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ADL Leaders Meet to Discuss Issues Vital to America's Future

The separation of church and state, hate crimes, the state of anti-Semitism today, the Middle East, and Catholic-Jewish relations were among the issues discussed by Anti-Defamation League leaders who met recently in Palm Beach, Fla.

Those who addressed the Annual National Executive Committee meeting included Sen. Bill Bradley; journalist Marvin Kalb; Dr. Haim Shaked, professor and director of the Middle East Studies Institute at the University of Miami; ADL National Director, Abraham H. Foxman; ADL Assistant National Director Ken Jacobson; Special Agent Supervisor with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Ray Velboom; and Supervisory Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Southern District of Florida and Chief of the Civil Rights Section of the U.S. Attorney's Office Michael McAuliffe.

Race and Diversity in America

Saying that "race remains our [America's] unresolved dilemma," Bradley compared the diversity of America with his years playing forward for the New York Knicks. "When I played with the Knicks," he said, "we were a team of really diverse people. We worked it out because we respected each other. We didn't yield to fears and impulses. But we tried to see how we complemented each other toward achieving a common goal."

"The ADL's got it right," he continued. "The heart of your [ADL's] message is the heart of America's message. America is founded not on the will of the majority, but on the respect of the minority."

Transformations of the Media

Marvin Kalb, distinguished long-time journalist and faculty member of Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, said that reporters have moved into the central area of the political arena and have become players instead of objective observers. "Journalism is filled with politicians," said Kalb, noting the blurring of the lines between politicians and journalists. He said the media has transformed from a busi-

ness that's only responsibility was to disseminate information to the public into a profit-making industry. Kalb was honored with the ADL Hubert H. Humphrey First Amendment Freedom Prize for his significant and lasting contributions to the presentation and advancement of First Amendment ideals.

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Transitions in the Middle East

Dr. Shaked discussed with League leaders the strategic future of the Middle East and the various factors that have changed the makeup of the region. These elements of transition include the fall of the Soviet Union, the changing leadership in the region, the effect of a newfound capacity for nuclear and non-conventional warfare, and the issue of Islamic extremism.

The State of Anti-Semitism

"Anti-Semitism is still a very real threat," said Foxman. "Political anti-Semitism has reared its ugly head in Russia in a way that has not been seen in a major country in many years."

"This shocking reemergence of political anti-Semitism in Russia is a reminder that anti-Semitism has always served the special needs of demagogues during periods of societal convulsions," Foxman told League leaders. "In seeking a convenient explanation for distress that is hard to fathom they utilize the eternal availability of Jews as scapegoat — that alien, secretive element in society, the Jew.

"Anti-Semitism is also alive and well in other parts of the world," he continued. "Louis Farrakhan appears on 'Meet the Press' and continues to accuse Jews of controlling the Black community; David Duke writes an autobiography in which he expounds his racist theories, denies the existence of the Holocaust, and blames Jews for America's problems; Jerry Falwell dangerously predicts that the Antichrist will appear as a Jewish male; the Holocaust denial movement continues unabated with a special emphasis on college campuses; anti-Semitism is perpetuated in the Arab and Islamic media and among radical Islamic groups;

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ASDS Visits French/American School

Second-grade students of the Alperin Schechter Day School recently had an opportunity for cultural enrichment in conjunction with their "Around the World" curriculum. Spending part of their day at the French/American School located at the Mount Hope Day Care Center in Providence enabled them to witness how other cultures treasure the richness of their ancestral language, foods, music and history. Students were taught a French song by Mrs. Miles' combined pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, first- and second-grade classes, and in return ASDS students taught a Hebrew song to the group. The snack of "Nutrella" on bread was a big hit with all the students.

Photo by Liz Goldberg

Christie's Jewels Sale Features an Emerald and Diamond Necklace

On April 14 as part of Christie's annual spring sale of Magnificent Jewels, François Curiel, vice chairman of Christie's and international head of the jewelry department, will auction a fine emerald and diamond necklace on behalf of the Chaim Sheba Medical Center. The auction of this exquisite jewel will pay tribute to the courageous life and generosity of the necklace's former owner and fulfill his wish that the proceeds from the sale of the necklace benefit the poor and the elderly.

Sixty years ago, a young man fearing the increasing hostility in his country towards the Jewish people, sold all of his property to purchase an emerald and diamond necklace in the hope of securing his family's financial future. He barely had time to hide the necklace under a kitchen tile, which he then re-cemented, before he and his wife were arrested and deported to a concentration camp.

His wife died in the camp, but he was one of the very few who survived. Upon his return

home in 1946, he managed to get back into his apartment and rushed to the kitchen. There, he found the necklace hidden under the same tile where he had placed it several years before. He recovered the necklace and decided to keep it.

The necklace, circa 1932, is



NECKLACE, circa 1932, is comprised of 18 emeralds — a total of 32 carats — and 235 diamonds — a total of 35.5 carats — all set in platinum.

Photo courtesy of Christie's

comprised of 18 emeralds — a total of 32 carats — and 235 diamonds — a total of 35.5 carats — all set in platinum. It has a front section designed as three gradu-

ated rectangular-cut emerald, baguette and circular-cut diamond swags with scrolled ribbons shouldered joined to the twin-line neck chain. It is expected to fetch between \$80,000 and \$120,000.

The gentleman passed away recently, but had entrusted his son to sell the jewel and donate the proceeds for the care of the impoverished elderly. Not knowing how to proceed, the son contacted a friend who suggested selling it at auction and using the proceeds to benefit the Elderly Wing of the Chaim Sheba Center in Tel Hashomer, Israel. Christie's was the logical choice since the auction house had been active fund-raisers for the center since 1994.

Founded in 1948 by Professor Chaim Sheba, the hospital was converted from old military barracks used by the British before Israel's independence. Owing to the generous contributions of numerous benefactors and a dedicated medical team, it has become one of the most modern facilities in the Middle East, known for its care of the sick regardless of nationality or religion.

HAPPENINGS

Entertainment For Children

The Providence Children's Museum, 100 South St., Providence announces the following activities. Call 273-KIDS.

March

- 14 **Trombones.** From 1 to 3 p.m., kids 7 and older listen and watch as a trombonist demonstrates how to toot out a tune. Kids will learn how just one puff of air can create a variety of different tones. Same-day registration available at admissions desk. There is no additional fee beyond the price of admission.
- 16 **Creative Constructions.** On March 16 and 17, from 3 to 4:30 p.m., kids ages 5 and up see how everything old can be new again as they create imaginative constructions using only recycled materials. Environmentally aware engineers devise cars, rockets, animals, and more as they learn how old materials can be reused rather than just thrown away.
- 18 **Play and Learn.** From 3 to 4:30 p.m., imagination is the limit for children ages 2 to 4 as they enjoy the verdant splendor of Littlewoods. Here little adventurers crawl through a tunnel, climb a tree, or even swim upstream in a cozy, woodland environment.
- 19 **Preschool Friday: Stories Aloud.** From 9:40 a.m. to 1:50 p.m. preschoolers ages 3 to 5 hear the tale of Peter Rabbit and his mischievous mishaps in Mr. McGregor's forbidden garden. After the story, kids cuddle with live, soft and furry bunnies and nibble on crunchy baby carrots. Pre-registration for an eight-week series is recommended for this program. Call 273-KIDS, ext. 234, for enrollment information. There may be space available for same-day registration. There is a \$1 fee above the price of admission for same-day registration.
- 20 **Tape Art!** From 1 to 3 p.m., kids ages 5 and up accompany the intriguing and acclaimed performance art trio, Tape Art, as they "draw" with tape on the walls of the museum. Kids adhere their own sticky-backed inspirations to this giant, extemporaneous mural.

Calendar: March 11th thru March 17th

- 11 **Brown University theater department** presents "Three Sisters," Stuart Theatre, 77 Waterman St., Providence. 8 p.m., March 21 matinee at 3 p.m. General admission \$13; seniors/Brown employees \$9; students \$5. Call 863-2838.
- 12 **Rhode Island College Wind Ensemble** presents "A Tribute to John Philip Sousa." 8:15 p.m. Roberts Auditorium. General admission \$7; RIC students free.
Legendary '70s sensation The Commodores perform at Foxwoods Resort Casino, exit 92 off I-95. 9 p.m. Tickets \$27.50 to \$38.50. Call (800) 200-2882.
- 13 **Learn to mambo** at the K&S Ballroom dance night, Knights of Columbus Hall, 1047 Park Ave., Cranston. Lessons 7 to 8 p.m., dancing 8 p.m. to midnight. Coffee, tea and pastry. Smoke free. \$10 per person. Call 821-4108.
"Tonight Show" host and comedian Jay Leno brings his illustrious sense of humor to Foxwood Resort and Casino, exit 92 off I-95 in Southeastern Connecticut, 7 and 10 p.m. Tickets \$55 to \$82.50. Call (800) 200-2882.
- 14 **Ranger Day.** The National Park Service Rangers and their guests present the interesting history of the Blackstone River Valley. 1:30 p.m., March 14 and 28. The Museum of Work and Culture, Market Square, Woonsocket. Call 769-9675.
Rhode Island Wind Ensemble Spring Concert, Slavin Center, Providence College, Providence (West campus, Huxley Avenue gate). 7 p.m. Free.
Shabbat in Arts & Crafts series. Topic: Silk Hallah covers with Sharyn Wilk. \$3 registration plus supplies. 9:15 a.m. to 11 a.m. Call Temple Emanu-El for details, 331-1616.
The Writers' Circle Free Development Workshop for non-fiction and fiction writers. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The Sarah Doyle Center, 185 Meeting St., Providence. Call 461-6691.
- 16 **Unique Lives & Experiences Lecture Series.** North America's foremost women's lecture series featuring the hosts of the morning television program, "The View." 7 p.m. Providence Performing Arts Center, 220 Weybosset St., Providence. Call 421-ARTS.
Business Expo '99 at the Rhode Island Convention Center, One Sabin St., Providence. Call 521-5000 for information.
- 17 **Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum** presents the film "Weapons of the Spirit." 10 a.m. Call 453-7860.
The Social Seniors of Warwick will hold their regular meeting. Carol Panos of the Pilgrim Senior Center will be the speaker. Contact Estelle Miller for further information.

RIPYO Present Winter Concert

The Rhode Island Philharmonic Youth Orchestras will present their second concert of the 1998-99 season on March 14 at 3 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Providence.

The symphony orchestra and a chorus of 120 voices from area high schools and colleges, under the direction of Ann Danis, will perform selections from Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 2, Lobgesang. The concert is a unique and wonderful opportunity for the choruses from Rhode Island College, Providence College, the Community College of Rhode Island, selected students from the choruses of E. Greenwich High School, N. Kingstown High School, N. Providence High School, N. Smithfield High School, Scituate High School, S. Kingstown High School and the RIPYO Senior Orchestra to join forces to perform selections from one of the most beautiful works in the repertoire, Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 2, Lobgesang (Hymn of Praise). Soprano soloists Kathy Czerny and Diana McVey will also be joining the masses for this performance.

