., crafts, food and more, Warwick. Call 781-1772.
- Summer Concerts By-The-Bay**, Aug. 9 and 23. Enjoy music at the Blithewold Mansion and Gardens, Bristol. Call 253-2707.

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The Save the Bay and Project Oceanology Shipboard Public Program will take place at the Narragansett Bay, Wickford Shipyard, through Aug. 21. Call Save the Bay at 272-3540 for directions and rates.

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JEWISH COMMUNITY

The Somber Day of Summer

Rhode Island rabbis speak of modern history's impact on an ancient holiday

by Emily Torgan-Shalansky
Jewish Community Reporter

The Babylonians destroyed the first temple in 586 B.C., and in A.D. 70, Roman armies decimated the second one.

In America today, is Tisha B'Av, the solemn holiday that marks these and other calamities that have befallen the Jewish people, at risk itself as a part of Reform and Conservative Jewish practice?

According to Rabbi Alvan H. Kauner of the Conservative Temple Emanu-El in Providence, factors such as the birth of Israel and the creation of secular Jewish holidays have combined with Tisha B'Av's characteristics to push it to the peripheries of general community awareness.

"A lot of people don't participate, and that's a shame," said Rabbi Kauner. "We have to remember our history of persecution, and Tisha B'Av is a big part of it."

The historically-oriented holiday falls on the ninth of the Hebrew month of Av and is the last day of the Three Weeks, a mourning period between Tammuz and Av that commemorates the tragedies that have befallen the Jewish people.

The mourning customs that are observed during the Three Weeks become more pronounced on the first day of the month of Av, which ushers in a period known as the Nine Days. During the Nine Days, no meat or wine is consumed except at

Shabbat, and many activities associated with joy are prohibited. One of only two fast days in the Jewish calendar, Tisha B'Av is the final and most important of the Nine Days.

On the holiday, somber rites and services pay tribute to the destruction of the first and second temples — both of which were lost on the ninth of Av — and the beginning of the exile that defined life for generations of world Jewry until the creation of the state of Israel in 1948.

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Rabbi Kauner

As exile, or Galut, marked the beginning of the persecutions of Diaspora, Tisha B'Av is also associated with memories of great tragedies that befell the Jews, such as the end of the Bar Kochba rebellion (A.D. 135), and the expulsion of the Jews from England (1290) and Spain (1492).

But while collective memory remains important to most Jewish scholars, the birth of Israel and the 1967 reclamation of Jerusalem have altered both the rituals and concepts associated with Tisha B'Av for many. Still, many Orthodox Jewish scholars, such as Rabbi Eliezer Gibber of the New England Rabbinical College, maintain that Tisha B'Av must always be observed in its entirety.

"Tisha B'Av is of great importance," he said. "It is the day on which we mourn the loss of the Temples and the Torah life that flourished in that era. Although we are very thankful for the existence of the current state, it is not a replacement for what we had in the time of the First and Second Commonwealths. Such full revitalization will come only with the Messiah."

Others, such as Rabbi Kauner, have made efforts to incorporate modern history and ancient tradition.

"It was apparent that after Jerusalem was reunited and again placed Jewish hands, all portions of the holiday lamenting its loss were no longer appropriate," Kauner explained. "For those reasons, like most Conservative congregations, we now fast for half of a day rather than a whole day and recite prayers that recognize Jerusalem's partial renewal and rebuilding."

According to Rabbi Michael Cahana of the Reform Temple Beth-El, Israel and other features of modern Jewish life have rendered the mourning day distant.

"I do not think that it's irrelevant, but the destruction of the Temples is not a theme that is resonating today," Rabbi Cahana explained. "We're not offering anything for Tisha B'Av this year, but I would like to establish a study session to commemorate it from a historical perspective."

According to Rabbi Kauner, the fractured interest in the holiday has been further diluted by the creation of Yom HaShoah, a secular Israeli holiday dedicated to the memory of the Holocaust.



FAST AND FEAST — Jeff Weener, proprietor of the Lower East Side Deli and Market, will offer a large number of vegetarian dishes during the Nine Days. "We want to help people who are keeping the holiday," he said. "We will have foods for those who stop eating meat and for those who do not."

Herald photo by Emily Torgan-Shalansky

"Yom HaShoah has gotten more established, and in some ways, it took away from Tisha B'Av," he said.

Other factors, said Rabbi Kauner, such as its solemn nature and its occurrence in the middle of the summer when families are frequently vacationing, have made it even more remote.

"Still, on Tisha B'Av, we sit on the floor in a darkened, candlelit room and read from the Book of Lamentations, which was already written when Jerusalem was destroyed," he said. "The text is graphic in terms of relating the horrors of war, and the service is a very powerful event."

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Argentine Activists Feud Four Years After Deadly Attack

by Sergio Kiernan

BUENOS AIRES (JTA) — The fourth anniversary of the bombing of a central Jewish community building is being marked by a divided Argentine Jewish community.

As evidence of the divisions, three separate ceremonies were held here recently to commemorate the July 18, 1994, attack on the Argentine Israelite Mutual Aid Association, or AMIA, which left 86 dead and close to 300 wounded.

The AMIA attack was the second major attack against a Jewish target in Buenos Aires this decade. The first, against the Israeli Embassy in 1992, claimed 29 victims and wounded more than 200.

Recently, the Argentine Jewish umbrella organization DAIA sponsored a commemoration, without the participation of the grass-roots group Memoria Activa, which includes relatives of the bombing victims.

DAIA's president, Ruben Beraja, said he would not

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OPINION

Preparing For Moshiach

by Velvel 'Wally' Spiegler

This world of ours would be a much nicer place to live if we weren't at each other's throats so much. Just consider for a moment a few issues that are currently going on: The Americans are upset with the Israelis, the Orthodox are protesting against the non-Orthodox and the Israelis are at war with the Arabs. That's just for openers. Most of us are in conflict with ourselves, and many of us are at odds with friends and family members. With a world like this, how will Moshiach ever come?

Everyone has his own opinion of what's right or wrong. It's these sorts of conflict, if left unresolved, that lead to war. War does not have to take place on the battlefield. There are other kids of warfare. The issues that flood the pages of Jewish periodicals report wars between people, between denominations, and between nations. These are wars declared by opposing opinions. Opinions can vary infinitely from one end of the spectrum to the other, and we are compelled to protect our own at all costs. We have our arsenal of weapons; caustic and bitter statements, protests and political power that we use to counter strike. The strange thing is that war never solves problems; it only creates new ones. Take for example the abortion issue and the case of Roe vs. Wade. This was fought politically and through the courts for years until a legal decision was finally handed down. Now we have pro-choice vs. pro-life still battling it out.

Spirituality is the one and only way to achieve lasting peace — personal, interpersonal, communal, national or global peace. Spirituality is the journey inward toward the soul. The Torah is the story of that trip. The journey is from Eden

to Canaan, where we came from and where we're going. It constantly begs the question, "Where are you, right now, now on your journey?" It is the essence of T'shuvah, a Hebrew term which translates as repentance, but really speaks of a turning towards G-d, a turning inward.

When I first began to delve into the spiritual side of Judaism, I was both surprised and delighted to discover that meditation was taught as a means of deepening religious practices. Meditation teaches us to be calm, balanced and serene. It's like seeing the world in a new light or through rose-colored lenses. Meditation is more than sitting still and following your breath; it is a state of mind, a quiet place where we become like a sponge that absorbs Torah, a place where we find acceptance and compassion for the opinions of others.

Conflicts, as history illustrates, have a way of working out for the good; if we just have some patience. The establishment of the State of Israel is one of those modern day miracles that could only have been aroused by the hand of G-d who oversees how conflicts resolve. I find, as I look back over the years, difficulties that arose resolved themselves almost as if the solution happened by chance. Once, many years ago, I got so fed up with my job that, one day, I quit and was simultaneously fired. I thought it would be forever before income rolled in again. I was scared; I started to pray. I soon realized I couldn't pray for income to resume, but I could pray to understand G-d's will — how events emerged from the past and how they will unfold into the future. A month later I was working again. Two months later I was earning more money than I had in my previous job. It's as if I was Abraham and Moses who

were commanded to leave their land, their comfort zone and head out into the nothingness of the wilderness that promised everything based on the world of G-d. It was when I realized I could have been calm throughout the crisis, rather than being at war with myself, that I understood the meaning of the verse from Pirkei Avot (Sayings of the Fathers), "be not like servants who observe their master for the sake of receiving a reward; instead be like servants who serve their master for the sake of not receiving a reward."

I'm still struggling with the enemies of my mind and of my soul, but I'm getting better at it. If we can't be at peace with ourselves, how can we be at peace with the world? What would the world be like if we all learned to solve our problems spiritually? Then, I believe, Moshiach can come.

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'Anastasia,' an Untrue Tale

by Cindy Halpern

While on vacation in Florida, my daughter and I saw "Anastasia," the animated version of the story of how the youngest Romanov princess supposedly survived execution. The film appeared to have all the elements a modern audience would want. It had an all-star cast, including Meg Ryan, Angela Lansbury, Bernadette Peters, and Christopher Lloyd. The plot had a happy ending while popular music filled one's head with happy tunes.

However, one important ingredient was lacking. There wasn't an ounce of truth to it. At the beginning of the movie, Rasputin puts a curse on the Romanov family which is used to explain the terrible fate that befell them. But it is a crime against history for the producers to portray Czar Nicholas as the kindly monarch who is victimized by the evil Rasputin.

In reality, Czar Nicholas II was a tyrant who was responsible for the bloody pogroms waged against the Jews in the Pale. His murderous campaigns

accounted for why millions of Jews sought refuge in America. In addition, he and his family lived in wealth while millions of Russians had to do without the necessities of life. He showed no inclination that he cared about his citizens. The seeds of discontent bred revolution.

Of course, one might say it's just a movie that provides entertainment, but for the vast majority of American audiences who don't read regularly, it becomes their only exposure to the past.

On another sad note, Anastasia didn't survive at all. In more recent years, definite eyewitness accounts place Anastasia with her family at the time of their demise.

Some people would resent me for taking a happy film apart. But I'm rather old-fashioned in thinking that a mass murderer such as Czar Nicholas shouldn't be portrayed as a doomed hero to my 12-year-old daughter and the American audience.

Cindy Halpern
Warwick

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Hear Them Out!

by Lennard R. Thal

As has been noted by many commentators, the book of Deuteronomy, *Devarim*, constitutes a retelling or, perhaps more precisely, a "second telling" of many of the events and much of the teaching encompassed in the 40 years of the ancient Israelites' Exodus experience. That "second telling" takes the form of Moses' valedictory address, a summative reflection and exhortation to those who will be allowed to proceed to the Promised Land.

The book begins with various geographical references (Deuteronomy 1:1-8), followed by Moses' reminding everyone of his method of delegating authority and responsibility and his system of community organizing (Deuteronomy 1:9-15), originally urged upon him by his father-in-law, Jethro (Exodus 18:13-27). Of special interest is the fact that the very first substantive (as opposed to introductory or procedural) matter addressed by Moses concerns fundamental principles of justice: "I further charged your magistrates as follows, Hear out your fellowmen, and decide justly between any man and a fellow Israelite or a stranger. You shall not be partial in judgment: hear out low and high alike. Fear no man, for judgment is G-d's. And any matter that is too difficult for you, you shall bring to me and I

will hear it." (Deuteronomy 1:16-17)

Even more to the point is the sense of urgency in Moses' directive to the magistrates concerning instances when they will be called upon to resolve conflicts and disputes. The text says *shamo'a*, not just "hear," as rendered in the first *Jewish Publication Society* translation and most standard Christian translations, but "hear out," as in the more recent *JPS* version (see *The Torah: A Modern Commentary*, p. 1,318) as in "heed" or, in old English, "hearken to." The disputants, whether two Jews or a Jew and a Gentile, were to be accorded a full, impartial, and just "hearing."

The fundamental concept of impartiality appears repeatedly and emphatically in the Torah

at the injustice of his plight (contrary to the usual cliché, Job was anything but "patient") when he reaches the conclusion of his last speech (as contrasted with the first substantive comment of Moses' valedictory):

O that I had someone to give me a hearing;

O that Shaddai would reply to my writ,

O my accuser draw up a true bill! (Job 31:35)

Even while acknowledging the futility of pressing his case when the would-be defendant is G-d, still — ever mindful of the essential nature of justice — Job plaintively wails that if only there were a magistrate with the authority to try such a case, to hold court, to conduct a hearing, he would be vindicated.

Mental health professionals counsel us to avoid obsession and preoccupation in our daily routines — not a bad suggestion as a general guide for leading our lives. Obsessing over

justice, however, ought to be prized as an "exception to the rule" — an obsession that is firmly grounded in Torah.

For further reading, see Rabbi Gunther Plaut's essay in *The Torah: A Modern Commentary* (New York: UAHC Press, p. 1,322) and Studies in *Devarim* by Nehama Leibowitz (Jerusalem: WZO, pp. 9-15).

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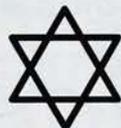
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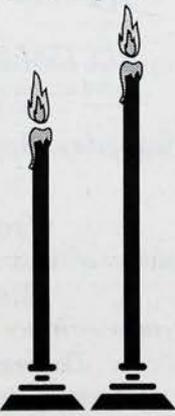
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The Milk of Kindness

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter



What is pareve, kosher, and yet also tref?...The answer is, breast milk. It's kosher no matter who the mother is, the way honey is kosher even though bees are not. But it's tref for non-babies." We were dining glatt shabat in Boca Raton at a lactation convention. "I didn't know that Chele Marmet, who started this profession of consultant on breastfeeding, was Jewish," noted my wife looking across the festive board at her colleagues. My job was to do a little fetching and carrying and to join my weekend travel companion for supper after the day's speeches were done—and to search out Jewish aspects for my readers.

Not all lactation counselors are women. Jonathan Kramer from New Jersey works full-time as an engineer and then part-time encouraging the father of the baby to support the new mother in giving the best neonatal nourishment. "I stood against my wife when she chose natural nutrition, but then I read all the scientific reports and rejoiced that my wife had chosen to give our only son the fast food of her own body. Mother's milk improves the intelligence

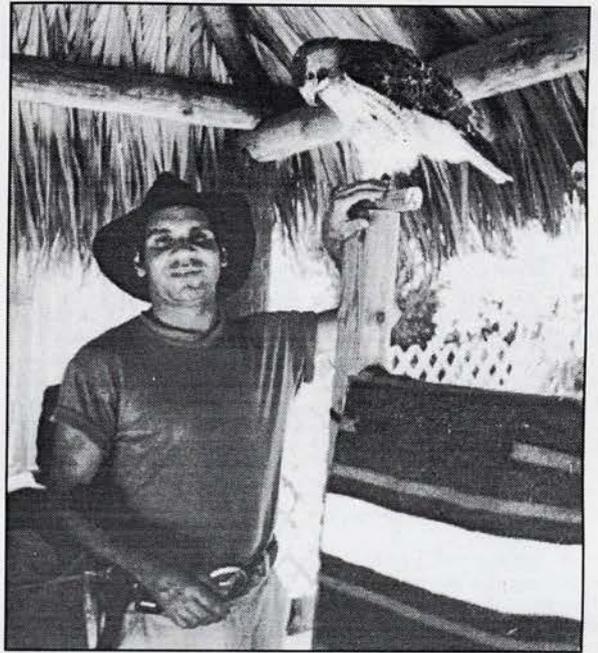
of the infant as well as the most basic physical immunal systems."

Evi Adams, who is an Israeli and whose parents were Hungarian immigrants, showed off handsome color prints of her daughters in army fatigues, strong and straight thanks to mammary magic. I spoke to second generation survivors, midwestern nurses, and moms with twin babes at the bodice at a long table in the incredibly vast and elegant Boca convention center banquet hall—at this chicken or vegetarian Friday eve event in which Orthodox, Conservative and Reform co-religionists got along smooth as the flow after a let-down response. One participant, Ellen Shell, got up for a sort of dvar and told the familiar Chassidic tale of a child who dies as a toddler. "He only came to you as a spirit, to regain its own mother's milk lost in an early orphan incarnation. You can't get to Gan Eden without the joy of breastfeeding."

I had plenty of hours to while away apart from the subject matter of this annual happening on our family calendar. I phoned Rabbi Chaim Shapiro, formerly of our Touro, currently leading a South Florida congregation and

speaking on Sephardic subjects at the Boca JCC. "Signs in the region used to read 'No Dogs or Jews' and now we are just about the fastest growing Jewish community in the nation," he told me with happy pride. "Not simply an elder group of retired folk, but young families as well," he added.

I took a long drive toward the Everglades, in search of birds and lizards. The Army Corps of Engineers had widened the channel to make it easier for fishermen and developers back in the 1950s. The tour boat moves swiftly and noisily as it rushes its load of passengers to the special attraction of a replica Seminole village set on a little island. A "redneck" wrassles a captive alligator and mixes a lecture on the timidity and vulnerability of the creature, all the while showing off his prowess at grabbing the poor beast by the tail and yanking open its jaws for the crowd gaping in moist mid-summer heat. But just across that pen perch a trio of feathered friends, a pair of parrots and a falcon. The "Indian" in charge, dressed in cowboy gear, speaks with a Latin accent. "I am Cuban, Moroccan, Israeli," he confides in me. Yes, I have come across a Jewish son of survivors, refugees, veterans of the war of Independence, the high drama of Hebrew history, wars to destroy and also to revive and redeem the chosen people. With all the losses of relatives in Palestine and in Europe, this Joshua let me snap his portrait as a Seminole holding an eagle of triumph on his wrist.



"A Semitic Seminole?"

Herald photo by Mike Fink

In the barge I sat beside a charming Israeli tourist who looked like my niece, while lively and lovely purple swamp hens, stately cormorants, herons and egrets, as well as alligators, turtles, snakes and fish kept us company like pictures in a children's book, on the short trek to the simple harbor mooring and outpost. We stopped en route back to Boca at a sprawling fruit stand boasting a huge kitsch orange street sculpture with giant blossoms as a stand. Turned out the boss is one Bob Roth, who cut up mangos, grapefruit and oranges for a taste treat welcome. He shows off his father Al's accomplishments in the area. Roth Sr. grinds his carrots to mulch his backyard orchard of oranges. "The beta carotene brings out a cheery color and happy fruit." This widower octogenarian has written a family portrait which combines opinion, memoir, prayers for the welfare of the grandchildren, hopes and notes, and comments of confident pride in Israel, where his entire family goes to help, work, and fight. I came away from the Roth estate with a text, a jar of guava jelly, deeper Jewish insights into the story of the region, and a moving concept of that great Orange on the front asphalt. The orange is a round symbol of peace and power, the sweet product of care and the blessings of light.

The concierge at the front desk of the Spanish castle of Boca Raton came here, like everybody else, from afar, abroad. Razel Robbins, named for her bubbly, arrived to this post from Toronto up in Canada, a smiling and helpful hostess, able to answer any request with grace and speed, and also willing to chat and to give heed. She handed me a book on the background of this most ambitious and grandiose operation, which boasts a mysterious coat of arms. A tower, a bird, a fleur de lys take over portions of the seal with a crown and crossed arrows on top. "Could I wear one, like the servers and staff?" Razel sent me a kind note of godspeed and shalom along with a collar button with that

logo, enclosed within the illustrated envelope.

So I feel like a graduate of a seminar, with a classy noble badge to prove my belonging to the inner club. You may know that a "boca raton" is nothing but a rat's mouth. That describes the shape of the swamp that was, and also suggests the past of piracy and bootleg and the legacy of boom and bust that make up the peculiar personality of this strange town. You walk into a long allée of royal palms, fountains and tiled Iberian cloistered labyrinths of landscaping. Where did these treasures come from? The structure started in 1926 and hints at the grandeur and baronial taste of that decade. It reminded me of my grandparents' love of feudal seats and mosaic marble details, and also of the sepia era of my parents' wedding portrait.

A little flock of caged macaws lives in a group home of gilt cages during the day among the immaculately groomed walkways. At dusk they go into an enclosed hut, from which like spirits their souls speak-beak out poignant hellos? as you stroll past toward the restaurants. Exotic floral designs proudly stand on every table surface. Imagine what a staff from all over our planet comes to Boca to keep this world whirling. I converse at poolside with a French-speaking Algerian Jew from Montpellier in France now a native Raton. The driver of the hotel van, who is also a kosher caterer, settled here from Haifa. A Sabra, he is the son of Holocaust survivors who also lost his only daughter. "But Israel is your home and family no matter where you live or what you do," he says sadly, consoling himself and reassuring me.

I step into the business facility of the hotel to put down these words, while my wife deals with the fleshly reality of breasts and their fluid of life. "There are Jews everywhere," was a common phrase of wonder in the galut, the diaspora. That about sums up my report in mere words here from the rat's mouth.

A Breakfast Basket

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter

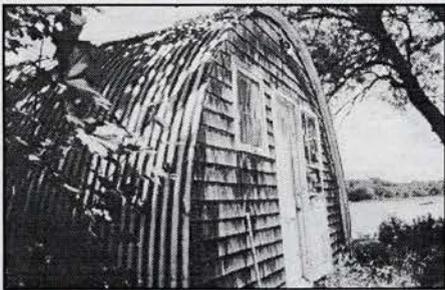
It's a pretty simple summer pastime, just taking my nice bike out of the screened-in shed and pedalling down the road to the breakfast counter. Charlie sits there, his eyes much clearer since the winter's cataract operation. He smiles cordially and shakes my hand. Howard nods amiably—he delivers flowers for every occasion and knows his way around, and what's happening. He also works as janitor at a local museum.

This custodial chore is a post of pride for retirees, to lend a useful and knowledgeable helping hand. I tried out the simple single pancake from the menu, the waffle, a slice of French toast, a jonnycake, one dawn at a time. But I ended settling into a routine of a morning cup of good caffeine pure and pristine.

Some of these guys around me like fellow turtles on a log are big ex-farmers and truckers. Others are or were fishermen or sailors, even a pilot, but they take me into their club of local yokels and old boys. I take a stool beside Dave, who feasts on eggs with meat drenched in ketchup. He lets me wheel flatly over to his cabin, where he has a bicycle pump to bounce up my tires into fine fettle. He even un-

screws a cap from an old wheel on the property to fix the air good and proper and keep it that way.

Now this Dave collects movies in video boxes. We sit on his worn-out sofa and overstuffed chair to watch "Victory at Sea." "The camera looks up admiringly at the troops because it's wartime propaganda, to make heroes out of hicks and attract recruits," he declares. But I take another tack. "They just made movies better then. They



A Quonset hut in Middlebridge

Herald photo by Mike Fink

held ideas and some style, some dignity, some good lines and fancy angles," I offer. Dave and I discuss the survival of a few Quonset huts in the Middlebridge warren. He tells me his family saga. A son-in-law hanged himself in the barn right next door to the room we sit in. "I cut him down myself," he adds. City folk find enigmatic

appeal in country types who keep it simple and yet hide complex instincts.

Early one morn I faced away from Dave to greet George, who told me he was a computer engineer. "But I hate them. They should be easy to turn on and off like your car radio." George is the father of 11 children, each one smarter than the next. "My last born is only 6. He really can sit down and beat me at chess," he brags gently. He brought up the subject of existential philosophy, which had been his undergraduate major and chief interest. I let him know I try to engage my children in discussions of that literary and political creed of yore. He went on. "My daughter got a brochure from Brandeis and threw it away. I took it right out of the wastebasket and studied it. Brandeis had turned down the Ivy League, because the fancy colleges had used a quota against Jews. Their courage really impressed me. I told her so. She took another look, applied, got in, graduated and, we love that place."

You never know what you'll find in Middlebridge. I roll out my two-wheeler for the first adventure of the day ahead and never know quite what I'll bring home in my basket by way of a story to tell or to write.