Tickets for this event are \$7 for adults and \$3 for seniors and students. To order tickets or for more information about the Rhode Island Philharmonic Youth Orchestras, call the Philharmonic office at 831-3123, ext. 14. Tickets may also be purchased at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium box office at 2 p.m. on the day of the concert.

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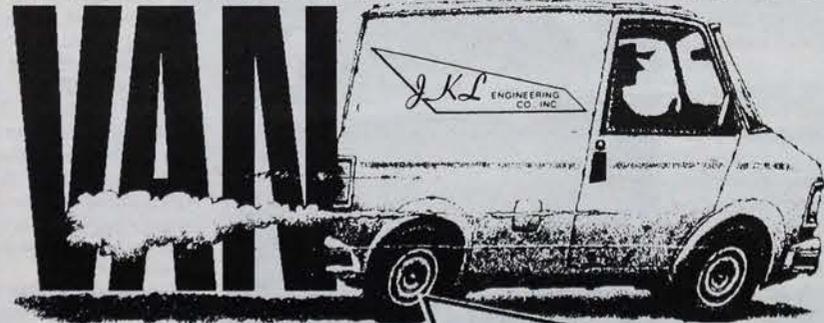
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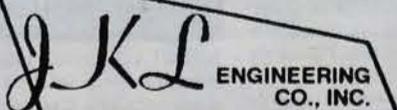
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Satisfy A Sweet Tooth This Passover With Macaroons

Macaroons date back to monks in eighth-century Europe. The earliest record has been traced to Cormery, France, in the year 791, where the confections were made at the local monastery, supposedly in the shape of monks' navels. Their name comes from the Venetian word *macarone*, which means fine paste.

Exactly where and how the cookies became part of the Jewish observance of Passover is unclear. But today macaroons, in their many variations, are eaten during the holiday around the world.

The macaroon most familiar to American Jews at Passover is a sweet, chewy almond-paste variety, often with coconut, that comes out of a can. Those made by hand offer a greater variety of tastes and textures. Macaroons are delicious plain, but they can also be dipped in chocolate, filled with raspberry jam, flecked with walnuts, spiked with chocolate chips, flavored with coffee, sprinkled with coconut, drizzled with honey or pressed together like a sandwich.

Sephardic-Style Macaroons (pareve)

Adapted from Eva Capsouto
Eva Capsouto serves this airy almond confection at the seder she holds at Capsouto Frères,

her family's Manhattan restaurant.

- 3 cups (15 ounces) blanched almonds
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 large egg whites
- Confectioners sugar, for dusting

1. If necessary, blanch the almonds by putting them in boiling water for 2 minutes. Remove, drain and peel. When cool, grind the almonds in a food processor.

2. Preheat oven to 325°F. Line 2 cookie sheets with parchment paper and set aside. In a medium bowl, mix the ground almonds, sugar and egg whites. Drop from a teaspoon onto the cookiesheets, leaving 1/2 inch between macaroons. Bake 12 to 15 minutes, or until lightly brown. Dust with confectioners sugar when cool.

Makes 2 dozen macaroons.

Chocolate Macaroons (pareve)

Adapted from Doris Schechter
These intensely rich morsels are one of the most popular varieties of macaroons sold at Doris Schechter's restaurant and bakery, My Most Favorite Dessert Company, in Manhattan.

- 1 2/3 cups blanched almonds (8 ounces)
- 3 large egg whites

- 1 cup sugar
- 3 ounces semisweet chocolate, melted and cooled to room temperature
- 7 ounces sweetened shredded coconut

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F.

Line 2 cookie sheets with parchment paper.

2. Grind the almonds in a food processor, and set aside. In a large bowl, beat the egg whites until stiff. Alternately fold in the sugar and ground almonds; then gently fold in the melted chocolate and the coconut. Drop

from a teaspoon onto the lined cookie sheets, leaving 1/2-inch between macaroons. Bake 20 minutes.

Makes 2 dozen macaroons.

Recipes from *The New York Times Passover Cookbook*, copyright 1999, The New York Times.



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"The Media's Portrayal of the Adopted Child: Cultural Nuances and Jewish Attitudes and Perspectives," a program hosted by The Stars of David, a Jewish and partly Jewish adoption support network, will be presented on March 18 at 7 p.m.

Rabbi Michael Cahana will be the guest speaker exploring issues of conversion and a child's internalization of society's attitudes. The stories of Moses and the recent movie, "The Prince of Egypt," will be discussed along with other examples.

The program, open to the public, will be held at Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., on the east side of Providence. For more information, call Roberta at 431-0728.

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OPINION

Israel at a Crossroads

by Ehud Barak

Chairman, Israel Labor Party

In May, Israeli voters will decide what kind of nation they want to take them into the 21st century.

Will Israel join the ranks of apartheid South Africa and of Bosnia? Will our citizens fall into an abyss of poverty that is financial, moral and physical in nature? Or will Israel be the beacon of light envisioned by our biblical ancestors that we have been striving to mold out of a hostile desert over the past five decades?

Today, Israel stands stronger than ever before, but that strength is being used to delay rather than to pursue peace. We are financially independent, but our government squanders our wealth, purchasing the votes of extremist political allies in efforts to prolong its time in office. Our army is strong, but soldiers die in battles that are unnecessary. We have the respect of the world's leaders, but their trust is eroding. We have built strong education and health programs, but they are deteriorating. We have brought home Jews from all over the world, and yet 250,000 adults are unemployed and 300,000 children live in poverty.

Today, everything we have achieved over the past 50 years is threatened by a government that cares more for its own survival than for the survival of Israel itself.

We are in desperate need of new leadership — courageous leadership that understands the long-range impact of its policies.

The key to Israel's survival is peace. Peace for security. Peace to foster our ideals and maintain our honor. Peace that will address less immediate but more ominous threats — domestic, as well as foreign. Peace for survival. And peace for the future.

First, there is no question in my mind — after 35 years in uniform, as a commando, an officer, a Chief of Intelligence and a Chief of the General Staff — that our security hinges on a tenable and viable peace based on strategic interests, mutual respect and security arrangements with the Palestinians. This peace establishes a separate, independent and stable Palestinian state — by our initiative, and within four immovable parameters:

- A united Jerusalem under Israeli sovereignty and internationally recognized as the capital of Israel.

- No return to the 1967 borders.

- No foreign military forces to be stationed west of the River Jordan.

- The majority of settlers living under Israeli sovereignty in clustered enclaves.

- Israel must be geographically separated from the Palestinians to procure true Israeli national security. Good fences make good neighbors.

Peace is a strategic imperative for Israel. We cannot survive and provide the kind of lives our people want and deserve if we cloak ourselves in paranoia and fear. We must put a stop to delay tactics and resume negotiations of a just peace — the kind of peace that both we and our neighbors can be proud of.

Secondly, we must cease investing in excuses and turn seriously to the business of making peace; we must honor our commitments from Oslo to the Wye River.

After the bright hope that was kindled by the Labor government led by Yitzhak Rabin, we are once again becoming isolated in the world because of this government's failure to pursue a fair and mutually honorable resolution to the Palestinian issue. History has taught the

world the folly of trying to make peace by humiliating weaker partners, a lesson the incumbent fails to comprehend.

European countries are considering economic sanctions. The United States, a powerful ally that offers us vital strategic, diplomatic and financial support, is baffled by Israel's reluctance to accept a plan made in tandem by the two governments and by Israeli request. The present government is seriously eroding our special relationship with the United States and destroying our credibility with Palestinians and the Arab world — the people with whom we must still negotiate. Normalization efforts have been sent reeling backward as the Netanyahu government, in its refusal to bargain in good faith, compels our Arab neighbors to contemplate the false conclusion that only a violent confrontation can bring results.

Our honor is threatened as Prime Minister Netanyahu and his cabinet abandon the ideals Israel was founded upon — a moral high ground that has earned respect and admiration throughout the world community. Human rights and self-determination are convictions, not handy platitudes, that serve for righteous indignation when it comes to Jewish lives, but are left by the wayside when other peoples are concerned. Is this what we want to teach our children? Is this what Torah teaches? This neglect of human rights risks Israel becoming an international pariah, such as apartheid South Africa and Bosnia.

Thirdly, we must pursue peace so that we may address even more ominous threats. Abroad, we face serious threats from Iranian and Iraqi nuclear,

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There's No Place Like Home

by Cindy Halpern

At this time of year, there was something very special about living in a close-knit Jewish neighborhood on the East Side. I would often find a Purim basket on my doorstep. It was filled with delicious, freshly baked Hamantaschen. It was a symbol of belonging not just to a place, but feeling at home.

My family's move to the suburbs ended that chapter in our lives. But as Jews have often done when their roots were thrown to the wind, we have transplanted ourselves in a new land. We can't hope to replace what we left behind, but we are trying to be a part of our new community.

Having worked as a poll worker in Providence, I decided that I should do the same in Warwick. While working during the election of September 1996, I met Minnie Kritz. To describe Minnie, I think of the old-fashioned Jewish grandmother who watches over not only her children and grandchildren, but adopts everyone as her kin.

Since I neglected to bring lunch that day, Minnie fed me. She listened patiently to my tales of woe, and offered good advice. She then talked about her own exodus from the East Side to Warwick.

I worked with her every election after that. She often gave me a ride home from the polls, despite my insisting that I only

lived a block away. She wouldn't let me walk home alone in the dark, cold night.

Recently, our paths crossed at the local post office. I gave her a wallet-sized picture of Robin's bat mitzvah pose. She made me write Robin's name on the back. She explained that since she had so many other great-grandchildren's pictures in her purse, she needed each one to be carefully labeled.

On a cold wintry Wednesday, the day I had a sore throat and stayed home to rest, Minnie called to say that she was dropping a Purim basket off to me before starting her errands.

When I met her in my driveway, she scolded me, "You have a sore throat, yet you come outside without a coat on! You just take my basket and go inside the warm house!"

So I went inside to rejoin my husband, who was also home with symptoms of the flu. Together, we ate some of Minnie's Hamantaschen and read her enclosed card, "Dear Cindy, David, and Robin: A very happy Purim. Your friend, Minnie Kritz." On the cover of her card, designed in Israel, there was a picture of a colorful, ancient community. Perhaps it depicts a spiritual home for all Jews, no matter where they live.

The Halperns discovered, through Minnie's Hamantaschen, that "There's no place like home!"

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The Mitzvah of Observing Shabbat

In this week's Parsha, *Ki Tisa*, we find the mitzvah of observing Shabbat. "And the L-rd spoke to Moshe saying: Speak to the children of Israel, saying, My Shabbat you shall keep, for it is a sign between me and between you throughout your generations, to know that I am the L-rd who sanctifies you. Six days shall work be done but on the seventh day is a Shabbat of solemn rest, holy to the L-rd. And the children of Israel shall keep the Shabbat, to observe the Shabbat throughout their generations for a perpetual covenant between Me and the children of Israel it is a sign forever; for in six days the L-rd made the heaven and the earth and on the seventh day He ceased from work and rested."