JEWISH COMMUNITY

Regrets, We've All Had a Few...

By Cary Eichenbaum
With the passing of "Ol' Blue Eyes," Frank Sinatra, a few weeks back, an era of Americana ended. In one of his most famous songs, "New York, New York," the lyrics — "Regrets, I've had a few..." came back to me as I recently chatted with another legend in his own right, Harold Coleman, of Providence.

Harold Coleman helps us with the minyan at the Chabad House on Hope Street, my home away from home, most every Sunday. It was after a recent morning prayer, that I had a chance to catch up with Coleman and discover that oldies are definitely goodies.

At 86 years old, Coleman is unfortunately, slowed by aging. His eyesight is dimmed, his walk impeded and he has to produce a card from his wallet to remember the place in which he lives. Yet Coleman still has a gleam in his eye, that twinkle in his smile and can still captivate any audience he chooses to hold court with, whether it be a 3-year-old boy for whom he spins a dreidel; a 5-year-old girl to whom he graciously presents a toy ring; this 32-year-old scribe; or a rabbi who has seen it all in his lifetime and has 13 children of his own.

Coleman was born in Providence in 1912, the middle child of five to a Russian immigrant and his second wife. His father also had five kids with his first wife in the old country. When his father's first wife died, the elder Coleman immigrated to Ellis Island with his children and moved into a house in Providence's North End.

Living in that house was a young single woman, Mrs. Chorney, Coleman remembered. He also later recalled people talking about Chorney, who would go on to become his mother, "What kind of business is this, living in the same house a man?" So the two got married,

and had five children of their own, four boys and a girl.

"First came my oldest brother, Joseph Cohen, in 1908 — he's gone now, Coleman strained to remember. "Then my sister Jean Cohen came along in 1910 — she's also gone. Then came me, and after that, my brother Albert in 1914 — he was the best of them all," Coleman's voice trailed off as his eyes glanced downward. "And finally my brother Jacob a few years later. They're all gone now, except me. We had a very close-knit family who was always there for each other.

"My father, Abraham Cohen, was a chazan at the old Orms Street shul. I sang with him when I was 7, and two of my three brothers also sang in the choir. We were a singing family," Coleman added.

If you're confused about the differences in last names in this story (Coleman and Cohen), that is where "regrets" enters into play. Coleman, who was born with the last name Cohen, had a brother Joseph who owned a small radio store — Empire Radio — which opened in 1931 and was in business during World War II. Harold then opened a dry cleaning store in 1933 — "so the two of us had small businesses running at the same time."

One day during the height of the Second World War, a German man entered the store to have some pants pressed. He saw Cohen's name on the sign, and asked him:

"You're Jewish, aren't you?" To which Harold responded: "Yes, I am."

The German man said then: "I'm not going to give my business to any Jews," and then walked out of the store.

Harold felt threatened and worried. "It wasn't safe for Jews, even in this country, back then." Harold went on to say: "You know, there were a lot of Nazis in America back then, and, you

never know, if the Nazis had been successful in Europe, they might have come looking for you next. And I figured I would lose my business if things continued like this."

Therefore, a lawyer was brought in, and Harold's last name was changed from Cohen to Coleman. Suddenly, a Jew who had been born to the highest classification in his religion was now to be regarded, except by those close to him, as a non-Jew.

Fifty-seven years later, asked if he regrets it:

"Yeah, looking back at it now, I do, but back then, it wasn't the proudest of things to be a Jew — it certainly wasn't as great as it is now, and you really had to hide your Jewishness — but I guess I do regret it."

Coleman endured other hardships in his life, as well. His wife, who passed away in 1996, had two miscarriages and then delivered a baby who lived three weeks. Finally, in 1941, a daughter, Arlene, was born. "That was the biggest blessing of my life, to be sure," Harold said. Coleman currently has two grandchildren — a granddaughter, 27, who graduated from Syracuse University and married a New Yorker, and a grandson, 30, who graduated from Boston University.

Mr. Coleman, I believe that a Jew who was born a Cohen remains that way until his dying day, and by your sharing your story, you will have given hope to hundreds of future generations of Jews. They will say — "Never again will the members of our religion be abused to the point of having to change their names or hiding their Jewish identity to evade persecution."

When Coleman comes to shul, he reaffirms his Yiddishkeit and gives inspiration to thousands of future Rhode Island Jews who will read his story.

Mr. Cohen (hopefully, now that name will return for you permanently), you are a true legend in your own time, a fascinating man and a tribute to those in your era and those who came before you. I wish you long life, happiness, health, joy, blessing and nachas for your many, G-d willing, long days on earth.

(Cohen is currently the only Jewish resident of the Tockwotten House on Fox Point. The author of this article strongly encourages those who want to share in the mitzvah of *bikur cholim* — visiting the sick — to spend time with this outstanding individual.)

Cary Eichenbaum
Providence

Israel Program For Active Seniors Combines Travel, Learning, Mitzvot

For healthy and active seniors who want to live in Israel for several weeks making a difference in the country, expanding their knowledge through lectures and classes, and sight-seeing, B'nai B'rith offers a unique opportunity. B'nai B'rith's Active Retirees in Israel (ARI) program, for those over 50, has brought hundreds of volunteers to Israel over the last 15 years; many of whom have participated in the program for 10 or more years.

Participants stay in the restful seaside resort town of Netanya for four to eight weeks of community service, travel and Hebrew study. Mornings are spent volunteering in schools, hospitals or municipal garden centers. Afternoons and evenings include optional Hebrew classes, extensive touring, lectures and cultural events. One day each week is spent touring such places as Jerusalem, the Galilee and archeological digs.

Lotte Reinhold and her husband Morris have made many friends over the years through ARI. "It beats Florida anytime," said Reinhold, who looks forward to the camaraderie and her volunteer work in Netanya's gardens. "It's the best experi-

ence that anyone retired can have."

For many people, the appeal of the program lies in personal connections. Many close bonds and at least five marriages have resulted from the program. "Every year around Labor Day we have a reunion in the Catskills," notes 13-timer Julius Levine.

Participant Estelle Goldberg, describes ARI as "well-rounded and multi-faceted. We treasure each day we are privileged to be in Israel and the ARI program makes it happen in a way that cannot be replicated."

The next ARI programs are: Fall program: Oct. 18 to Nov. 15, \$3,400*. Winter program: Jan. 20 to March 17, 1999/\$4,275*. Spring program: April 11 to May 9/\$3,450*.

*The price, based on double occupancy room at the kosher Hotel Galil, includes round-trip airfare from New York, meals, tax, gratuities, tours, and more. Single rooms are available at an additional cost.

For more information, call toll-free (800) 500-6533, or write to: B'nai B'rith Center for Jewish Identity, 1640 Rhode Island Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036 or e-mail <CJI@bnaibrith.org>.

Cranston Senior Guild Schedule

The Cranston Senior Guild will hold its first meeting of the new season on Sept. 2.

President Judah Rosen will call the meeting to order at 1 p.m.

After the meeting the Senior Guild will present "Two to Perform." Liz Berger and Judy Alpert will perform show tunes and Israeli songs in honor of the 50th anniversary of the State of Israel.

Berger, a graduate of the Boston Conservatory and a recently retired music teacher, continues as an accompanist for musical productions.

Alpert has sung in numerous musical productions at Barker Playhouse and Jewish Theatre Ensemble.

The Cranston Senior Guild will also present the following

programs during August and September:

Aug. 5 — "Bull Run," with lunch and the music of Patsy Cline.

Aug. 23 — "The Godfathers Surprise 50th," menu includes hot hors d'oeuvres, Caesar salad, breast of chicken, with potato and vegetable, dessert and coffee. A show will follow. Call Rosen at 942-0985 for reservations. Price is \$50.

Sept. 2 — Regular meeting at Temple Torat Yisrael.

The presentation of Elvis Presley was canceled by the Conway Bus Tours as Elvis decided to return to the land of Limbo.

Looking ahead, the newsletter will be coming out in late September and will inform you all as to what is being planned for this winter.

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The program's theme will be Holiness of Jerusalem and the Temple.

Call 273-7238 for more information.



JUDY ALPERT AND LIZ BERGER will perform Israeli songs at the next Cranston Senior Guild Meeting.

JEWISH COMMUNITY

JCC Maccabi Games Teen Athletes Celebrate Israel's 50th

The 16th annual Jewish Community Centers Maccabi Games, the largest athletic program for Jewish teen-agers in the world, will celebrate Israel's 50th anniversary during its weeklong Olympic-style competition. Thousands of host families and community volunteers will welcome 4,000 Jewish teens and 1,000 coaches from 100 Jewish communities in North America and abroad who are participating in the games. The games will take place in Charlotte, N.C., from Aug. 9 through 14 and in Detroit, Mich., from Aug. 16 through 23.

Nearly 1,000 athletes will compete in the JCC Maccabi Games in Charlotte, with Charlotte being the smallest community to host the games to date. More than 3,000 athletes will compete in the JCC Maccabi Games in Detroit, the largest games ever, where 20,000 people are expected to attend.

The teams in Charlotte will celebrate Israel's 50th anniversary with an audiovisual presentation and musical performance recounting the development of the State of Israel. The JCC Maccabi athletes will participate in the show with Israeli flags, streamers, and flashlights. The games will close with a birthday celebration for Israel.

The JCC of Metropolitan Detroit's opening ceremonies will celebrate Israel's 50th anniversary with an audiovisual production and performance of the JCC's "Israel's Story," with the Maccabi choir, band and 100 dancers. "Israel's Story" depicts the development of the State of Israel from 1948 to 1998 through song, dance, and narration between a father and child. The JCC will bring the sights and sounds of Israel to the athletes through their Israeli Night Party, which will include a visit to a *shuk* (market), Israeli cafe on Ben Yehuda Street, Bedouin tent, dancing at a Tel Aviv disco, Is-

rael Defense Forces Training Course, and much more. Closing ceremonies will include a special birthday tribute to the State of Israel, complete with a cake and candlelighting by the Israeli delegation. Children will write happy birthday notes on a Western Wall mural and present it to the Israel delegation at the closing ceremonies.

"The games represent an opportunity for us to enhance our teen-agers' knowledge and interest of Israel. We believe it is important because of Israel's place as a focal point in Judaism and Jewish life," said Stephen R. Reiner, Continental Games chair of the JCC Maccabi Games.

Partnership 2000 is a program that creates partnerships between communities in America and Israel through American Jewish Federations and municipalities in Israel. Through the "Sister City Program" in which Partnership 2000 cities participate, 11 American communities will host 30 Israeli teen athletes who will represent local American teams in the games. This initiative will enable Israeli and American teens to learn from each other and bridge the gap between them.

The games will kick off with festive opening ceremonies at each location that include the Parade of Athletes, performances by famous bands and dancers. Competitive events such as baseball, basketball, gymnastics, soccer, and tennis are scheduled as well as social and cultural activities. Teen participants experience a sense of camaraderie as they trade pins and uniforms from their Jewish Community Centers. They also gain community spirit by being housed with Jewish families in each city.

Mystery Solved!

"Can You Help Us?" in the July 16 issue of the *Rhode Island Jewish Herald* featured a young man whose identity was unknown to the R.I. Jewish Historical Association. But that was certainly not the case to the many individuals who telephoned us with his name. Frank W. Barad, the husband of Pearl (Koplan) Barad was a Coast Guard veteran of World War II. He had practiced law in Providence for a few years and then became associated with Bo Bernstein & Co., a Rhode Island advertising agency. He died in December of 1992.

Our thanks to all who took the time to contact us in answer to our request.

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JCC Maccabi Games enrich Jewish identity and develop democratic values and leadership skills in Jewish youth. The Jewish values of community service, *tzedekah* (charity), and *tikun olam* (repairing the world) by helping others less fortunate then oneself will be emphasized this year through a "Day of Caring: Day of Sharing" in Charlotte. In this program, the athletes will participate in projects designed to help the community, including cleaning parks, visiting the elderly, and serving meals to the homeless.