Q: Why does the Torah repeat the mitzvah of observing Shabbat when it was already mentioned in *Parshat Yitro* as one of the Ten Commandments?

A: The mitzvah of observing Shabbat is mentioned in this Parsha next to the instructions concerning the construction of the Mishkan and Holy Temple. This is to teach us that we may not violate the Shabbat even to build the Holy Temple!

Q: Why don't we put on the Tefillin on Shabbat and holidays?

A: The reason for the mitzvah of donning Tefillin is, as the Torah tells us, "It shall be to you for a sign upon your hand and for a remembrance between your eyes" (Exodus 13:9). The Tefillin are donned as a "sign" between G-d and the Jewish people. Since Shabbat and holidays are considered a sign in themselves, as mentioned before ("My Shabbat you shall

ated Adam and Eve the Torah tells us, "And G-d blessed them and said unto them: 'Be fruitful and multiply...'" (Gen. 1:28). Shabbat, too, has a special blessing, "And G-d blessed the seventh day..." (Gen. 2:3). Thus, when a person eats fish on Shabbat there is a combination of three blessings (mankind, fish and Shabbat).

Q: Why do we usually light two Shabbat candles in honor of Shabbat?

A: The two candles represent the two expressions concerning Shabbat: *Zachor* (remember) and *Shamor* (observe). Some women light a candle for each member of the family. Girls before marriage light one candle.

Q: Why do we place two Chalot on the Shabbat table?

A: Each weekday, except Shabbat, during the Children of Israel's 40 years in the desert, manna fell from heaven. On Friday, they received a "double portion" to include Shabbat. The two chalot on Shabbat represent the double portion of manna which the Jewish people received in the desert.

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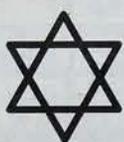
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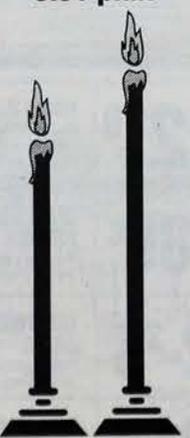
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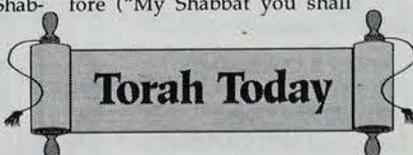
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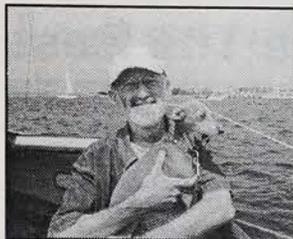


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Kashrut of Kindness

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

"Did you know that Spinoza was Portuguese, and Jewish—like most of us from the Azores?" I heard these astonishing, but by no means novel, insights and reminders from the person who takes my crumpled weekly shirts and trousers and returns them daisy-fresh.

"We know we were driven from the mainland to the islands to strip us of our past and get rid of us. After half a millennium, not many among us recall we were once Jews, driven out and expelled by the Inquisition. My mother's side of our family keeps some tabs of this history. It's easier to forget and put it behind you."

The laundry I took to and from this stopover took on a new quality, almost a sacred, kosher touch of magic as I listened to the account. "My wife's grandfather helped the Jews of Warsaw during the war. He worked for the resistance. The gestapo arrested him and executed him right in the central square, in full view of his wife and children. With their machine guns, they made an example of him. She won't talk about it."

That's why I can't inscribe names. "The good is oft interr'd with their bones," wrote

Shakespeare. I can't vouch for the whole story. There are murmured phrases that pass by you



Jacob's Ladder to Learning
Herald photo by Mike Fink

in the course of the sun's passage across the horizon like the flight of a flock of birds or the erratic pattern of a butterfly at a patch of wildflower weeds. If you don't make a brief note of the encounter, you'll forget it.

But these small monologues you pick up in passing help to guide you on your pathway.

I asked a dinner companion a rather broad question. "What has the church done to make the world a better place?" I thought I might get a gentle answer, something about the image of a holy baby and a blessed mother, asking us to show mercy to the orphan and the widow, the helpless caught in the winds of war. Instead, my friend said, "The knights kept the Saracens away." Needless to report, his point of view met my resistance. "From a Jewish point of view, the crusades were nothing but pogroms, massacres, preludes to genocide."

Judaism for me gives us, after all the wanderings, sufferings, vicissitudes and tides of time, a well of loneliness, a resource of understanding of the plight of all who depend upon respect and kindness. I'm just starting a course on Jewish literature. Since my students hail from every nation upon earth, I try to relate the Jewish story to their own, to find common, and intimate, elements among our roots. Jews have lived everywhere, have passed through history as a group narrating its tales. Tiny as we may figure in a census, perhaps everybody has a Jewish bubble somewhere in the genetic gallery. Maybe it's the very milk of human kindness.

Crisis in South County

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

My little house got through most of the winter safe and sound. Then, just when you start thinking about spring thaw and the possibility of gardening and new backyard statuary and birdfeeders, a sudden deep freeze and oops!

Yes, after decades of care and caution, I failed to check out the closing off of all those hidden faucets, and my pipes burst! They cracked everywhere, leaving fissures in the toilet, wrecked meters, and a kitchen floor warped, frozen into an ice rink, and then melted into a soggy swamp.

I don't react with heroic dignity to crisis. I panic. The governor should declare an emergency and call out the National Guard for me. Helicopters should land right on my street and bring troops of plumbers, electricians, carpenters, and lawyers to set things straight at once if not sooner. Even a psychiatrist to soothe my nerves. How about a butler to bring me a nicely mixed drink?

Superman could twist the globe off its axis so that the pipes will not have frozen after all!

I also find myself depressed about my despair, about my failure to avoid the disaster by doing things in the proper order. First, you go to town hall and

get an appointment for a rendezvous to have the water turned off from the driveway. Then, in due time, you find a local, neighborly wizard to drain the indoor pipes, add anti-freeze, and keep tabs as the weeks go by from mild to wild. I've done it right for more than 20 years.

Even before I manage somehow to fix things right down at the shore, I have to choose a lesson to learn. Not only how to protect my hideaway from the perils of ice and fire hazards, but also how to deal with sud-



A touch of tsuris in my tiny tabernacle
Herald photo by Mike Fink

den surprises. How to handle disappointment and dismay with stoic calm.

"This sort of thing happens all the time," soothed my brother

the architect. "Who needs a second home?" queried and counseled my friend and accountant-adviser. "Get a good plumber!" said Jack Minkin, my South County fixer and guide. But keeping a summer cottage was imprinted on my Rhode Island, Jewish immigrant, Fink family genetic pattern. A guest at my boyhood retreat once remarked, "I wouldn't give two cents for a summer place. Too much tsuris!"

Come hurricane or high water, the plagues of mice, moths or ants, hornets' nests or a patch of poison ivy, there's still no place like a humble home in the dog days that lie across tomorrow's pathway.

Right now my Harcourt hovel looks pretty bleak. It always does when March winds doth blow and we shall have snow. In the time of forsythia and lilac, repairs and new chairs, I'll find more cheerful lyrics.

And please say a prayer for me to redeem my property from Jack Frost and put my lands and tubes in order—a playful mishabera so I can be in shape for a life of leisure in those hours of eden through the endless summer ahead.

Friends in G-d

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

Hadn't heard from Josef and Zahava since Succos and Chanukah but Purim and the approach of Pesach renewed the honey of our friendship.

They let me bring them paper cups of black coffee at the coffeehouse of our rendezvous. They carry printouts of Chabad newsletters. Before our chassidic chat is done, Josef makes me don the phylacteries in the storefront window, using my baseball cap as a yarmulka. By now it's a Thayer Street ritual on its own merits.

They are a quite remarkable and an adorable couple. She has a thoughtful, intelligent face and a dignified demeanor. His face shines with good will, a kind of regal innocence, and a unique glow of inward sincerity. I am in the presence of poetry and purity. They teach me spiritual lessons. Their youthfulness may change over the years, songs of innocence moving towards songs of experience, but the zohar, the kabbalah of mystical clarity must stay with them like the force.

I'd love to come across an open door of opportunity for the Gottliebs to settle among us. His way with the college crowd is perfect. He never kvetches or comes on strong like a salesman. He welcomes one and all, artist, refugee, streetfellow, lost soul, not to convert but to share. And yet, he always brings up yiddishkeit, the words and the visions of the rebbe who guided the souls of Crown Heights in Brooklyn, New York, where Josef and Zahava grew up, met, and married.

I had been looking for a tranquil soul, a face lit by candle-

light. "Marriage is not what you think it will be. It is an adjustment. I love my wife's family, and she loves mine. We suit each other. But it's still something of a shock to share your life with another person." He spoke respectfully, frankly, and modestly about the other side of the honeymoon. "We have a very nice flat in the community. Zahava has computer skills. I study with other first year husbands. But I would like to strike out on my own and come up with a place to serve."

The Gottliebs have added an element of grace and beauty to my year. I had an aunt who used to call me a "dilettante." And then, another aunt looked down on the word "picturesque," as though my interest in the world was idle, detached, sentimental. Perhaps the accusation is correct. But my own longing is to bring Jews together, not as separate sects, nor even as a group apart from others, but as a culture of pride and poise, a nation both of the soul and of the body politic.

We will always be a people who mourn: that is our glory, the yearzeit candle that carries us over the centuries into a universe, a galaxy of joy and grief. But we are also a society of endless brides and grooms like reincarnations of prayers, gottliebs, god-lovers and god-beloveds.

Josef and Zahava do me a great courtesy and mitzvah over the pitch black java we sip before the street of winners and losers, students and wanderers. I do share their wish for a more permanent sojourn in the city of seven hills and walls of silvery stones.

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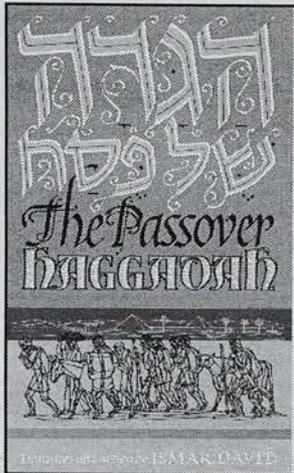
In Hebrew and English, printed in four colors throughout on archival quality paper. \$10.95 each. \$49.95 for packet of five.

Combining the traditions of calligraphy and illustration with his own contemporary outlook, the distinguished designer and calligraphy teacher Ismar David has created a new bilingual edition of the Passover Haggadah. David designed *The Family Haggadah for Passover* to be used and enjoyed by each participant at the seder. With rich visual imagery that engages the imagination of adults and children alike, *The Family Haggadah for Passover* becomes an active partner in the seder experience.

Historically the Haggadah has always had special appeal to artists. Handwritten, illuminated Haggadot were a treasured part of Passover as far back as the 13th century, C.E. The artwork and color of *The Family Haggadah for Passover* reflect the joy and spirituality of the holiday. David's evocative drawings form a pictorial commentary on the text and help motivate the discussion that is at the heart of the seder. Jewish symbols are used throughout.

The complete traditional Hebrew text with vowels is rendered in calligraphy. Based on

Hebrew writing at the time of the Dead Sea Scrolls, the letterforms are clear and contemporary, expressing the timelessness and vigor of the Jewish



heritage. Side by side with its English partner, the decorative Hebrew text acts almost as an illustration to the typeset modern translation.

Color and design help define the diverse stories, hymns and prayers that comprise this cherished text. Instructions for ritual procedures are explicit and concise. A brief introduction by Phillip Rothman details the essential preparations and ex-

plores the symbolism of Passover.

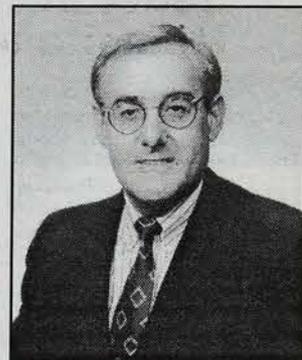
Why this Haggadah is different from all others is how it looks and how it functions.

About the Artist

Ismar David's graphic and architectural work attest to his unique creative vision and high standards. Born in Breslau, Germany, in 1910, David emigrated to Palestine in 1932. There, he began to develop David Hebrew. Forty-five years after its introduction, this seminal typeface is still fresh in appearance and widely used. In 1953, David opened his studio in New York and worked mainly in the book field, designing more than 200 book jackets and covers. The beauty of his illustrations and decorations for Pascal's *Les Pensées* (1971) is unsurpassed. The bilingual edition of *The Psalms* that David designed in 1973, incorporates his beliefs about illustration and book and type design. Many years as a calligraphy teacher at both Pratt Institute and The Cooper Union and in numerous workshops around the country prompted him to write his two manuals on calligraphy, *Our Calligraphic Heritage* (1979) and *The Hebrew Letter: Calligraphic Variations* (1990). Architectural design absorbed much of his time in later years. Ismar David died in 1996.

His last work, *The Family Haggadah for Passover*, represents David's ideas about Passover and Judaism and exemplifies his lifelong commitment to calligraphy and excellence in the book arts. His partner, Helen Brandshaft, rendered the Hebrew text calligraphy and prepared the book for publication.

The Family Haggadah for Passover can be ordered on-line from <www.Amazon.com> or by mail through Shunammite Press, 454 West 46th St., 3B-S, New York, N.Y. 10036.



Alan M. Gilstein, CPA

Alan M. Gilstein, CPA, a founding partner in the Providence, R.I., accounting firm of Piccerelli, Gilstein & Company, LLP, has been awarded the Personal Financial Specialist designation by the American Institute of Certified Public Accounting.

The PFS designation, established in 1987 by the AICPA, recognizes CPAs with considerable professional experience in financial planning.

Gilstein, who is the only Rhode Islander in the group of current designees, met six requirements to earn the designation, including passing a technical exam covering the basic areas of personal financial planning: personal income tax planning, risk management and insurance planning, investment planning, retirement planning and estate planning. In addition, Gilstein completed 250 hours of experience per year for three years. All PFS candidates must also hold a valid CPA certificate and be an AICPA member in good standing.

Gilstein has been a CPA for 33 years and is an active board member/current treasurer of Miriam Hospital. He is also a member of the board of trustees of Lifespan Corporation serving on numerous board committees and co-chair of the Cardiac Campaign. He was previously a board member of the R.I. Airport Corporation, serving as vice-chairman and treasurer.

Congregation Sons of Jacob Synagogue Announces Winners

The winners for the Sons of Jacob Synagogue's raffle are: First Prize — 19" G.E. Color TV — Malcolm Edelman, Ticket No. 261

Second Prize — Bell 25-channel cordless telephone — T. Voorhaar, Ticket No. 378

Third Prize — Assortment of bottles of liquor — David Kopech, Ticket No. 004

The board and officers thank all who participated, and congratulations to all the winners.

Community Comes Together For Passover Seder

Join Temple Sinai, Temple Adath, and Temple Israel for the Community Passover Seder on the second night of Passover as Rabbi Clifford Librach leads in the reading of the Haggadah with songs and a traditional seder dinner on April 1 at 6:30 p.m.

Make your reservations by March 18. Adults are \$27 each. Children under 12 will be \$15 each. Children under 3 will be \$5 each. Make check payable to Temple Israel, Attn.: Arline Morris, and mail to 125 Pond St., Sharon, Mass. Call (781) 784-3986.

Feinstein Scholarships Available

Applications for the Louis Feinstein Scholarships are now available from your school guidance counselor or Feinstein coordinator, or the Public Education Fund.

Applicants must be high school juniors who have a dedication to public service, a determination to make a positive difference in the lives of others, and exemplify the values of brotherhood, compassion, integrity, and leadership.

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The Feinstein Foundation is offering 10 \$500 awards for R.I. middle school students to give to the R.I. charities of their choice fighting hunger.

Entries may be either in the form of a poem or an essay of 150 words or less, and must describe why they would like to make a donation to fight hunger in Rhode Island and to whom.

All entries must be received by March 20, and may be sent to The Feinstein Foundation, 37 Alhambra Circle, Cranston, R.I. 02905, along with the name and phone number of the selected charity.

The 10 winners will be featured April 12 at an event announcing the total raised throughout the country from the Feinstein \$1 million challenge grant.

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Along with a hot kosher meal every weekday, the mealsite offers a variety of activities and entertainment throughout the month. The March schedule includes:

- Passover Seder: March 30 at 11:30 a.m.
- Bingo — March 11, 16, 22, 25 and 29
- Tai Chi — March 23 at 11 a.m.
- Visits from the Bureau of Jewish Education Bookmobile — March 10 and 24

- Birthday party with cake and entertainment with Dan Beagan — March 18
- Exercise class — March 17 and 24
- Blood pressure screenings with the Registered Nurses from Jewish Family Service — March 25
- Menu meeting — March 15 at 11 a.m.
- Men's/Women's discussion groups — every Friday
- Weekly Shabbat meal — every Friday

The mealsite will be closed on March 31 for erev Passover. Programs usually begin at 11 a.m. and a nutritious, hot kosher lunch is served at noon. Every Friday, there is a special Shabbat meal, complete with candles, challah and kiddush.

The JFS Kosher Mealsite in Cranston is located at Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Avenue. Transportation is available for residents of Cranston and areas of Warwick. For reservations and information, call Mealsite Coordinator Ronda French at 781-1771.

ADL Offers New Holocaust Teaching Tool

The smallest victims of the Holocaust — those who lost their childhood — can now be heard to help teach the devastating results of hate. A new catalog released by the Anti-Defamation League tells the stories of the children who were hidden during the Holocaust. *A Holocaust Mini-Catalog: Children of the Holocaust, Tools for Teachers*, is a classroom resource for teachers to develop lesson plans about the Holocaust years, 1933 through 1945, as well as about its relevance to the present world and its meaning for today's generation of students.

This unique catalog covers the full historical perspective of the Holocaust through publications, books written for and by children, videos, curriculum guides, newspapers, magazines, CDs and CD-ROMs. The catalog is broken down into the following sections, "Remembering the Holocaust," "In Their Own Words," "Holocaust Resistance and Holocaust Rescue."

To receive a copy of the *Holocaust Mini-Catalog*, educators can call the ADL Material Resource Center at (800) 343-5540 or a fax a request to (201) 652-1973.

The Women's Seder Will Take Place at Temple Beth-El

The fourth annual "Women's Celebration of Freedom" will take place at Temple Beth-El, in Providence, during Passover. This gathering offers an opportunity for women of all ages to actively participate in a seder which emphasizes the many passages to freedom enjoyed by Jewish women throughout the world. The program will include a brief presentation by Sylvia Moubayed, who will share her personal journey from Egypt to America.

The traditional seder meal (dietary laws will be observed), the reading of the Temple Beth-El Women's Haggadah, and the voices of Cantor Ida Rae Cahana and Debbie Waldman will make the evening both memorable and inspirational.

Save the date — April 5 at 6 p.m., Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence.

Attendance is by reservation only, at a cost of \$25 per person. Reservation deadline is March 22. To reserve your place or for additional information, contact Gloria Jarcho at Temple Beth-El, 331-6070.

NCJW Holds March Meeting

The annual volunteer recognition meeting of the R.I. Section, National Council of Jewish Women will be held on March 17 at Temple Beth-El.

Refreshments will be served at 7 p.m.; meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Kathy Jellison, executive director of the Women's Center of R.I., will be the guest speaker.

Anyone needing a ride call 274-2311.

Safrai Gallery Bringing Israeli Art to Emanu-El Sale

The Safrai Gallery of Jerusalem is bringing more than 1,200 works of art by Israeli artists to Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence, on March 11 to 14. The art works will be on sale.

Featuring oil paintings, water colors, lithographs and etchings priced from \$200 to \$1,000, the exhibition will open March 11 from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. and will feature a drawing that evening for a piece from the exhibition.

The Safrai is Israel's oldest gallery, having been in business for 58 years. Located next door to the King David Hotel, Safrai has sponsored art shows throughout the country. Their collection is said to be representative of the diverse trends in the Israeli art world.

The March 13 exhibition,

from 7 to 11 p.m., will feature music by the Michael Miller Trio and refreshments. On March 14 at 10 a.m. Menachem Safrai will speak on Israeli art; and from 1 to 4 p.m. there will be a Children's Art Expo by Sandy Deitch, who will conduct art-oriented activities for children.

On March 11 from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Kol Sasson, Temple Emanu-El's Religious School Klezmer Band will perform, directed by Varda Lev. There will be refreshments and a prize drawing. Other exhibition hours are March 12, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; March 13, 7 to 11 p.m.; and March 14, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Advance tickets are \$5 and are good for the entire weekend. The price at the door is \$7. For further information, call Temple Emanu-El at 331-1616.

Youngheart Music Remembers the Magic With 'Shari's Passover Surprise'

Youngheart Music continues its distribution of "Shari's Passover Surprise," a special holiday video from the Youngheart Music product line of "Entertainment You Can Trust™." Starring Shari Lewis, the 12-time Emmy Award-winning children's entertainer who dedicated her life to wholesome family entertainment, this hourlong video celebrates Passover with the traditional Jewish Seder. Children and adults alike are invited to sing and dance along with Lewis; her puppet pals Lamb Chop®, Charlie Horse™, and Hush Puppy™; and special guest stars Alan Thicke, Dom DeLuise, and Robert Guillaume.