The 1998 JCCRI team will be competing in basketball, tennis, swimming, track and field. In addition to several of last year's regional medal winners, the JCCRI will close by sending their first-ever girls' basketball team, which includes two youngsters from neighboring Massachusetts whose own JCCs don't have a team. After many months of practice, the team is ready to go.

If you would like to assist in supporting the JCCRI '98 team, contact the new director of health and physical education, Cory Diamond, at 861-8800.

The JCCRI Maccabi '98 teams are as follows: Girls Basketball (13 to 16) — Jodi Finkelman, Stacey Formal, Amanda Witman, Sydney Linder, Jessica Rosenblatt, Shimrit Paley, Lauren Friedman and Stephanie Seltzer.

Girls Swimming — Jamie Finkelman, Marcy Gabrilowitz, Madeline Kitzes and Elana Riffle.

Boys Tennis — Grant Brown, Scott Robin and Ami Ziff

Girls Track (15 to 16) — Marilyn and Rosie Woodford.

Cantors Assembly Inducts 25 New Members at 50th Anniversary Convention

A total of 25 hazzanim, including six invested this year by the H.L. Miller Cantorial School of the Jewish Theological Seminary and the School of Sacred Music at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, were inducted as new member of the Cantors Assembly — the world's largest body of hazzanim. The ceremony took place at the assembly's jubilee convention in New York last month. The newly installed cantor from Rhode Island was Hazzan Robert S. Liberman of Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston.

Delegates to the annual gathering of the 450-member Cantors Assembly — a professional arm of Conservative Judaism — were told to expect changes in their profession unimagined a decade or two ago. In discussion on the future of their calling, it was noted that, in addition to their primary roles as prayer leaders, full-time cantors will also serve as religious teach-

ers and pastoral counselors and assume other responsibilities within their congregations. Workshops and forums focused on the increasing number of women in the cantorate and the evolution of synagogue music itself to reflect contemporary trends in taste and expectations among congregants.

Besides observing its own 50th birthday, the assembly paid tribute to Israel's 50th anniversary with an outdoor salute in Central Park, attended by 5,000 persons and featuring a host of American and Israeli entertainers and other celebrities.

Other convention highlights included a series of concerts by Cantors Assembly members, including a historic performance by 22 hazzanim in Carnegie Hall — a first for the renowned institution. Concerts were also held in Congregation Emanu-El, the world's largest house of Jewish worship, and Ellis Island, gateway to freedom and democracy for millions of immigrants.

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Touro Scholar Discusses Early Colonial World

On Aug. 13 at 8 p.m. the current Touro scholar, Jonathan Schursch, will present a discussion on Judaism, Blacks & Christianity in the Early Colonial World at Touro Synagogue.

Schursch is currently the Touro National Heritage Research Fellow at the John Carter Brown Library in Providence. Look for next week's *Rhode Island Jewish Herald* for full details about the program.

Touro Fraternal Goes Golfing

On Aug. 17, Touro Fraternal Association will tee off at Quidnessett Country Club. Enjoy a continental breakfast and 18 holes and more.

Call for reservations, 785-0066.

JEWISH COMMUNITY

The Rhode Island Jewish Herald presents the second level of the 'Jewish IQ' quiz from the American Jewish Committee. This quiz will also contain 11 sections and deal with various aspects of Jewish life. The answers to this week's quiz appear on the feature page.

Zol zein mit glik!

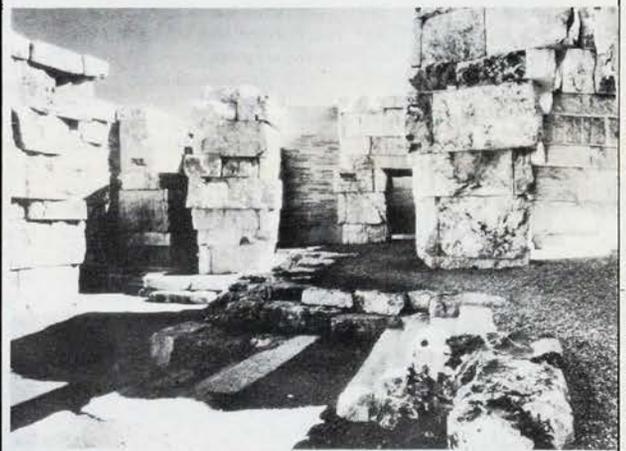
THE THIRD JEWISH KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

What's your JEWISH IQ?

PART I

Famous Names and Places from the Bible

- The only recorded daughter of Jacob:
 - Rachel
 - Miriam
 - Dinah
 - Ruth
- First son of Saul, the first king of Israel; loyal friend of David:
 - Jonathan
 - Nathan
 - Avner
 - Zechariah
- Prophet and miracle-worker, who will be the harbinger of the Messiah:
 - Isaiah
 - Elisha
 - Elijah
 - Ezekiel
- Born a Moabite, became a Jew and was the greatgrandmother of King David:
 - Rebekkah
 - Deborah
 - Lillith
 - Ruth
- Southern city; center of patriarchal narratives; name means "well of the oath":
 - Sede Boqer
 - Etzion Gever
 - Sodom
 - Beer Sheva
- Youngest of the twelve sons of Jacob:
 - Joseph
 - Simeon
 - Benjamin
 - Ephraim
- Place of the tragic last stand of the Jews in their revolt against Rome:
 - Qumran
 - Jerusalem
 - Masada
 - Hebron
- Father-in-law of Moses, helped Moses organize the judiciary: in the desert period
 - Laban
 - Menassah
 - Jethro
 - Jeremiah
- Lost his birthright and blessing to his younger brother Jacob:
 - Zebulun
 - Lot
 - Esau
 - Elimelech



PART II

Important Dates

Match the year with the event. (Note: In matching, there may be more answers than questions)

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| 10. 1516-1918 | ___ | a. Balfour Declaration gives Jews right to a national home in Palestine |
| 11. 1806 | ___ | b. Pogrom in Kishinev |
| 12. 1917 | ___ | c. Arab riots in Hebron leave 60 Jewish civilians dead |
| 13. 1903 | ___ | d. First ghetto established in Italy |
| 14. 1897 | ___ | e. British Mandate in Palestine |
| 15. 1929 | ___ | f. Ottoman (Turkish) rule over Palestine |
| 16. 1935 | ___ | g. Warsaw Ghetto uprising |
| 17. 1922-1948 | ___ | h. Mordecai Noah establishes Jewish "State" of Ararat on Grand Island near Niagara Falls |
| 18. 1825 | ___ | i. Thousands of Ethiopian Jews airlifted to Israel in Operation Moses |
| 19. 1984 | ___ | j. First Zionist Congress convened in Basel, Switzerland |
| 20. 1943 | ___ | k. Nuremberg Laws make Jews second-class citizens in Nazi Germany |
| | | l. Napoleon convenes Grand Sanhedrin, which declares that Jews are a religious, not a national community |

JEWISH COMMUNITY

THE THIRD JEWISH KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

PART III Accomplished Jewish Women

Match the appropriate description with the names.

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|-------------------------|---|--|
| 21. Henrietta Szold | — | a) First Jewish woman named president of an Ivy League university |
| 22. Hanna Senesh | — | b) One of the founders of the American feminist movement, author of <i>The Feminine Mystique</i> |
| 23. Lillian Wald | — | c) Hebrew University teacher of traditional Bible commentary, recognized as one of the finest contemporary teachers of the subject |
| 24. Simone Veil | — | d) Eminent scientist, winner of the 1977 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine |
| 25. Betty Friedan | — | e) First Jewish woman to be appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court |
| 26. Ruth Bader Ginsburg | — | f) Founded the Henry Street Settlement House for Jewish immigrants on the Lower East Side |
| 27. Rosalyn Yalow | — | g) Born in Russia, spent her formative years in Milwaukee, went on to become prime minister of Israel |
| 28. Judith Rodin | — | h) First Jewish woman to win the Miss America contest |
| 29. Golda Meir | — | i) Survivor of Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen, served as a minister in postwar French governments and in the European Parliament |
| 30. Bess Meyerson | — | j) Young Palestinian poet born in Hungary who was executed by the Nazis while attempting to rescue European Jews |
| | | k) Founder of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization |



The Olympic Club

This photograph, taken in about 1938 in front of the old Jewish Community Center on Benefit Street, pictures some of the members of the Olympic Club. Pictured are (from left, front row to back): Pat Novograd, Irving Levine, Louis Yosinoff, Leonard "Horsie" Chernack, Al Roffer, Sam Hochman, Nate Schwartz, "Yonk" Rotenberg, Jack Jacobson, Sanford Chorney, Sam Kolodney, Shep Shapiro, Hashell Frank and Jack Rabinowitz.

Photo submitted by Leonard Chernack

PART IV Jews in Sports

Match the appropriate description with the names.

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| 31. Hank Greenberg | — | a) Winner of nine Olympic gold medals in swimming, considered the greatest swimmer in the history of the sport |
| 32. Mark Spitz | — | b) Outstanding player for the University of Connecticut basketball team. First Israeli to be selected in the NBA draft, in 1996 |
| 33. Dolph Schayes | — | c) Famous coach of the Boston Celtics, brought the first black player into the NBA; member of the Basketball Hall of Fame |
| 34. Gretel Bergmann | — | d) Member of the Basketball Hall of Fame; voted to all-NBA team twelve times; head coach of 1977 U.S. Maccabiah basketball team |
| 35. Sandy Koufax | — | e) Champion high jumper who was dropped from the 1936 German Olympic team because of official anti-Semitism |
| 36. Doron Sheffer | — | f) First Israeli ever to win an Olympic medal— a silver medal in judo at the 1992 Games |
| 37. Red Auerbach | — | g) Considered one of the best left-handed pitchers of all times; member of the Baseball Hall of Fame; never pitched on the High Holy Days |
| 38. Yael Arad | — | h) Member of the Baseball Hall of Fame; hit 58 home runs in 1938; American League's most valuable player in 1935; did not play on Yom Kippur in pennant race of 1934 |



FEATURE

Fine Art Advances Dialogue for Peace

"The Wall," by Curtis Hooper, was inspired to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of The State of Israel. Recent developments have resulted in an impact with far-reaching ramifications.

In June 1998, the artist and the publisher, Sutton Graphics Inc. of Toronto, Canada, formed an association with Givat Haviva to further its goals in achieving a meaningful ground-work for peace.

Since 1949 the Givat Haviva Educational Centre in Israel has been a leader in building core values of dialogue, religious pluralism, Jewish-Arab co-existence and democracy. Each year 50,000 people benefit from its programs which meet constantly changing needs that reflect these values.

The artist Hooper is renowned for his portraits of subjects of international stature including Queen Elizabeth II and

Sir Winston Churchill. His works grace many private collections as well as innumerable national galleries and museums around the world.

Hooper first visited Israel some 15 years ago, at which time he created a portrait of Moshe Dayan. This resulted in a limited edition series with each

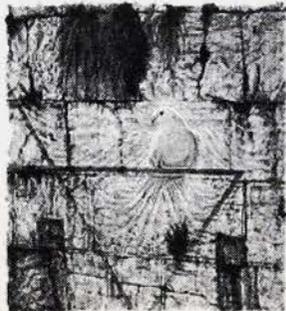
print signed by Moshe Dayan as well as the artist. In the summer of 1997, he returned to research for his commemorative work, one which would be "the story of Israel, its people and the significance of the Western Wall." Completed in January of 1998, "The Wall" reflects the history of Israel and also the hope for peace symbolized by a

devo. "The Wall" and companion piece "Hope" are high quality fine art prints produced using the Giclée process. The suite of two has been issued as a world edition of 950. Each print is handsigned and numbered by the artist as well as embossed with the seals of Givat Haviva



"The Wall"

by Curtis Hooper



"Hope"

by Curtis Hooper

and the atelier. The issue price \$1,500 per suite. "What can I do to help?" is often heard. Art lovers and collectors alike can contribute toward the work of Givat Haviva. A substantial portion of the proceeds (in excess of \$500 for each suite sold) is being donated toward their important work.