For more than 40 years, Lewis and her fuzzy friends fascinated children and their parents. With videos like "Shari's Passover Surprise," her talent, enthusiasm, and commitment to children have been immortalized for those who loved her and for generations yet to come. Through dancing and the sing-

ing of such original songs as "I Love Matzah," "Why Is This Night?" and "The Seder Plate," "Shari's Passover Surprise" introduces young viewers to the story of the 10 plagues and the Exodus of the Jews from Egypt, as retold each year at Passover. With laughter and music, Lewis helps children of all ages and faiths appreciate the diversity of traditions and cultures that are a part of their world.

The video has won a Parent's Choice Approval Award, the National Educational Media Network, Bronze Apple, and the Television Movie Award for Best Religious Production.

"Shari's Passover Surprise" is available where quality children's videos are sold. To find the nearest retail store carrying Youngheart Music products, visit the company's Web site at <www.youngheartmusic.com> or call (800) 444-4287. Youngheart Music products can also be ordered directly by calling Round Up at (800) 443-4727.

Jewish Meditation Skills Training at Temple Emanu-El

There is a long and rich history of traditional Jewish meditation. The great masters of old used these practices to deepen their davening and experience a greater sense of closeness with G-d.

Temple Emanu-El is sponsoring a three-session "Introduction to Traditional Jewish Meditation." This training is open to individuals with little or no experience with meditation. Because of its uniquely Jewish style, it will also be of interest to more experienced meditators. Chaya Sara Sadeh, the trainer, has been a student of, and over the past six years, a teacher of Jewish meditation.

The training dates are on Shabbat afternoons March 20, April 24, and May 15, and sessions will be conducted from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The cost of this training, payable in advance, is \$40.

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Memorial Hospital Community Calendar 1999

March 12 — Blood Drive. In cooperation with the Rhode Island Blood Center. 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sayles Conference Center, Memorial Hospital.

March 13 and 20 — Baby-sitting Workshop. In cooperation with the American Red Cross, a comprehensive course to teach responsibilities, age-appropriate child care, accident prevention, rescue breathing and first aid to children ages 11 and older. \$40. 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Richards Memorial Library, 118 North Washington St., North Attleboro, Mass. Sponsored by Primary Care Center of the Attleboros. Call 729-2549 or (508) 586-4790 to register.

March 15, 22 & 29 — Let's Get Fit. Four-week program for adolescents in grades 7 through 12 and their parents. Learn to

prepare healthy meals and snacks. Try fun and effective exercises. \$60 for adolescent and parent. 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Sayles Conference Rooms 2 and 3, Memorial Hospital. Call 729-2574 to register.

March 17 — You Are Not Alone. Support group for persons living with cancer and their caregivers. Meets first and third Wednesday every month. 6 to 7 p.m. Hodgson 6 Classroom. Memorial Hospital. Call 729-2789 for information.

March 22 — Diabetes Screening. Free glucose testing to help identify individuals with undetected diabetes. 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Primary Care Center for the Attleboros, 11 Robert Toner Blvd., North Attleboro.

March 23 — Diabetes Screening. Free glucose testing

to help identify individuals with undetected diabetes. 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Notre Dame Ambulatory Center, 1000 Broad St., Central Falls.

March 24 — Diabetes Screenings. Free glucose testing to help identify individuals with undetected diabetes. 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ambulatory Care Center, Memorial Hospital, 89 Pond St. Pawtucket.

March 25 — Diabetes Screening. Free glucose testing to help identify individuals with undetected diabetes. 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Barrington Emergency Center, 310 Maple Ave., Barrington.

March 25 and 26 — 55 Alive/Mature Driving Program. Offered in cooperation with the AARP, this refresher course is designed to meet the needs of

drivers ages 50 and older. \$8. 1 to 5 p.m. Sayles Conference Room 1, Memorial Hospital. Call 729-2459 to register.

March 30 — Health Care Explorer Post Meeting. An opportunity for high school students to learn about careers in health care. 7 p.m. Memorial Hospital. Call 729-2320 for details.

March 31 — Understanding Cholesterol: Get the Low Down. Program in cooperation with the American Health Association, Pfizer and Parke-Davis. Learn about the link between high cholesterol levels and heart disease and ways to lower your cholesterol. 5 to 8 p.m. Emerald Square, North Attleboro, Mass.

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Get the Facts on Diabetes

The number of Americans diagnosed with diabetes has increased sixfold since 1958 to the highest level on record. According to the American Diabetes Foundation, it is estimated that more than 16 million Americans have diabetes, and about half of these people are not aware that they have the disease. Diabetes is the number one cause of blindness and kidney failure in adults and the sixth leading cause of death.

Here are some commonly asked questions, answered by the experts at the American Podiatric Medical Association:

Q. What is diabetes?

A. Diabetes is marked by the inability of the body to manufacture or properly use insulin. Diabetes impairs your body's ability to convert sugar, starches and other food into energy. The long-term effect can include damage to the eyes, heart, kidneys, feet, nerves and blood vessels. If untreated, diabetes can lead to blindness, amputations, kidney failure, stroke and heart attacks.

Q. How do you get diabetes?

A. No one yet knows, but certain characteristics put you at higher risk: a family history of diabetes; being overweight; being over age 45; and if you are a member of one of these ethnic groups — African American, Hispanic American, Native American, Asian American or Pacific Islander.

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Parents will learn how to manage family conflicts, develop a family communication plan, and take a position on drug use. Research shows that parental behavior will influence children's attitudes, values and behavior and will decide whether their children will use drugs. Space is limited and child care and transportation are available upon request. Call Elaine La Roche (508) 699-0147 or Mary Kirchmann (508) 821-7777 to register by March 12.

The five session dates and times are: March 17, 24, 31 and April 7 and 14. The workshop hours are from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

In today's fast-paced environment, we as parents must be armed with the knowledge of handling those difficult family situations. Attending the Parents Making a Difference workshop will give each parent better lifestyle skills, to build a solid family foundation.

Scleroderma Support Group Meeting

A Scleroderma support group meeting is planned for March 24 at 7 p.m. The location will be Roger Williams Hospital, 825 Chalkstone Ave., Providence, first floor day treatment room.

The guest speaker will be Robert Riggs from the Scleroderma Foundation.

For more information, contact Carole Cowell at 781-5013.

Free Osteoporosis Seminar

The Arthritis Foundation and Care New England Wellness Center will cosponsor a free educational seminar on osteoporosis. The program scheduled for March 24 from 6:30 to 8:15 p.m. will be conducted at Care New England's Wellness Center at 15 Catamore Boulevard, East Providence.

The program will highlight information on diagnosing, treating and preventing osteoporosis. The featured speaker is rheumatologist Harold M. Horwitz, M.D., of Rheumatology Associates in Providence. Other speakers include a dietitian and physical therapist from Care New England's Wellness Center who will discuss the importance of a healthy diet and exercise in treating and preventing osteoporosis.

Pre-registration is required. For more information or to pre-register, contact the Arthritis Foundation at 434-5792.

Planned Parenthood of R.I. Presents Menopause Matters

"Menopause Matters" will be presented by Planned Parenthood of Rhode Island on April 7 and May 12 at the Providence Marriott, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The speaker will be Carol Landau, Ph.D., co-author of *The Complete Book of Menopause: Every Woman's Guide to Good Health*.

A panel of providers from Planned Parenthood of Rhode Island will join the discussion and share information about the menopausal service for women ages 35 to 55 at the health care agency. The cost is \$15 per person. Registration deadlines are April 2 and May 8. To register, call Planned Parenthood of Rhode Island at 421-7820, ext. 51.

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Cancer Support Group to Meet at Memorial Hospital

You Are Not Alone, a support group for persons living with cancer and their caregivers, will meet at Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island on March 17 from 6 to 7 p.m. in the nursing classroom on the sixth floor of the Hodgson Building. The support group meets regularly on the first and third Wednesday of each month.

You Are Not Alone provides an opportunity for cancer patients and their significant others to be with people who understand them and what they are experiencing. The purpose of the group is to increase participants knowledge of cancer, focus on coping skills, and help participants adapt to living with cancer. The support group also provides an opportunity for cancer patients to express their experiences and emotions, and will introduce participants to specialists in the field of oncology.

For further information about You Are Not Alone, contact Barbara Dwyer at 729-2512, or Gilda Medeiros at 729-2789.

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FEATURE

Jewish Environmentalists Find 'Enormous Source of Inspiration'

by Daniel Kurtzman
WASHINGTON (JTA) — They come from every corner of the country and from across denominational and generational lines.

Some are affiliated with the Jewish community, some are religious, others are not.

But what they all have in common is an abiding respect for G-d's creations and an unrelenting commitment to environmental stewardship.

In recent years a growing number of Jews have been developing a deeper connection to Judaism and the Jewish community through environmental activism. They are part of a larger movement of faith-based environmentalists who are seeking to reshape the environmental debate along theological lines.

Discovering links between their own spiritual and environmentalist roots and the religious mandate to care for creation, Jewish environmental activists have come to see the cause of environmental protection as nothing less than sacred.

"Judaism teaches us that above and beyond everything we have a responsibility to protect life, not only when we know for sure it's at risk, but when it may be at risk," said Mark Jacobs, director of the Coalition on the Environment and Jewish

Life, a national coordinating body for the Jewish environmental movement.

COEJL grew out of the 1992 Consultation on the Environment and Jewish Life, convened by then-Sen. Al Gore and the late astronomer Carl Sagan.

Charged with integrating environmental education and action into the life and institutions of the American Jewish community, COEJL was initially conceived as a temporary project to jumpstart Jewish environmental activity.

Six years later, Jewish officials now want to make it a permanent fixture in the Jewish organizational world and in American Jewish life.

The response to COEJL has in many ways exceeded expectations. Thousands of Jews around the country have participated in COEJL's conferences, campaigns and other outreach efforts.

The group, which now has 15 regional affiliates, has become overwhelmed by requests from synagogues and federations seeking speakers and ways to integrate environmental themes into their activities.

Together with the National Religious Partnership for the Environment, COEJL has been working to develop a distinct

tively Jewish response to pressing environmental issues including clean water, nuclear waste, biological diversity, climate change and sustainable development. It has also sought to raise awareness of Israel's environmental problems.

Some 135 of the group's activists gathered in Washington recently for COEJL's fourth annual conference on environmental leadership training, where they participated in a Shabbat retreat to study Jewish texts on the connections between Judaism and ecology, and took part in a series of meetings and lobbying activities.

The meetings with a number of high-level government officials, including Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt and Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol Browner, served as a testament to the inroads the group has made.

In an interview, Brown said that groups like COEJL play an integral role in efforts to preserve the environment and raise awareness.

"They involve people, they educate people, they hold our feet to the fire," she said. "It takes each and every one of us, and we couldn't do it without groups like this."

Evan Eisenberg of New York, author of *The Ecology of Eden*, agreed that the religious perspective carries resonance in the environmental debate.

"The kind of passion that faith communities bring to the debate is very important, the kind of conviction, the sense that this is G-d's work — I think that's very powerful," said the 43-year-old Eisenberg.

Adam Block, a 19-year-old sophomore at the University of New Hampshire, said he became involved in the environmental activist community on campus at the same time he was becoming involved with Hillel, "and as time progressed, they found their link."

"One of the most important things that we can take away from Judaism is the dedication to social justice," said Block. "In my life and in my experience I've found that the best

way I can channel my energies into social justice Jewishly is through environmental preservation."

As Jewish environmentalists look to bring their message to others in the community, Eisenberg said there are two groups activists need to reach out to.

"One is the alienated Jews who care about the environment and who are probably thirsting for this sort of Jewish wisdom," he said. "And then there are the Jews who drive to synagogue every Shabbos and do kiddush in the disposable cups and never give it a second thought."

"It's a lot easier to reach the first group," he added, because "it's just a matter of getting the information out there."

Juvenile Arthritis College Scholarships

The Arthritis Foundation is offering \$500 college scholarships to high school seniors with arthritis in the state. The foundation announced the scholarships as part of its Kids Get Arthritis Too campaign.

The Arthritis Foundation will offer up to five scholarships for high school seniors. Students must have juvenile arthritis that has been diagnosed by a physician and be a state resident. Scholarships applications are judged by a volunteer committee based on academic achievement, financial need and volunteer service to the school or community. Applications are due April 30. Awards will be presented at a free daylong program for families on juvenile arthritis, June 5 in Hebron. The local Arthritis Foundation chapter is the only one in the country to offer college scholarships to teens with arthritis.

Juvenile arthritis affects approximately 285,000 children in the United States, according to the Arthritis Foundation. The peak time of onset of juvenile arthritis is 1 to 3 years of age and 8 to 12 years of age. Children get arthritis, but with the support of community and schools they can do many activities appropriate for their age group, according to the Arthritis Foundation.

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Esther Smalley is JERI Volunteer Par Excellence

by Roberta Segal

"...It's that reward down in your heart,
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Of helping others far and near
That makes you be a volunteer."
(author unknown)

The above is the last stanza in a poem of appreciation sent to Esther Smalley, one of many letters and poems sent to this vibrant 91-year-old. Her age certainly does not cramp her style as she continues her community volunteer work from her room at the Kent Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Warwick, her home for the last seven years.

Shortly after her arrival in 1993, she noticed that although holidays throughout the calendar were celebrated with appropriate festivities, her Jewish traditions were missing. Not one to be silent, yet always with a gentle manner that brings smiles and cements friendships, she decided that she would make a Rosh Hashanah dinner. She wished to share her background with her friends, both Jewish and non-Jewish.

She no longer drove and therefore shopping on her own was not possible. Never daunted, she called Jane Sprague, editor of *The Voice*, who told the people at JERI. The next day, Penny Faich and Bonnie Ryvicker, of JERI, visited Esther Smalley, arranged for challah and the holiday goodies, and thus a tradition at the Kent Nursing facility was born. And a dedicated JERI volunteer was enlisted.

From Rosh Hashanah, the celebrations continue around the calendar, with Chanukah, Tu B'Shevat, Purim, and Passover. Esther hangs up signs announcing the occasion, welcomes newcomers and informs them of goings-on, and often reads an accounting of the holiday. Her latke recipe has become a favorite of residents and

staff. "It's been good. Everyone has been absolutely marvelous to me," she said. And many would say that Smalley has been good to them as well. The staff informs her of newcomers who are Jewish, and she visits them, leaving her name, room num-



Esther Smalley

ber and phone. Her blue eyes sparkle as she recounts that when Hillary Clinton visited the nursing home, she was selected as the person to bid her goodbye. Smalley has a spirit that is energizing. She has been a volunteer for her whole life, and continues to bring cheer to all who meet her.

JERI brings holiday traditions and programming to Jewish residents in nursing homes throughout the state. Most recently, for Purim there were parties, gifts bags with hamentaschen and mishloach manot. Community volunteers from the Women's Association of the Jewish Home Corporation, Kulanu of Temple Emanu-El, students from the Alperin Schechter Day School and Providence Hebrew Day School participated in baking, delivering, and assembling.

They are all part of the Jewish tradition of voluntarism. And helping them out is Smalley — JERI volunteer par excellence.

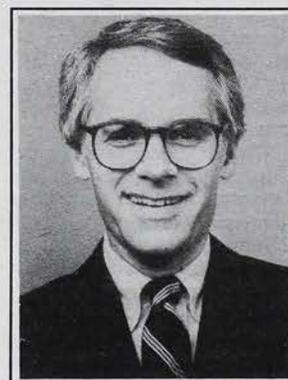
Someone Was Watching Over Me

I would never wish a natural disaster on Manhattan, but should one occur, you can bet that the roving TV news teams won't camp out on 122nd and Broadway for their "person on the street" interviews. That's too highbrow a location; it's swarming with intelligent women and men attending fine Jewish and Christian seminars on opposite corners.

No, the video cameras will invade some pub to elicit pronouncements from amateur

theologians, just as they do following every catastrophe. It's a predictable routine. A hurricane? Head for the strip mall. "Yup, the man upstairs was a watching' over me." Tornado? It's off to Lucy's Roadside Cafe. "It were a miracle I made it through. Just a durn miracle." We encounter these declarations all the time. Left unsaid, but implicit, is the notion that "the man upstairs," that cosmic puppeteer, either forgot to protect those who did not survive or

simply decided, "Hmmm. Think I'll randomly slaughter, oh, about 47 people, but I'll spare Jethro."



Rabbi Bob Alper

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Membership Drive Set to Begin

The Robby Kahn chapter of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization will be conducting its annual membership drive starting on March 14. This event will continue until the chapter's goal of 30 new members is met. The chapter's membership is open to any Jewish male between the ages of 13 and 18.

The chapter programs are five fold: religion, Jewish culture, social, athletics and community service. The members of the chapter plan their own programs with the assistance of an adult advisor. The chapter meets at the Jewish Community Center twice a month. Events planned for the month of March include an overnight for new members at the

Stoughton JCC on March 13 and 14. There will be a chapter event planned for March 21, a basketball tournament is being planned for April 11 where there will be eight teams from the New England area.

BBYO is a great way to meet new friends and to continue the relationships that are made at camp. There are more than 500 members in the New England area. In Rhode Island there are chapters located throughout the state with a membership of 150.

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J&W Holds Second Annual Conference on Teaching Communication

Johnson & Wales University in conjunction with the John Hazen White School of Arts & Sciences will hold a conference on April 9, addressing "Connection the Spheres: Language as 'Gossamer Thread' Between Listener and Speaker."

The conference is designed as a forum to exchange ideas that promote oral presentations and communications skills. It will feature concurrent workshops on such topics as dealing with non-native speakers in an academic setting, enhancing learning via the Internet, reducing speech anxiety, and games to facilitate teaching oral communication.

Highlighting the event will be keynote speaker, Dr. Robert Brooks speaking on "Creating a Climate for Effective Learning to Reinforce Self-Confidence and Communication Skills in

Our Students." Brooks, a faculty member at Harvard Medical School, has lectured nationally and internationally on topics pertaining to motivation, self-esteem and family relationships. He recently completed a videotape and educational guide for PBS that focuses on self-esteem and resilience in children with special needs.

Registration fees are \$35 for the conference and \$45 for the luncheon and conference. Registration must be received by March 15 to reserve lunch. Late registration fee is \$45 and does not include lunch. Checks or money orders should be payable to Johnson & Wales University and accompany registration. Seating is limited. Call Marsh S. Norwood at 598-1462, e-mail <mnorwood@jwu.edu>, or fax 598-1821, or Lynne Wallin at 598-2459.

Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Famers at The Stadium Theatre!

Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Famers The Shirelles and Herb Reed and the Platters are teaming up for a spectacular show March 13 at the Stadium Theatre Performing Arts Centre in Woonsocket, R.I.

Shirley Alston, the original lead singer of The Shirelles, led the group on to become America's No. 1 and most loved female vocal group with an almost endless list of No. 1 million sellers that include: "Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow?" "Everybody Loves a Lover," "Dedicated to The One I Love," "Soldier Boy," "Foolish Little Girl," "Mama Said," etc.

Herb Reed and the Platters have sold more than 80 million records, have performed in 91 countries, and have received more than 230 awards from all over the world. Million sellers to be sung at the Stadium Theatre include: "Only You," "The Magic Touch," "The Great Pretender," "My Prayer," "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes," "Twilight Time," "Harbor Lights," and many more.

Show time for The Shirelles and Herb Reed and the Platters is at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 orchestra seats and \$15 balcony. Call the Stadium Theatre Foundation office at 762-4545.

Books and Maps of The Holy Land and Middle East on Sale at Sotheby's

For two millennia, Jerusalem and the Holy Land have been a focus for pilgrimage and conflict. There have been many masters — Roman, Turkish, Egyptian, British and Jewish — and many religions have held sway over the land. Jerusalem was considered by many as the center of the world and its history is that of many cultures and countries.

Sotheby's sale of books and maps on March 23 combines two important collections of material relating exclusively to the region: the Library of a Gentleman and maps from the Laor Collection. It is the first time in living memory that Sotheby's has held a sale of books and maps devoted entirely to the Holy Land.

The Library of a Gentleman, assembled over a 30-year period by a collector and author of

works on the Holy Land, and in particular pilgrimages and travellers there, contains books of considerable interest on Palestine. It is equally important for accounts of countries visited by those whose journeys began thousands of miles away and took them to Greece, Turkey, Arabia and elsewhere.

The maps included in the sale are duplicates from the famous collection assembled by Eran Laor, which is the foremost collection of maps of the Holy Land (and the basis for his standard reference work on the subject). Included in the sale are early maps of Palestine, dating back to 1492 and plans and views of Jerusalem from as early as 1493.

For more information, call Sotheby's, 34-35 New Bond St., London W1A 2AA, Tel.: 0171-293-5000. Sotheby's website: <http://www.sothebys.com>.

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America has recorded such songs as "Horse With No Name," "Muskrat Love," "Tin Man," "Lonely People," and many more. Over the past 20 years, America has performed an average of 130 concerts per year, thrilling audiences from the mountains of Ecuador to The Great Wall of China, along with regularly scheduled tours to Italy, Australia, and South East Asia.

It was 1981 when Christopher Cross, newly arrived from his Texas upbringing, burst on the music scene by winning five Grammys and an Oscar off his first album release. Songs like "Ride Like The Wind" and "Sailing" along with the Oscar winning single "Arthur's Theme (Best That You Can Do)" catapulted him into a level of superstardom.