For further information or ordering, contact: Givat Haviva Education Foundation, U.S.A., 114 West 26th St., Suite 1001, New York, N.Y. U.S.A. 10001, tel.: (800) 385-3536, fax: (212) 989-9840, e-mail <mail@givatha viva.org>; or Canadian Friends of Givat Haviva, 1111 Finch Ave. West, Suite 456, Downsview, Ontario, Canada M3J 2E5, tel.: (416) 736-9655, fax: (416) 736-1405, e-mail <mail@givat haviva.ca>

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CAJE Hosts Intensive Study Through Beit Midrash

Lilmod u'lelamed, "to learn and to teach," the byword of the coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education, will be put into practice during the 23rd Conference on Alternatives in Jewish Education, to be held from Aug. 9 to 13 at Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, through intensive text learning sessions in a Beit Midrash (house of study). Those who wish to deepen their knowledge of primary Jewish sources will sit together with a study partner to explore a text from a sourcebook dealing with intergenerational issues. The study partners will then engage in a dialogue with others in the room and listen to an explication by an outstanding scholar, who will broaden the issues.

Other programmatic choices will include an open university offering one academic credit for extended study; keynotes by noted scholars on Sunday afternoon; and intensive learning sessions on such topics as spirituality, family education, classroom management, Torah *ulpan*. The educational offerings include more than 400 workshops ranging from short, hands-on "make and take" sessions to six- to nine-hour intensives. The topics cover the gamut of pedagogic, Judaic studies and communal issues and have such intriguing titles as "Sense-Sational Hebrew: Hebrew Through the Senses," "How to Make the Days of Awe

Awesome for Children," and "Who Did Cain Marry and Other Befuddling Bible Problems."

In honor of Israel's jubilee year, there will be a number of sessions dealing with Israel, Zionism and Israel-Diaspora relations, in addition to a retrospective exhibit of 50 photographs showing Israel then and now. Also planned is a several-day *Mifgash*, an encounter between Israeli and American Jewish educators to dialogue on mutual issues.

The evening programs will feature singers such as Debbie Friedman, Doug Cotler, and Kol B'Seder and new faces such as Neshama Carlebach. Terrific storytellers, comics and dancers will add to the showcase of talent. To make the evening programs even better than in the past, there will be session musicians to back up the individual performers, and the closing night will feature a huge song session with lyrics projected behind the singers, to facilitate the sing-along.

The computer center will be hooked up to the Internet and will demonstrate the latest Judaica software. The media center will highlight the latest Jewish film titles, with a special emphasis on the films of the Jewish South. The Teacher Resource Center will display hundreds of teaching ideas, offer short, hands-on workshops, and

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Producer of 'Zorro' Shares Swordsman's Jewish Roots

by Joshua Schuster
Jewish Bulletin of Northern California
SAN FRANCISCO (JTA) — Was the legendary Zorro Jewish?

Was he a swashbuckler in Spanish California by day and a reader of Zohar by night?

While much of the lore about the masked swordsman is swathed in mystery, Zorro has an indisputable local Jewish connection.

Just ask John Gertz, president of Berkeley's Zorro Productions, which co-produced "The Mask of Zorro," starring Antonio Banderas and Anthony Hopkins.

"It's quite obvious Zorro is very Jewish," said Gertz, who is also president of the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center.

"His family has escaped to the far reaches of the Spanish empire in California. He is interested in matters of justice. He has a hidden identity. He is clearly a Marrano."

The black-garbed swordsman has been intriguing filmgoers for several generations. He made his debut in a silent film in 1920. In 1957, Disney revived the character in a popular TV series that spawned Zorro accessories and a song by the Chordettes.

Zorro Productions, which

owns all copyrights to Zorro, was launched in the late '60s. Before "The Mask of Zorro," the character most recently reappeared in movies in the 1982 spoof, "Zorro, the Gay Blade."

Gertz developed the concept for the new Zorro movie in the Berkeley office. "My twin sister wrote the first script. We then came up with a list of the 19 most important Hollywood executives. We set up an auction for the script and 18 scripts were picked up," Gertz said.

It turns out the one person who did not pick up the script then was Steven Spielberg. But once he found out about the movie, he decided to fund it.

When Spielberg was growing up, "he loved Zorro," said Gertz. "Those old Zorro movies taught him how to film cliffhangers, and some of the Indiana Jones stunts are from those Zorro movies."

The production of the movie began in 1991 and originally had cast the late Raoul Julia and Andy Garcia in the lead roles. Gertz' team continued to work on the "high-end creative side," making changes on plot and story structure, and coordinating merchandising around the movie.

One of the related products is *Zorro Unmasked: The Official History*, a book by Curtis' wife, Sandy, who is creative director of Zorro Productions.

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Chabad's Children of Chernobyl Breaks 1600 Mark

Twenty-five children from the contaminated regions of northern Ukraine recently arrived in Israel this month and brought the total number of children evacuated by the Chabad Children of Chernobyl program to 1,619.

The 36th flight was nicknamed "Double Chai," referring to the numerical value of the Hebrew letters that comprise Chai, which means "Life," and equals the number 18.

"This is another milestone for Chabad's Children of Chernobyl," said Yossie Raichik, director of the program. "We are well on our way to our 2,000th child, a hope that has now become a foreseeable reality."

The flight carried a 7 1/2-year-old boy who was tragically orphaned only two weeks ago when his mother passed away from cancer. Approximately 8 percent of the children brought to Israel by Chabad are orphans.

"I was able to meet with the mother in the hospital before she passed away," said Rabbi Yosef Aronov, the chairman of Tzeirei Chabad in Israel who accompanies each of the Chabad Children of Chernobyl flights from Ukraine and Belarus. "She knew her end was near, though her son did not. She pleaded with us to take her boy. Though she was very weak, she managed to fi-

nalize all the arrangements that would assure his departure from Ukraine to Israel."

Rabbi Aronov explained that once a child is an orphan, it is very difficult to gain governmental permission to leave Ukraine.

Once in Israel, the children will live on specially created

Chabad Children of Chernobyl campuses in Kfar Chabad and receive daily medical care. In addition, CCOC sends regular shipments of medicines and supplies to hospitals and orphanages in the contaminated regions of Belarus and Ukraine for the benefit and welfare of the total population.



TWENTY-FIVE CHILDREN recently arrived in Israel on Chabad Children of Chernobyl's 36th flight, bringing the total number of Jewish children evacuated to 1,619. All of the children on this flight came from contaminated regions of northern Ukraine that have seen dramatic increases in thyroid cancer and other diseases since the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear disaster. The children will live and go to school in Kfar Chabad and receive medical treatment at on-site clinics and Israeli hospitals.

Anti-Semitic Canards Alive as Russia Buries Final Czar

by Lev Krichevsky

MOSCOW (JTA) — The burial of Russia's last imperial family — intended to be a moment of national reconciliation — instead has fueled a national controversy that included some familiar anti-Jewish canards.

President Boris Yeltsin made a surprise, last-minute decision to attend the burial of the remains of Czar Nicholas II, who along with his wife Alexandra, their children and servants, was secretly shot by a Bolshevik firing squad in the summer of 1918.

But the Russian Orthodox Church, which does not acknowledge the veracity of DNA tests which established that remains found seven years ago in the city of Yekaterinburg are indeed those of Nicholas and his family, boycotted the event.

Shortly after the fate of the family became known, a rumor spread that Jews were responsible for the death of the czar. Supporters of the conspiracy theory rely on the fact that many of the early Bolsheviks were of Jewish origin — including the head of the firing squad that

shot the royal family.

The burial rekindled these theories once again.

"Regardless of the fuss made by the government and the Jew Nemtsov, for Orthodox people the funeral will virtually not exist," said Alexander Rakov, editor of a Russian Orthodox newspaper in St. Petersburg, in an interview on the eve of the ceremony.

Rakov was referring to Boris Nemtsov, the Russian deputy prime minister who headed a government commission that used historical and forensic arguments to dispel the versions of the deaths that holds Jews responsible.

A placard at a hardline monarchist and Christian rally held two days before the remains were buried read "Satanic Regime — Satanic Rituals," a thinly veiled attack on an imagined Jewish plot against the czar and church.

And in a recent interview, Sergei Khazanov-Pashkovsky, an activist with St. Petersburg's leading monarchist group, the Russian Imperial Union-Order,

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What's Your Jewish I.Q.?

Level 3 (The Answers)

Here are the answers to the quiz, "What's Your Jewish I.Q.?" Level 3, prepared by the American Jewish Committee. We hope you enjoyed it and learned something from it and we welcome your comments. Address your comments or requests for copies of the quiz (level 1, 2, or 3) to: The American Jewish Committee, Dept. JCAD, 165 E. 56th St., New York, N.Y. 10022.

Part I Famous Names and Places From the Bible

- (c) The only recorded daughters of Jacob was Dinah.
- (a) Jonathan was the first son of King Saul. His friendship with David is legendary.
- (c) Elijah (Eliyahu haNavi) is the prophet who, according to Jewish tradition, will herald the coming of the Messiah.
- (d) Ruth was born a Moabite, became a Jew and was the great-grandmother of King David.
- (d) The southern city in Israel that is the center of the patriarchal narratives is Beer Sheva. Today it is the capital of the Negev region.
- (c) Benjamin was the youngest of Jacob's 12 sons.
- (c) The last stand of the Jews in the revolt against Rome in the year 70 CE took place at the fortress of Masada near the Dead Sea.
- (c) Jethro was the father of Moses' wife Ziporah.
- (c) Esau lost his birthright and blessing to his younger brother Jacob.

Part II Important Dates

- (f) The Ottoman Empire ruled Palestine from 1516 to 1918.
- (l) In 1806 Napoleon convened the Grand Sanhedrin,

which declared that Jews are a religious, not a national, community.

12. (a) In 1971 the Balfour Declaration, recognizing the right of the Jewish people to a national home in Palestine, was issued by Great Britain.

13. (b) In 1903, Jews were attacked and murdered in Kishinev, Ukraine.

14. (j) The first Zionist congress was convened in Basel, Switzerland in 1897.

15. (c) Arab rioting in Hebron in 1929 left 60 Jewish men, women and children dead.

16. (k) In 1935, the Nazis issued the infamous Nuremberg laws, which officially relegated Jews to second-class citizenship in Germany.

17. (e) Great Britain controlled Palestine from 1923 to 1948 under a mandate from the League of Nations.

18. (h) Mordecai Noah established a Jewish colony, on Grand Island, N.Y., in 1825.

19. (i) Thousands of Ethiopian Jews were air-lifted to Israel in one weekend in 1984. It was known as Operation Moses.

20. (g) The Warsaw Ghetto uprising, in which a handful of poorly armed Jews held off a Nazi division for three days, took place in 1943.

The first ghetto was established in Italy in 1516 under papal pressure. Other ghettos in Italy, with dates of establishment: Rome (1555), Florence (1571), Mantua (1612), Ferrara (1624).

Part III Accomplished Jewish Women

- (k) Henrietta Szold was the founder of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization.
- (j) Hanna Senesh, a young

Jewish Palestinian woman, parachuted into Hungary to aid in the rescue of European Jews. She was captured and executed by the Nazis.

23. (f) Lillian Wald founded the Henry Street Settlement House for Jewish immigrants on the Lower East Side.

24. (i) Simone Weil, a survivor of Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen, was minister of health and social security in French governments during the 1970s.

25. (b) Betty Friedan was one of the founders and leaders of feminism in the United States. She wrote *The Feminine Mystique*.

26. (e) Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg was the first Jewish woman to be appointed to the Supreme Court of the United States.

27. (d) Dr. Rosalyn Yalow won the 1977 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine.

28. (a) Dr. Judith Rodin, president of the University of Pennsylvania, is the first Jewish woman to lead an Ivy League university.

29. (g) Golda Meir was born in Russia, spent her formative years in Milwaukee, was a leader of the labor movement in Israel and went on to become prime minister of Israel.

30. (h) Bess Meyerson was the first (and only) Jewish woman to win the Miss America contest.

Extra answer: Nechama Leibovitz is considered one of the finest contemporary teachers of traditional Bible commentary.