John F. Kennedy Library Announces Public Forums

"Celebrating the Voice of Peace: The Promise of the Peace Corps," a forum celebrating the Handel and Haydn Society's world premier of a new oratorio commemorating President Kennedy's founding of the Peace Corps, will take place March 14. Featuring Frank Mankiewicz, JFK's director of the Peace Corps in Peru; composer Dan Welcher; and members of the Handel and Haydn Society chorus performing excerpts of the new oratorio "Voice of Peace." From 2 to 3:45 p.m. at the John F. Kennedy Library at Columbia Point, Boston. Free to the public. For more information, call (617) 929-4571.

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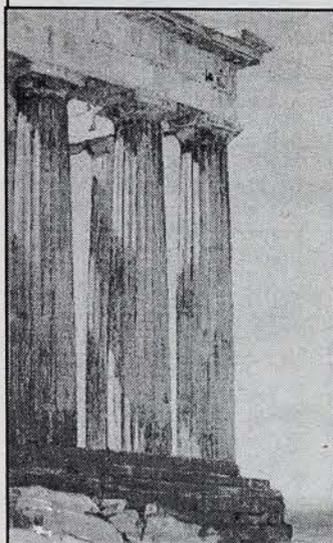
The Bert Gallery Presents 'Survey of Sojourns'

The Bert Gallery is offering a quick getaway for those in search of more exotic locales. From March 15 through May 21, a "Survey of Sojourns" will feature the paintings of late 19th-century New England artists who traveled to Europe and Asia to broaden their skills and scope.

This exhibit surveys 40 watercolors and oils painted by New England artists, including Anna Richards Brewster and Gladys Wilkins Murphy, who captured the Paris of poets and novelists, the clay-baked walls of Damascus, and the wooden fishing boats of Portugal and other ports of call. Paintings of colorful bazaars, ancient ruins, and pastoral European landscapes will give viewers a taste of what painters experienced during their travels.

The Bert Gallery, located on 540 South Water Street, is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 751-2628.

Photo courtesy of The Bert Gallery.



'Our Town' is Tiverton, R.I.

The Tiverton High School Theatre Company will present Thornton Wilder's "Our Town" on March 12, 13, and 14 in the high school auditorium. Although this classic of the American Theatre is set in the southwest corner of New Hampshire at the beginning of the 20th century, the eternal truths which are so eloquently stated and brilliantly portrayed are just as valid in Tiverton, R.I., as we approach the 21st century and the start of the third millennium.

The Friday and Saturday performances will begin at 8 p.m.; Sunday's performance will begin at 3 p.m. The price of admission is \$7 for each adult and \$4 for students and senior citizens. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Call 624-8494.

Chef's Choice: A Simmering Pot of Cooking Instruction and Fun

A new series of Chef's Choice cooking classes is being offered at Johnson & Wales University now through May.

Everything from pizza pizzazz to elegant pastries will be taught on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. Some of the 42 special courses include:

- The Techniques of Modern Cooking, which includes poultry and meat cookery.

- Flavors of the Bayou, which includes classes on Cajun cooking, Louisiana seafood and Creole cuisine, taught by chef-instructor Adrian Barber.

- A Taste of China, with sensory trips to the Canton, Szechuan and Peking regions.

- A Dessert Series, featuring fruit tarts, lighter desserts, frozen desserts and chocolate specialties.

In addition, the Wine Wizard class — on basic and advanced levels — will be offered on Saturday afternoons from 1 to 4 p.m.

For details or to register for a class, call 598-2336 or (800) 342-5598.

Save The Music in Rhode Island

Cox Communications and Providence Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., in cooperation with the Providence Performing Arts Center and the Rhode Island Philharmonic, have joined with VH1 Save The Music to announce their commitment to support music education in the Ocean State. Slated to extend beyond 1999, the initiative will focus initially on restoring music education programs in the Providence School District.

VH1 Save The Music is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of education in America's public schools by restoring and supporting music programs in cities across the United States and by raising public awareness about the importance of music participation for our nation's youth.

"Cox Communications, Mayor Cianci, VH1 and the Providence School District will work together to restore and invigorate critical music programs in schools throughout Rhode Island, beginning with the capital city," said John Wolfe, vice president, Government/Public Affairs at Cox Communications.

"I welcome the partnership we have forged with VH1 Save The Music and Cox Communi-

cations, aided and enhanced by the participation of our Providence Performing Arts Center and Rhode Island Philharmonic," said Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr. "...As a result of this initiative, the more than 1,600 students now enrolled in our schools' instrumental music program will reap solid benefits, as will students for years to come."

Cox Communications is airing public service announcements through May, along with promotional segments and video spots, in an effort to heighten awareness of the benefits of music education. Additionally, Cox is coordinating an instrument drive with PPAC and ABC6 on April 27, in conjunction with PPAC and ABC6's "Kids Night On Broadway" performance of "The King and I."

"Music education builds brain power, and is not a luxury, it's a necessity," said John Sykes, president, VH1. "There is a growing body of scientific research that supports the importance of early music education and its effect on basic learning skills. With the help of our committed partners, VH1 Save The Music will successfully continue in our quest to make music education a reality for all children."

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OBITUARIES

MARVIN BALL
PAWLEYS ISLAND, S.C. — Marvin Ball, 75, of Pawleys Island, S.C., formerly of Cranston, operator of Balson Industries, Pawtucket, from 1963 until he retired, in 1989, died March 4 at Duke University Medical Center, Durham, N.C. He was the husband of Marie (Williams) Ball.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., a son of the late Harry and Harriet (Feinstein) Ball, he moved to Cranston in 1965 and lived in Rhode Island until 1989. With his father and brothers, he founded Harry Ball and Sons, a textile manufacturing company in New York, in 1947.

He was a former member of Temple Torat Yisrael, Cranston, and was a member of Temple Beth Eloham in South Carolina. He was a 1944 graduate of North Carolina State College of Textiles where he later created the Ball Memorial Scholarship for textile students.

Besides his wife, he leaves four daughters, Marjorie Ball DiBella of East Greenwich, Eileen Ball of Chicago, Ill., Judy Ball of Natick, Mass., and Mindy Oswald of Barrington; two brothers, Jerry Ball of New York and Robert Ball of Rehoboth; and five grandchildren.

The funeral service was held March 8 at Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Swan Point Cemetery, Providence. Arrangements were by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

SADIE DUNN
WOONSOCKET — Sadie Dunn, 90, of 58 Harrison Ave., a

clerk at the former Korenstein's in Woonsocket, died March 1 at the Oakland Grove Health Care Center. She was the wife of the late Leo Dunn.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., a daughter of the late Samuel and Bessie (Brown) Cooper, she had lived in Woonsocket for 61 years.

She had been a member of Congregation B'nai Israel-Hadassah and its Sisterhood.

She leaves two sisters-in-law, Ann Dunn Cohen of Woonsocket and Leah Cooper of Trumbull, Conn.; and several nieces and nephews. She was the sister of the late Nathan, Morris and Harold Cooper.

The funeral was held March 2 in Congregation B'nai Israel, Prospect Street. Burial was in B'nai Israel Cemetery.

RAFAEL FESSEL
CAMBRIDGE — Rafael Fessel, 66, of Cambridge, Mass., a computer researcher at IBM in Cambridge for 20 years, died March 6 at Elmhurst Extended Care Facility, Providence.

Born in Berlin, Germany, a son of the late Max and Helen (Oelbaum) Fessel, he moved from Germany to Palestine, and then to Providence, where he lived for many years. He moved to Franconia, N.H., for five years, and then lived in Cambridge for 30 years.

He received his bachelor's degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and his Ph.D. in nuclear physics from Purdue University.

He leaves a brother, Norbert Fessel of Barrington, and a sister, Evelyn Brier of Providence.

The funeral service was held March 8 at Lincoln Park Cem-

etry, Warwick. Arrangements were by Shalom Memorial Chapel, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston.

BEATRICE PEARL KLEMER
SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Beatrice Pearl Klemer, 94, of 3716 Governor Drive, San Diego, Calif., died March 7 at Jacob Health Care Center, San Diego. She was the wife of the late Leonard Klemer. She lived with her nephew, Joseph Gertz of San Diego.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Joseph and Nettie (Greenspan) Gertz, she moved to California many years ago.

She was the co-owner along with her husband of Klemer's Drug Store of Tujunga, Calif., retiring in 1980.

She was a member of Chabad of La Jolla and University City, and was active in City of Hope, B'nai B'rith and Hadassah.

She is survived by a brother, Sanford G. Gertz of Palm Desert, Calif.

A graveside funeral service was held March 9 at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

JULIUS (GENE) LIGHTMAN
LAUDERHILL, Fla. — Julius (Gene) Lightman, passed away on March 6. He was the husband of Terry Lightman. He was born in Orinin, Ukraine, on Sept. 12, 1909, to parents Solomon and Eva Lightman.

He settled with his family in Providence, R.I., in 1921. The family was well-known in the community for owning and operating Lightman's grocery store

on Willard Avenue. Gene went on to own and operate Lightman's Liquor store on Cranston Street until he retired to Lauderhill, Fla., in 1976. He was a veteran of WWII.

Besides his wife, Terry of 55 years, he is survived by four children, Marshal and wife Victoria of Houston, Texas; Harold of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.; Mindy and husband Marvin Dobrow, South Natick, Mass.; and Marilyn and husband, Peter Lane of Sarasota, Fla.; a brother, Benjamin and wife, Marjorie Lightman, Washington, D.C.; and three grandchildren, Stacey and Mark Lightman, and Erika Lane. He was a member of Temple Beth Israel in both Rhode Island and Florida, where services were held at the Menorah Chapel.

ELSIE LISTENGART
NORTH KINGSTOWN — Elsie Listengart, 84, of Vineyard Road, and Margate, Fla., died Feb. 26 at home. She was the wife of the late Joseph Listengart.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., a daughter of the late Morris and Anna (Danzig) Shreder, she had lived in New York most of her life before moving to Florida in 1988, and to North Kingstown last year.

She was a member of Hadassah and numerous Jewish organizations.

She leaves two sons, Dr. Edward Listengart of North Kingstown and Philip Listengart of New York; a brother, Seymour Shreder of Delray Beach, Fla.; four grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

The funeral service was held Feb. 28 in New York. Arrangements were by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

RAPHAEL NORWICK
FALL RIVER — Raphael Norwick, 97, of Robeson Street died March 1 in the Jewish Home. He was the husband of the late Shirley Sara (Feldman) Norwick.

Born in New York City, a son of the late Abraham and Fannie (Moses) Norwick, he lived in Fall River for most of his life.

He was a spreader and cutter for the former Har-Lee Mfg. Co., Fall River, for many years.

He was a member of the Adas Israel Synagogue.

He leaves three daughters, Elaine McCully in South Africa, Sylvia Smialek of Swampscott, Mass., and Karen Garant of Berkley; a brother, Morris Norwick of Tamarac, Fla.; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held March 3 at the Hebrew Cemetery.

SIDNEY S. SMITH
FALL RIVER — Sidney S. Smith, 87, of 4001 North Main St., retired vice president and general manager of the former Dover Stamping Co., retiring in 1988, died March 4 at Sarah Brighton Nursing Home. He was the husband of Edna (Manhoff) Smith.