Part IV Jews in Sports

- (h) Hank Greenberg was voted most valuable player in the American League in 1935 and hit 58 home runs in 1938.

He would not play in a critical game on Yom Kippur, 1934. He is a member of the Baseball Hall of Fame.

32. (a) Mark Spitz won nine Olympic gold medals in swimming and is considered the greatest swimmer in history.

33. (d) Dolph Schayes, a member of the Basketball Hall of Fame, was voted to all NBA teams 12 times. He was the coach of the 1977 U.S. Maccabiah basketball team.

34. (e) Gretel Bergman was dropped from the 1936 German Olympic team because of official anti-Semitism. Today she resides in Queens.

35. (g) Sandy Koufax is considered one of the best left-handed pitchers of all times. As a Jew he distinguished himself

by not pitching on Yom Kippur. Koufax was named to Baseball's Hall of Fame.

36. (b) Doron Sheffer, an outstanding player for the University of Connecticut basketball team, is the first Israeli player ever to be selected in the NBA draft. He was a second-round draft choice in the 1996 draft.

37. (c) Red Auerbach coached the Boston Celtics to many championships. He brought Chuck Cooper, the first black player, into the NBA. Auerbach is a member of the Basketball Hall of Fame.

38. (f) Yael Arad, by winning a silver medal in judo at the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona, became the first Israeli ever to win an Olympic medal.

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The Incredible Magic Circus

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A Rhode Island-based theater company, Kaleidoscope Theatre has had international exposure and acclaim performing at two national conventions and an international convention in Jerusalem, Israel. The touring

company has performed from Maine to Texas and was seen for three years on WPRI-TV, Channel 12, the ABC affiliate in Rhode Island. Lauded for its unique versions of famous fairytales, Kaleidoscope Theatre is well known for presenting plays which help children cope with such problems as divorce, drug education, friendship, retardation, and mainstreaming (inclusion) and received numerous awards including a R.I. Theatre Achievement Award and a R.I. Jefferson Award.

Guinness Book of World Record Holder magician Lon Cerel of Warwick, R.I., presents audiences with some memorable

moments of mystifying magic and internationally famous juggler/clown, Bobarino Gravittini of Warren, R.I., adds to the merriment with incredible feats of juggling and clowning. A departure from the fairytale musicals which Kaleidoscope Theatre presents so well, this production takes center stage and makes each theater a Big Top with lots of audience participation and involvement.

Ben & Jerry's Folk Festival Returns to Newport

The Ben & Jerry's Folk Festival-Newport will take place on Aug. 7, 8, and 9. The JVC Jazz Festival-Newport, celebrating its 45th year, will begin on Aug. 14 and continue through the weekend, Aug. 15 and 16. Once again, the legendary cruise ship Queen Elizabeth II will anchor off Newport during the entire JVC Jazz Festival-Newport, as part of a seven-day round-trip cruise, which departs from New York on Aug. 10.

From morning until evening on festival Saturdays and Sundays, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., longtime favorites and exciting new artists will come together to perform at Fort Adams State Park, overlooking Newport's scenic harbor. On Aug. 8 guests will enjoy the following artists: Lyle Lovett, Alison Krauss, Eric Taylor, Nanci Griffith, Donna (the Buffalo), Marc Cohn and Dee Carstenson. On Aug. 9 the following artists will perform: Indigo Girls, Dor Williams, Cheryl Wheeler, Trina Hamlin, Ani DiFranco, Loudon Wainwright III, and Raymond Myles and The Rams.

Since 1959, the Newport Folk Festival, now sponsored by Ben & Jerry's Homemade, has brought up-and-coming singers and songwriters to share the stage with some of America's current favorite folk performers. The 1998 Ben & Jerry's Folk Festival-Newport begins with an Aug. 7 evening concert at the Hotel Viking.

The JVC Jazz Festival-Newport weekend will begin with its annual Aug. 14 evening concert at 8:30 p.m., at the Newport Casino in the International Tennis Hall of Fame. This year's opening night will become a gala anniversary celebration on the tennis courts where the festival was founded in 1954 and back by popular demand, the jazz festival will once again feature "Acid Jazz At The Viking" on Aug. 15 in the Hotel Viking Ballroom, beginning at 9 p.m.

For more information or ticket reservations, call 847-3700.

Writers' Circle Live Features New England Authors

The Writers' Circle, one of New England's premier creative writers organizations, recently announced the line up for their August Open Mike calendar at Cafe On The Terrace (Brown Faculty Club) One Magee St. (between George and Benevolent streets) Providence. The Open Mike an ongoing program produced by The Writers' Circle, a local non-profit organization, as part of their commitment to bringing the work of emerging and established authors to public venues.

Aug. 7 — Poet, Playwright Jerry Fogel. Fogel is a R.I. playwright/poet who has had his works produced at Perishable Theatre and AS220. He is a published poet and associate editor of *Syncopated City*, a Providence-based literary magazine.

Aug. 14 — Award-winning director, actress and writer, Willis-Whyte. Whyte, who is an honors graduate of the University of Vermont, where she was editor of the college paper, has performed Off-Broadway, in films and on television. She received the Best Director award for her outstanding work on "The Seahorse." Her works in-

clude a trilogy entitled *Victims*, which was staged in New York, and a book of poetry entitled *Dancing With Demons*.

Aug. 21 — Award-winning writer, Steve Oberbeck. An honors graduate of Brown University, Oberbeck was the editor of Brown's literary magazine, *Brunonia*. For more than 20 years he was a feature writer (on the arts) for *Newsweek*, *Washington Post*, *National Review* and other publications. His writing earned him an Alicia Patterson Fund Fellowship.

Aug. 28 — Special program focusing on the Vietnam Experience. The evening's featured performers will be Bill Phelps, poet and short-story writer, and Joe Litchfield, host of "To The Point," a local talk show that deals with the issues facing Vietnam Vets. Both of these authors are Vietnam War Veterans. They will be reading their own original works.

There is no charge for admission, drinks and light fare menu are available. An Open Mike will immediately precede and follow the featured readers presentation. For information, call 454-0831.

Pottery and Paintings at Barrington

Two talented young artists will be displaying their work at the Barrington Public Library during the month of August. Erica L. Cioe of Barrington will exhibit a show of pottery pieces called "Nature in Process." In Cioe's words:

"Nature in Process" captures both the simplicity and complexity of nature with a strong central theme of horticulture. My presentation, for the Barrington Public Library, is a viewing of spring flowers shown in full bloom, which may also incorporate insects such as ants, ladybugs, and dragonflies.

"The clay I use for my wheel sculpture is a low fire white clay that has a fine consistency for throwing and handling.

"Presently, I have been using commercial glazes that seem to have the colors that I am looking for to reflect the richness of the leaves and flowers as I see them explode into color in my own yard.

"It is difficult for me to know exactly what each piece will look like, although I have a strong idea picture in my mind. The

final outcome depends upon the clay and the feel of it in my hands. Although some pieces are similar, there are no molds used, and each piece is hand thrown and flowers handmade. There are molds to be purchased, but they seem to lose the clay texture and the spontaneous method I have come to learn as a way to capture nature at its best."

John Irwin of Riverside will exhibit a series of oil paintings on paper and canvas that capture aspects of the local scene such as figures on the beach, on the bike path and practicing guitars in a band. Irwin majored in art at Community College of Rhode Island and has had many exhibitions locally including appearances at the Providence Art Club, AS220, The Gallery Cafe, the Sara Doyle Gallery and the Downstairs Gallery in Bristol. He also shows his work at Cafe Zog in Providence and recently exhibited at the Thayer Street Art Festival and the Warren Art Festival.

For more information, call 247-1920.

Calling All Artists

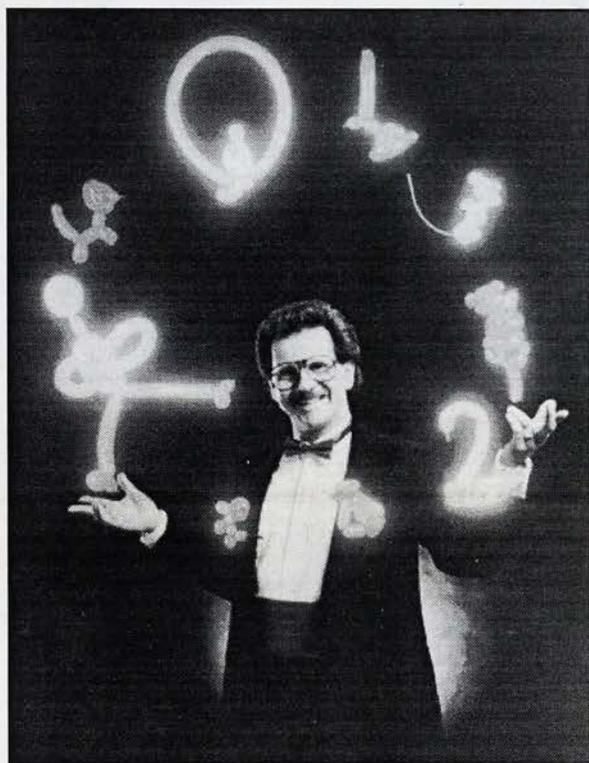
Wickford Art Association announces a call for entries for its third annual Art of the Ocean State Open Juried Show. The show is open to all mediums; there are no size limits. All work must have a Rhode Island (Ocean State) scene or theme. The idea is to capture the essence of Rhode Island in art.

Artists are invited to enter their work Aug. 12 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Aug. 13 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Wickford Art Association Gallery, 36 Beach St., Wickford. There is a non-refundable entry fee of \$8/entry, and artists may enter a maximum of three pieces. Cash prizes will be awarded.

All work entered must meet the following guidelines: must have been created within the last three years; must not have been previously shown at the WAA Gallery; must be original, and must be framed, wired and ready to hang.

The opening reception for the show is Aug. 14 from 7 to 9 p.m. The reception and show are free and open to the public. The show runs from Aug. 14 to 27.

The gallery is wheelchair accessible; shows are free and open to the public. For information, call 294-6840.



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MILESTONES

Marc Engel To Wed Jill Rosenberg

Jerry and Beverly Engel of Valewood Run, Perinton, N.Y., a suburb of Rochester, announce the engagement of their son, Marc, to Jill Rosenberg, daughter of Martin and Ellen Rosenberg of San Bruno, Calif. Marc is the grandson of Bernard Engel of Sixth Street, Providence, R.I., and the late Claire Engel.

The bride-to-be earned her B.A. degree in speech pathology and audiology from California State University at Chico. She also spent a year in Israel on an Otzma Fellowship, and is an administrative assistant for the Whizin Center at the University of Judaism in Bel Air, Calif.

Her fiancé received his B.S. degree from Cornell University and studied political philosophy at Oxford University in England. He later earned his J.D. degree from UCLA School of Law. A member of the California Bar, Engel recently joined the law firm of O'Melveny & Myers, LLP, in Los Angeles. Previously, he was a special projects writer at Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation, and he continues to do free-lance writing for KCET-TV, Los Angeles' Public Broadcasting Service affiliate.

Their wedding is planned for summer 1999, in Burlingame, a suburb of San Francisco, Calif.

Elyse Meister Weds Fredric E. Thaler

Elyse B. Meister and Fredric E. Thaler were married June 6 at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Beth-El in Providence. The bride is the daughter of Melba and Herbert Meister of Providence, R.I., and the bridegroom is the son of Esther Thaler of Fall River, Mass., and the late Jack J. Thaler.

Rabbi Leslie Gutterman officiated at the ceremony and a reception was held at Temple Beth-El.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents.

Beth Salzman, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Bridesmaid was Elisa Wombacher. Rebecca Salzman was flower girl, and Jacob and Samuel Thaler were ringbearers.

David Thaler, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. Ushers were Andrew Meister, brother of the bridegroom, Peter Lash, and Thomas Panchley.

The bride graduated Charles E. Shea High School, Pawtucket, R.I., and Forsyth Dental, Northeastern University, Boston, Mass. She is currently employed as a dental hygienist for Dr. Michael A. Barry, Johnston, R.I.

The bridegroom graduated Bishop Connolly High School, Fall River, Mass., with a B.S. degree in civil engineering from Northeastern University, Bos-

ton, Mass., and is currently employed as project manager for Gordon R. Archibald, Inc.

The couple took their wedding trip to Hawaii and reside in Somerset, Mass.

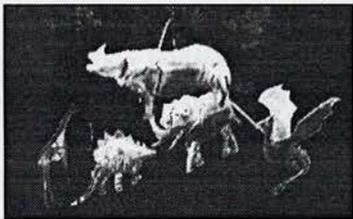


Mr. and Mrs. Thaler

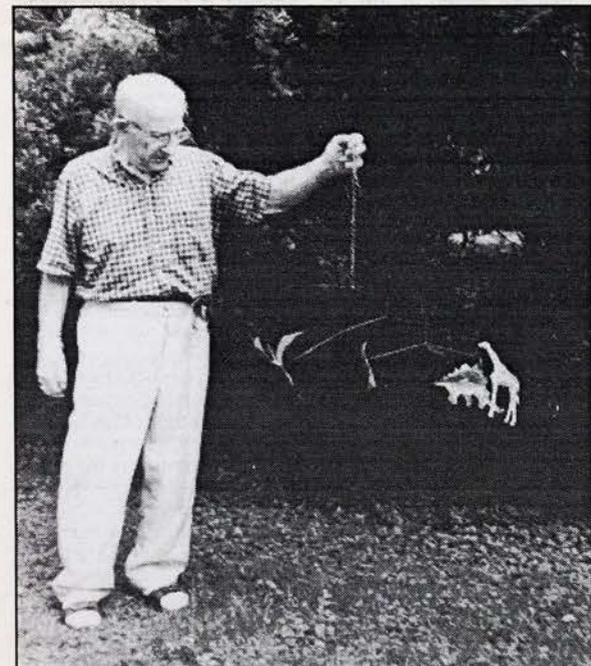
Lions and Tigers and Bears!

Ed Gershman, a talented metal sculptor and worker in Pawtucket, recently created a set of six brass mobiles for Hasbro Children's Hospital in Providence.

The small figures are in the shapes of children's favorite animals such as bears, tigers and horses. But Gershman's most peculiar mobile was done using the theme of Jurassic Park. Four-footed dinosaurs and flying creatures swing, twist and turn from this unique mobile which will be sure to entertain Hasbro's young visitors.



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ED GERSHMAN shows off his "Jurassic Park" mobile.

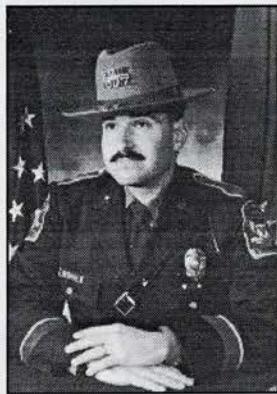
Resnick Becomes Detective

Detective trooper Samuel L. Resnick has been a Connecticut trooper for almost 10 years.

After graduating from the Connecticut State Police Training Academy, he was assigned to Troop C, Stafford Springs.

Before Resnick accepted his present position as detective, he was on road patrol for eight years.

Resnick was featured in an



Samuel Resnick

article in a Connecticut Jewish paper, entitled "Jews in Blue."

He was instrumental in the search and location of a New York Lubavitcher schoolgirl who had become lost after being separated from her group in a Connecticut state park.

Because of his knowledge of Yiddish, Resnick was selected to drive his cruiser through the woods. The girl was found later that day.

Resnick is a graduate of the University of Rhode Island and holds a master's degree in criminal justice administration.

He is the son of Albert and Corinne Resnick of Warwick.

Heidi Fay Rubenstein



Dana Karen Rubenstein

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Rubenstein of Sudbury, Mass., announce the birth of their twin daughters, Heidi Fay and Dana Karen, born June 21.

Their maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bernard S. Goldberg of Narragansett, R.I., and Boynton Beach, Fla. Their paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bert Rubenstein of Blue Bell, Pa. Their maternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Halpern of Providence, R.I., and Boca Raton, Fla.

Dana Karen is named in memory of her late great-grandmothers, Tillie Goldberg and Katherine Halpern. Heidi Fay is named for her paternal great-grandparents.

State of Israel Bonds Honors Stephen B. Yaras

Israel Bonds northeast regional chairman, Ralph Kaplan, presents Rhode Island Israel Bonds chairman, Stephen B. Yaras, with the prestigious State of Israel Bonds Builders of Freedom Award at a dinner reception at Ledgeport Country Club. Three million dollars in Israel bonds purchases were secured at the dinner.

For more information on Israel Bonds, call Michael Shuman at (800) 752-5651, ext. 127.



FROM LEFT: Malcolm H. Flash, advisor, Israel Bonds National Campaign Cabinet; Stephen B. Yaras, Rhode Island Israel Bonds chairman and event honoree; Ralph Kaplan, Israel Bonds, northeast regional chairman; Gerald Cohen, Rhode Island Israel Bonds deputy chairman.

Mazol Tov!

Michael S. Gereboff graduated magna cum laude from The George Washington University in Washington, D.C., in May of 1998.

He graduated with a bachelor's degree in political science. In addition to graduating magna cum laude he was also a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society. In August he will begin working as an information technology consultant for American Management Systems in Fairfax, Va.

Michael is the son of Murray and Rosalyn Gereboff of Providence, the grandson of Caroline Gereboff and the late Maurice Gereboff of Providence, and the grandson of David Weintraub and the late Mildred Weintraub of New York City.



OBITUARIES

ADELINE PULVER BROWN
BOCA RATON, Fla. — Adeline Pulver Brown, 79, of 6200 NW 2nd Ave., Boca Raton, Fla., died April 29. She was the wife of Albert Brown. Born in Providence, the daughter of Bernard and Minnie (Ostrow) Pulver, she moved to Florida in 1981.

She had been a patient representative at Women and Infants Hospital in Providence and had taught classes for The Diet Workshop. She was the founding president of the Trails Chapter of the Brandeis University National Women's Committee.

Besides her husband, she is survived by two daughters, Cynthia Stone and Debra Sahim, both of Boca Raton, Florida. She also leaves four grandchildren, one great-granddaughter, and a sister, Hope Zweben, of Boynton Beach, Fla.

The funeral service was held May 1 at Riverside-Gordon Funeral Home, Delray Beach, Fla. Burial was at Eternal Light Cemetery, Boynton Beach, Fla.

HARVEY CASE MENCOFF
PROVIDENCE — Harvey Case Mencoff, 70, of Slater Avenue, owner and operator of the former Advanced Textile Co., Providence, for many years, died July 21 at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Margot (Berson) Mencoff.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Samuel and Pauline (Greenstein) Mencoff, he was a lifelong resident of the city.

He was a graduate of

Cheshire (Conn.) Academy and attended the University of Miami.

He was a Navy veteran of the Korean War and served in the submarine service. He was a member of Ledgemont Country Club, Seekonk, a life member of the Disabled American Veterans and a member of the Providence County Kennel Club, where he served on the board for many years. He was also involved in the real estate business.

Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, Samuel M. Mencoff of Chicago, and Gregory S. Mencoff of Boston; and three grandchildren.

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

LOUIS SILVERMAN

JOHNSTON — Louis Silverman, 87, of Cherry Hill Manor, 2 Cherry Hill Road, founder and proprietor of the former Louis Silverman Electrical Contractors, Pawtucket and Cranston, retiring in 1987, died July 21 at the residence. He was the husband of Ruth (Samuels) Silverman.

Born in Providence, he had been a resident of Johnston for more than a year, previously residing in Cranston and Pawtucket for many years.

He was a member of Touro Fraternal Association and had been a member of Temple Beth-El.

Besides his wife, he leaves

two daughters, Doris Aaronson of Plainville, Mass., and Marian Silverman of Boca Raton, Fla.; a son, Arnold Silverman of Warwick; three grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

A graveside funeral service was held July 24 at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. The service was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

FRANCES STEIN

MIAMI, Fla. — Frances (née Ravitz) Stein, 88, of Golden Beach, Fla., formerly of Bala-Cynwyd, Pa., died in Miami on July 18. She was the wife of the late Dr. Bernard Benjamin Stein.

She was the mother of Dr. Elliott and Rita Stein of Bernardsville, N.J., Dr. Larry and Barbara Stein of Miami, and Dr. Mel and Cynthia Yoken of New Bedford.

She is also survived by a sister, Lillian Allison of Philadelphia; two brothers, Bill Ravitz of Miami and Jack Ravitz of Manahawkin, N.J.; and grandchildren, Sharyn, Jessica and John Supera, Robin, Daniel Elaine, Stephanie, Andrew, David and Jonathan. She was also the sister of the late Dorothy Sterling.

Born in Philadelphia, she was a life member of Hadassah, member of National Council of Jewish Women, one of the founding members of Fight for Sight in Philadelphia, and was honored for her volunteer work. She was an active member of the Antique Club of Hollywood, Fla.

Arrangements were made by the Eternal Light Funeral Home in Miami. The internment was at Lakeside Memorial Park in Miami on July 20.

JACOB N. TEMKIN

CRANSTON — Jacob N. Temkin, 74, of 425 Meshanic Valley Parkway, a co-founder of the Fast Break Club of basketball boosters at the University of Rhode Island, died July 26 at the Elmhurst Extended Care Facility in Providence. He was the husband of the late Basil 'Baye' Temkin.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Charles and Rose (Pullman) Temkin, he lived in Cranston for 20 years, previously living in Providence.

He was a 1946 graduate of the University of Rhode Island, worked at his family's business, Temkin Tobacco and Candy Co., until it closed in 1960. He also worked for Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Co. and later with the Providence office of Mass. Mutual Life Insurance Co.

He also was treasurer of the URI Foundation, former president of the URI Century Club and former president of the Fast Break Club at URI. He also established the Jacob N. Temkin Scholarship Award at URI.

He was a former president of Temple Emanu-El in Providence and Friends of Touro Synagogue in Newport, a former chairman of the Rhode Island March of Dimes, and a board member and/or officer of several other organizations.

He leaves a son, Alan E. Temkin of Providence and Newport; a daughter, Elizabeth P. Selles of Los Angeles; two brothers, Martin M. Temkin of Providence, and Noah Temkin of North Providence; and a grandson. He also was the good friend of Paula Simons.

Funeral services were held July 28 at Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence. Burial was at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

Rabbis Intervene to Bar Autopsy of Female Jewish Army Chaplain

by Lisa S. Lenkiewicz
Connecticut Jewish Ledger

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (JTA) — Upon discovering his wife was no longer breathing, Dr. Julian Timoner immediately called the 911 emergency number.

Rabbi Chana Timoner, 46, the first Jewish woman to serve as a full-time chaplain in the U.S. Army, died July 13 in her sleep.

Her husband believes she died as a result of an accidental fatal overdose of pain medication and sleeping pills. She had been suffering from Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, specifically the Epstein-Barr virus.

Police who arrived at the Timoner home in New Haven, Conn., insisted upon calling the coroner to determine the cause of death. The state medical examiner refused to release the body to a Jewish funeral home, despite Timoner's pleas that his wife was a rabbi and needed to be buried according to halachah, or Jewish law. Jewish law strictly prohibits the desecration of a body after death. Connecticut law, however, stipulates that the state has the authority to conduct an autopsy when the cause of death is a possible homicide, suicide or is suspicious.

In addition to calling his lawyer, Timoner called two New Haven rabbis who pleaded Timoner's case with the medical examiner. A compromise was reached: If the family would note the cause of death on the death certificate as suicide, the state would release the body.

The family felt they had no choice, although it greatly upset them that Timoner's death would be termed a suicide when they were certain it was not.

However, the state realized that the Orthodox community was strongly behind the family, and that this was not a homicide or a situation that would endanger the public, they released the body, agreeing to note the cause of death as "unknown."