Born in East Boston, a son of the late Eli and Ida (Miller) Smith, he lived in Fall River for more than 55 years.

He attended Northeastern University. He was a member of the Temple Beth-El Brotherhood and SCORE.

Besides his wife, he leaves a daughter, Wilma White of San Diego, Calif.; a son, Arthur Smith of Fall River; a brother, Leonard Smith of Phoenix, Ariz.; three sisters, Evelyn Udel in Florida, Hilda Khoury of

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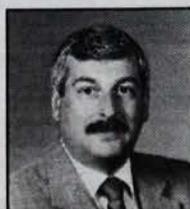
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Braintree, Mass., and Bertha Kutzer of Canton, Mass.; eight grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held March 5 in Hebrew Cemetery, McMahon Road. Arrangements were by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

HENRY SONNENSCHNEIN PROVIDENCE

—Henry Sonnenschein, 92, of 24 Braman St., proprietor of the former Swiss-American Watch Repair in Providence, retiring in 1972, died March 6, at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Lisa (Labi) Sonnenschein.

Born in Austria, a son of the late Max and Sidonia (Weis) Sonnenschein, he fled Austria during the Holocaust. He was a concentration camp survivor. He lived in Italy for several years after World War II, then moved to Rhode Island in 1953.

He was a champion chess player in Austria, Italy and America. He was a member of the Rhode Island Chess Club, where he ranked in the top league and was named Chess Champion of the Year in 1973. He was a member of the Jewish Community Center and a former member of Congregation Sons of Jacob and Temple Emanu-El.

Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, Bruno Sonnenschein of West Greenwich and Teo Sonnenschein of St. Petersburg, Fla.; a daughter, Lillian Sonnenschein of Warwick; a sister Edith Blum of London, England; and two grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Otto Sonnenschein Sonborne.

The funeral service was held March 9 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was private.

GILBERT STEIN

—SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Gilbert Stein, 82, an artist of Springfield, Mass., died March 1. He was the husband of Nellie (Anuskavich) Stein.

He was born in Providence, R.I., on Nov. 14, 1916, the son of the late Louis Stein and the late Anna (Morin) Stein. He was a graduate of Central High School in Providence and attended the Rhode Island School of Design.

He was the former art director for television station WJAR in Providence and WTIC in Hartford, Conn., before moving to Springfield in 1961. He retired in 1986 as vice president of advertising for Waldbaum's Food Mart Inc.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two sons, Joel Stein of Livermore, Calif., Allan Stein of Nevada City, Calif., a daughter, Sherril Horvitz of Salem, Mass.; a brother, Harold Stein of Warwick, R.I.; a sister, Ida Woled of Providence, R.I.; and six grandchildren.

Services were held in private. Arrangements were by Ascher Memorial Chapel.

Crossroad

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chemical and biological arsenals and advanced missile technology. Domestically, we need an administration whose priorities include strengthening our education system, investing in infrastructure, and overhauling our deteriorating health care system and hospitals. We must confront the alarming growth in our poverty and unemployment rates, and the special needs of our elderly and immigrant populations. We need to deal with the serious problems of the Druze community, and actively promote equality for all our Arab citizens.

This government is held hostage by extremists; it divides and incites on behalf of the radical special interest groups that allow it only one accomplishment: remaining in power.

We need to join the new wave that is prevailing across the West, combining competitive market economics with social justice and solidarity, tolerance and responsibility. We need to look forward to what we can create — what we want to create — rather than looking back only in blame.

Someone Was Watching Over Me

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such unsophisticated thinking can be found in the National Football League. The tight end snares a pass, races into the end zone, and falls to his knees in grateful prayer, sometimes joined by his teammates. Later, at the press conference, the athletes praise G-d for their victory.

What's a bit surprising is that you never see losers thanking the A-mighty for their season-ending loss or for their recently acquired lessons in humility.

Only a small percentage of professional football players engage in public religiosity, but they're annoying. Our community can take some pride in the fact that none of the Jewish players in the NFL put on such displays. For example, Harris Barton, the 286 pound 6'4" all-star offensive lineman for the San Francisco 49ers has never, to my knowledge, made a bone-crunching tackle and then davened on the 25-yard line.

Most people at one time or another engage in pop theology. Sometimes their simple conclusions help them feel better, and sometimes not. Like my friend Selma, age 85.

ADL Leaders

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and the Internet grows as a medium for haters to spew anti-Semitism."

Hate Crimes

A panel of experts addressed the challenges of combating hate crimes, extremism and anti-Semitism in southern Florida. McAuliffe clarified what constitutes a hate crime. He discussed hate crimes legislation, enforcement and the importance of the Hate Crimes Prevention Act and addressed the problem of under-reporting. Velboom warned that hate groups are bringing their messages to the mainstream and noted the importance of law enforcement working with the community and groups like the ADL to battle the haters. Arthur Teitelbaum, ADL southern area director, told League leaders not to forget about the victims of hate crimes and discussed the effects an attack can have on an individual. Rabbi Stephen Pinsky of Temple Beth Torah in Wellington, Fla., shared the painful memories of anti-Semitic incidents, that he and his congregation have endured.

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There Is Help

The Rhode Island Breast Cancer Coalition offers a free, on going educational program, "Lifestyle Changes After Breast Cancer." On March 23 at 7 p.m., yoga instructor Kendall Sheldon will share simple and easy techniques. The meetings are held at the Breast Cancer Resource Center, 2 Shoppers Park, Route 117, Coventry. There is no fee, but pre-registration is required. To register, call 822-7984.

Mental illness education program set: The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Rhode Island is offering the "Family-to-Family Education Program," a 12-week course for relatives and friends of people diagnosed with serious mental illness. Classes will begin in Providence on March 24 at the Central Baptist Church, 372 Wayland Ave. In Warwick, classes will begin March 25 at Hillgrove House, 70 Minnesota Ave. Both groups will meet from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The course will cover information about schizophrenia, mood disorders, obsessive-compulsive and panic disorders, crisis and relapse, psychiatric medications, communication techniques and advocacy. The course is free. For more information or to register, call 331-3060 or (800) 749-3197.

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Passover begins March 31, 1999

The Rhode Island Jewish Herald will be publishing its annual Passover Greetings Issue on March 25, 1999

To place an ad, or to submit editorial copy please call 724-0200. Deadline for submissions is Friday, March 19

To include a box number, send an additional \$5.00. All responses will be mailed to the Herald via box number, and forwarded to classified advertiser. Payment MUST be received by Monday afternoon, PRIOR to the Thursday on which the ad is to appear. 10% discount given for ads running continuously for one year.

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People and Pets: A Healthy Relationship

Not only will a pet give you warmth and unconditional affection, but studies conducted by the University of Pennsylvania and Purdue University confirm that merely interacting with a pet can help lower high blood pressure, fight depression, prevent heart disease and reduce stress.

As the American Pet Products Manufacturers Association points out, since pets provide us with both emotional and health benefits, pet owners should be sure their pets receive the care and attention they deserve. To be a responsible pet owner:

Maintain a safe household. Be sure that electrical outlets and wires are protected and tucked away. Keep prescription or over-the-counter medication far away from pets. Do not leave chocolates unattended, since they can be extremely toxic to dogs, cats, birds and small animals. Some plants may be poisonous as well.

Choose a veterinarian carefully. Make sure your vet provides proper immunizations and with dogs, annually checks for worms. Make arrangements for your pet to receive medical attention in the event of an emergency.

Identification is good protection. Make sure that your pet has a collar and proper identification.

Maintain a well-balanced diet. Ensure that your pet is getting enough protein, fiber, fat, vitamins and minerals. *It's not healthy for a pet to eat people food.*

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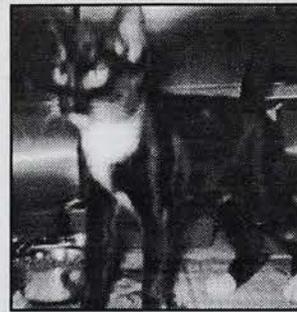
the aquarium's temperature. To keep small animals and reptiles from getting a chill, warm them up with heating lamps, increase the overall room temperature and check windows. Bird cages should be placed away from drafts or covered with a blanket.

Feed frequently during winter months. If your pets spend a lot of time outdoors, you may have to increase their calorie intake by 25 or 50 percent. Not only do they need extra calories for energy, but the extra food will also help them grow a thicker coat for warmth.

Keep that silky smooth skin. To prevent pets from developing dry, itchy skin, give them a complex B vitamin that contains fatty acids.

Maintain proper hygiene. Cleaning, combing and nail clipping should be routine. Caring for your dog's mouth hygiene is very important, as dogs can build up plaque on their teeth which can lead to gum disease.

A Friend and Companion is Waiting For You



One of several black-and-white cats at the shelter. He's about 9 months old.



A six-month-old female. She's had all her necessary shots.



Older shepherd mix is very mellow and friendly, has been with us a month.



Male chow mix found in Roger Williams Park.



This canine is not bored. She's just dying for attention. Has been at the shelter since Jan. 29.

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AAA Top Car Award Goes to 11 Vehicles

After evaluating more than 180 models for the 1999 AAA *Autograph Book*, AAA has given its Top Car Award to vehicles in 11 different classes.

"AAA Top Car Award winners offer the best balance of performance, quality and value," said AAA Southern New England Senior Vice President of Corporate Affairs Robert P. Murray. "These vehicles stand out from the rest."

The 11 Top Car vehicle classes are based on vehicle cost and type.

- The following is a list of the top scoring 1999 models:
- Under \$15,000 — Toyota Corolla CE — 155 points
 - \$15,000-\$20,000 — Chevrolet Malibu — 159 points
 - \$20,000-\$25,000 — Oldsmobile Intrigue — 162 points
 - \$25,000-\$30,000 — Acura 3.2TL — 162 points
 - \$30,000-\$35,000 — BMW 328i — 166 points
 - \$35,000-\$40,000 — Saab 9-5 Wagon — 165 points
 - \$40,000-\$50,000 — Lexus GS 400 — 172 points
 - more than \$50,000 — Mercedes S500 — 174 points
 - Minivan — Ford Windstar LX — 156 points
 - Sport Utility Vehicle under \$25,000 — Subaru Forester — 148 points
 - Sport Utility Vehicle more than \$25,000 — Jeep Grand Cherokee — 160 points

The ratings are based on comprehensive reviews conducted for AAA's 1999 *Autograph Book* — an annual evaluation of new vehicles. The book features ratings on vehicles ranging from sports cars to minivans. After a review, each vehicle is awarded up to 10 points in 20 different categories for a maximum of 200 points.

The highest scoring vehicle in this year's book is the Mercedes S500 with 174 points. The Toyota Corolla, Subaru Forester and Lexus GS 400 are the only repeat selections from last year's Top Car list.

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