One of the rabbis who had contacted the medical examiner suggested that instead of an

autopsy the state should take blood and do a toxicology report or pump the stomach, two much less invasive procedures.

Timoner said the medical examiner's office did a toxicology report, the results of which will be received in a few weeks.

Until her honorable discharge for medical reasons two months ago, Chana Timoner had served for more than six years in the U.S. Army, rising to the rank of captain.

Married at age 18, Timoner graduated from Southern Connecticut State University, going to school while raising two children who were teen-agers when she made the decision to enroll in rabbinical school.

For five years she commuted to New York City to attend the Academy for Jewish Religion, where she was ordained in 1989. She then spent two more years studying for a doctorate at the New York Theological Seminary. She was working on her dissertation at the time of her death.

At age 39, she entered the army, undaunted by the grueling challenges of basic training. There are countless stories of her caring nature. She organized donations to be made to social service agencies and to servicemen on the base.

At Fort Bragg, N.C., where she began her army career, Timoner was the only Jewish chaplain for more than 150,000 military members and families. She officiated at all life cycle events, served as kosher supervisor for the kosher kitchen, ran the Army's largest Jewish religious school, taught adult Hebrew classes and developed a method to teach children ages 5 and up Torah and Haftarah cantillation before they could read Hebrew.

Timoner also served in Korea, where she was stationed with an aviation attack regiment near the demilitarized zone. With her usual zeal, she immersed herself in Korean language and culture. It was in Korea where she was diagnosed with the Epstein-Barr virus.

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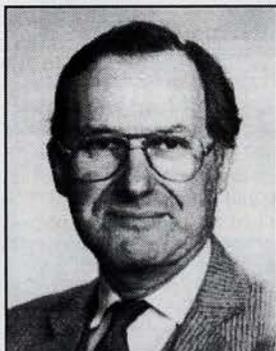
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News at a Glance

The following news briefs are taken from the JTA:

• Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu wished Jordan's King Hussein a "full and speedy recovery" after the monarch disclosed that he was being treated for suspected lymphatic cancer. Netanyahu told Israel Radio that he spoke in the name of all Israelis, who he said are "committed to peace with Jordan and all of whom value the important and courageous steps the king has taken over the years in relations with us."

• President Clinton vetoed an education bill that included provisions to enable families to maintain tax-free savings accounts for private, parochial and higher education. Officials at the Orthodox Union's Institute for Public Affairs said they are "deeply disappointed" by the president's decision. Other Jewish groups praised Clinton and criticized the legislation as a backdoor attempt to use taxpayer dollars to fund parochial schools.

• The man considered the favorite to become Germany's next chancellor called for renewed discussion of whether a national Holocaust memorial should be built in Berlin. Gerhard Schroeder said the controversy should be reopened days after his cultural affairs adviser, Michael Naumann, spoke out against the oft-delayed project. In an interview with a German radio station, Naumann said the current plan for the memorial reminded him of the grandiose schemes envisioned by Hitler's favorite architect, Albert Speer.

• A Swiss court sentenced an author and his publisher for publishing books that denied the existence of Nazi gas chambers. The author received 15 months imprisonment and the publisher one year. They were also fined some \$5,500 apiece and forced to turn over the more than \$38,000 in proceeds from the books. The judge said the pair's lack of remorse contributed to the sentences.

• A Paris librarian was suspended for two years without pay after he removed books about Muslims and the Arab world from the shelves of the branch where he worked. The man was disciplined for forging library cards with Arab-sounding names and removing as many as 300 books on extended loan. Colleagues said he had made anti-Muslim comments at work and told them he belonged to a Christian fundamentalist group.

• An Italian archaeologist claims that the biblical Mount Sinai is located in Israel, not in Egypt as is commonly believed. The archaeologist based his findings on ancient shrines unearthed at Mount Karkoum in southern Israel, where he has been excavating for 19 years. Other archaeologists disputed his claim.

• Up to 400 war criminals may be living in Canada, according to the first annual report released by the Canadian government's Inter-Departmental War Crimes Unit. The Canadian Jewish Congress commended the report, which it said was evidence of the Canadian government's increased commitment to bring Nazi war criminals to justice.

CAJE Study

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contain a teacher store as well as the CAJE Curriculum Bank. A Judaica marketplace will feature textbook publishers, software developers, artists and craftspeople, educational institutions and assorted Jewish organizations and programs.

The Trinity dorms, classrooms and dining halls are fully air-conditioned. Every two dorm rooms share a bathroom, and each room has a phone with voice messaging. The food is Texas-style, delicious, plentiful and, of course, kosher. The campus is fairly compact, making getting around not too difficult.

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Jewish Adults

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borhood were involved in such relationships.

"Our generation thought that intermarriage" would not bring up religious conflicts, but with children "it crashes down around you how serious it is," says Ornati.

Her husband-to-be, Thomas Zimny, was raised a Catholic but was interested in having their son, 4-year-old Hunter, raised as a Jew. Ornati thought she didn't know enough about her own heritage to be able to make that commitment.

Coming from "a highly assimilated family," Ornati says, she had "a sentimental attachment to Judaism with a vague sense of moral and political values. I wanted to gain a real knowledge of the literature and of specific notions of G-d and faith."

Her class was led by a Reform rabbi, held in a Conservative synagogue, and sponsored by the Brownstone Brooklyn Jewish Coalition, a consortium of liberal synagogues and havurot in the area.

The newest twist in the trend of adult education is an effort to bring Jewish education to the workplace.

Melton is hoping to start up its course in September at the massive Microsoft campus in suburban Seattle, where there are some 13,000 employees, roughly 10 percent of whom are Jewish.

Similarly, Lehrhaus plans to offer Jewish learning on-site at computer firms in the Silicon Valley.

The goal, organizers say, is to reach people in their 20s, the population that is currently proving the most elusive to educators.

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Argentine Activists

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"give a space to people who insult us and denigrate our work."

The rift between the two groups, which has grown as the investigation in the attack appears to remain far from finding those responsible for the bombing, exploded last year during the ceremonies marking the third anniversary of the bombing.

As more than 30,000 people paid homage to the victims, the ceremony soon turned into a demonstration against the government and against Jewish community officials.

The crowd booed and interrupted Beraja, who represents the Jewish community with the government.

Several Cabinet members present at the ceremony were also booed, particularly Interior Minister Carlos Corach, who is Jewish.

This year, several Jewish youth organizations gathered 3,500 people at their own memorial demonstration. The next day, Memoria Activa had its own, small ceremony marking the anniversary.

Unnoticed amid the ongoing feud was the fact that this year's ceremonies all told gathered only a fraction of the 30,000 that attended the unified memorial last year.

Meanwhile, the bombing was also commemorated in the United States. Memorial ceremonies were held in several cities and the American Jewish Committee released a report examining the investigation into the attack.

Chernobyl

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echoed the traditional cry of many Russian anti-Semites when he claimed that both the 1905 and 1917 Russian revolutions were financed with Jewish money.

With security tight, the burial passed without incident.

Jewish leaders, who welcomed the burial, have generally kept a low profile on the controversy, but the Jewish significance of the event was not forgotten.

The czar was killed like the murders of "thousands of families in the Jewish pogroms of 1905 — which were encouraged by the czarist police," Leonid Radzikhovskiy, a columnist for the *Segodnya* newspaper, wrote.

"This does not make the fate of the czar's family less tragic, but we should not forget that this controversial man, who later became a victim himself, looked approvingly" on anti-Jewish violence, said Tovy Norkin, a retired history teacher who lives in Moscow.

Zinoviy Kogan, leader of the Moscow Reform congregation Hineini, said the day of the burial, should become a memorial day for all victims of the pogroms and civil war that followed the 1917 revolution.

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Ed Spater of Spater and Associates first began operations two years ago after working for a national insurance company. Spater and Associates provides a multitude of insurance policies for individuals, families, and businesses. Having previously been involved in his family-owned and operated business and understanding the value of honesty and integrity, Spater provides individualized service as an insurance producer.

Meeting the needs of his clients with their budgets in mind, he has seen a growing trend in the industry. People are turning to their employers for more benefits like life and disability insurance, not just for health insurance. Another rapidly growing market he has seen is the need for supplemental or "gap" insurance. This coverage helps pay what medical insurance does not. Deductibles, coinsurance, child-care expenses, lost wages, and travel and lodging when treatment is provided at special treatment centers can all add up. "When you or a loved one is ill or has sustained an accident, being hit with more expenses is the last thing you need," said Spater. Supplemental policies help pay these expenses.

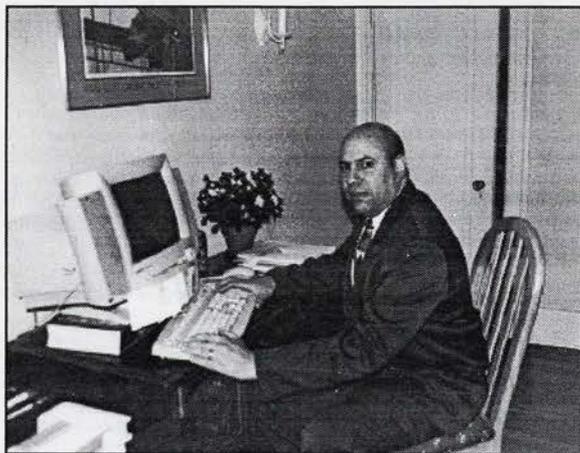
As medical premiums continue to rise, employers are also looking for ways to cut expenses, not incur new ones. By offering supplemental insurance along with a pre-tax program. Spater shows businesses how to increase benefits to their employees without increasing expenses and at the same time reduce payroll taxes. "This creates a



'win/win' situation for both employee and employer," noted Spater. In addition, since these policies are available to employees through a pre-tax program offered at little or no charge, he added, employers may reduce their payroll taxes and employees may bring home more net pay.

"Our primary company offering these programs is American Family Life Assurance Company of Columbus (AFLAC)," said Spater. AFLAC® has more than 40 million policyholders worldwide. "They are the number one provider of guaranteed-renewable supplement insurance (National Underwriter, July 1998) and are rated 'A+' (Superior) by the 1997 A.M. Best Company Report, which rates financial and strength and stability," he said.

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benefits are assigned, regardless of any other insurance people may have. One policy AFLAC® offers is accident coverage that can include the whole family of an employee. Spater gives another example with AFLAC's personal Cancer Expense Protection which closes the "gap" between what health insurance covers and the actual costs associated with cancer. "Consider the facts: According to the American Cancer Society, in the United States men have a one-

in-two lifetime risk of developing cancer, and for women the risk is one-in-three," said Spater. This policy also offers a Wellness Benefit that helps pay for certain tests used to detect cancer. Although AFLAC® typically markets payroll accounts, many of their policies are available on a direct basis for individuals or associations.

For more information, call Spater at 272-8578.

Tara V. Liscandro, Herald editor, contributed to this article.

Blessings of the Animals

The annual Blessing of the Animals will be held at Coggeshall Farm Museum on Aug. 2 at 2 p.m. (Rain date is Aug. 9.) The blessing is a ceremony of prayer and meditation for museum livestock and visitors' pets. Visitors can help round up the animals, including the guinea hogs, sheep, cattle, horse, and turkey. All creatures, big and little, will be blessed and receive a goodie such as a dog bone, kitty nibbles, or carrots.

The blessing of the animals has long been a Coggeshall Farm tradition and a European tradition introduced to Rhode Island by Ethel Barrymore Colt in 1973. The individual blessing of pets and livestock is a lovely spectacle and a long and beautiful tradition.

All pets coming for the blessing must be properly leashed, caged or restrained. Donations toward the care and feeding of museum livestock will be accepted instead of an admission.

Coggeshall Farm is a 35-acre farm site portraying the lifestyle and work of a 1790s' farm, located off Route 114 on Poppaquash Road, Bristol. Call 253-9062 for additional information.

It's Time For Trees!

Ten free white flowering dogwood trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during August 1998.

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The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between Oct. 15 and Dec. 10 with enclosed planting instructions. The six- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the foundation's



colorful bi-monthly publication, Arbor Day, which includes regular features about tree planting and care.

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