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Survivors Gather In Israel To Recall Past, Celebrate

JERUSALEM — More than 4,000 survivors of the Holocaust gathered in Israel this week for a four-day remembrance and celebration of life, the first and last such event since the capture and liberation of the Nazi concentration camps.

Attending the event were survivors from the United States, Canada and Europe, as well as thousands more from Israel. The ceremonies opened at Yad Vashem, the monument in Jerusalem to the six million Jews who perished, and continued with visits to kibbutzim established by survivors, use of a computer to register information about survivors, and delivery of tape cassettes with personal histories to Yad Vashem. The gathering concluded with a ceremony at the Western Wall in Jerusalem Thursday. A written legacy of the Holocaust, signed by all present, was turned over to the children of the survivors.

Ernest W. Michel, an Auschwitz survivor who chaired the gathering, said it was neither a conference, nor a meeting. "This is a onetime happening that has never taken place before, nor will it take place again," he said. "To us, this is something that we feel had to be done. . . . Those who have been through the worst that human beings can suf-

fer want to make a statement, that this is what happened to us. We survived it and we pray that this will be a lesson so it will never happen again, to Jews or non-Jews."

Many of the thousands who came to Israel for the gathering brought with them stones marked with the names of relatives who perished; the small gravestones for those who were denied a burial will be placed at Yad Vashem.

Included in the gathering were the children of the survivors, who conducted a one-day discussion of issues involving their generation.

Many survivors, Michel said, did not want to come. "They've had enough. The memory is too difficult for them. . . . But we are proud that we have survived one of the greatest tragedies in human history."

Survivors at the gathering carried some signs imprinted with their names and hometowns in Europe, hoping to locate a long-lost relative never heard from after a war, or friends who were in the same camp. Some even wore tee-shirts to identify themselves.

There were some reunions, but the remembrance was largely solemn and silent.

Jewish Shop Owner Arrested In Stolen Torah Case

NEW YORK — The owner of a yarmulka shop on Manhattan's Lower East Side was arrested this week on charges of possession of stolen Torahs. The arrest was made by officers of the New York Police Department's Bias Incident Investigating Unit under the command of Capt. Paul Donnelly.

District Attorney Robert Morgenthau announced the arrest of David Levy, 49, at a press conference, marking the first time Torahs had been recovered by the special unit.

Morgenthau said Levy was arrested in his shop while trying to buy three Torahs, stolen in November 1980, from a young man who was cooperating with the authorities. Levy was found in possession of three other Torahs, stolen Torah cases, breast plates and crowns. He was booked on charges of criminal possession of stolen goods.

Malcolm Hoenlein, executive director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York, which has created a task force to deal with the growing number of such thefts in the Greater New York area, hailed the arrest and said that the Jewish community wanted the arrest and punishment of any person, regardless of race, creed or religion,

involved in the theft and sale of stolen Torah scrolls.

Morgenthau said Levy "may have been a major fence" and that an investigation involved in the trafficking of other stolen Torahs. Capt. Donnelly said 52 Torahs, valued at between \$5,000 and \$13,000 each, had been reported missing thus far this year.

Levy has operated the yarmulka shop on Essex Street for 12 years, and had been arrested previously on a weapons possession charge.

Last April, in response to the rash of Torah thefts in New York City, a Brooklyn-based organization called Vadd Mishmeres Stam announced it would attempt to register each of the approximately 500,000 Torahs in this country and to record in unique characteristics of each in an attempt to aid in their identification and recovery should they be stolen.

Peres Says Begin Provokes Violence

JERUSALEM — Violent demonstrations during campaign rallies by the Labor Party may have been organized by Menachem Begin's party, Shimon Peres has charged.

Peres, the Labor Party chairman, said he could say "with certainty" that disruptions were organized by the opposition Likud party. "People are bused in, they are paid, and yesterday one of them even brandished a knife," Peres said.

A spokesman for Begin denied the allegation. Peres had called a news conference to discuss the violence after a fist-fighting, window-smashing incident on the campaign trail. About 8,000 Labor Party supporters had been disrupted by 200 hecklers who jeered Peres and threw tomatoes. There were 23 arrests.

The head of the Likud campaign, Gideon Gadot, denied the accusation, saying that the Labor Party was trying to "drag the Likud into a violent confrontation." He said advertisements that depicted Begin and other Likud candidates in an "unflattering manner" were inciting violence.

Ehud Olmert, a member of the Knesset for Likud, who is also a campaign organizer, said the violence had not been organized. He asserted the people's right to shout, but not to resort to violence.

According to a police spokesman, fighting broke out when 100 policemen moved in to arrest six instigators.

After Peres left, about 1,200 demonstrators crowded the area and were dispersed by police. A group smashed a window at the local Labor Party headquarters, and burned Labor Party leaflets. The police said 8 of the 23 people arrested would be tried for disorderly conduct.

Reports Say U.S. Gave Israelis Data On Iraqi Reactor

TEL AVIV — The Israeli newspaper Maariv reported this week that American officials visited Israel in secret several times last year to update the Israelis on the progress of Iraq's atomic bombs program.

The most recent such visit, according to the newspaper report, was last fall. "The Americans shared the Israeli assessment that the Iraqis were striving to produce a nuclear bomb as soon as possible," Maariv said, quoting unnamed Israeli sources.

The American officials were not identified, and the meetings were not detailed. But the report said the meetings were held to exchange information on the Iraqi nuclear program.

Another Israeli newspaper, Haaretz, reported that Israel had relied on U.S. intelligence data, besides its own findings, in making the decision to attack the nuclear reactor on June 7.

Israeli military censorship had held up publication of this information until it became known that Prime Minister Menachem Begin planned to discuss it publicly on an American television interview.

But on the television show, the CBS "Face the Nation" program, Begin stopped short of giving the Americans credit for the tip. "I cannot accept such a statement," Begin said. "But we had all the information months ago from reliable sources."



TRIBUTE TO LEADERSHIP — Philip J. Macktez (third from left), received the 30th Anniversary State of Israel Bonds Medal in recognition of outstanding leadership and service in the economic upbuilding of Israel. The occasion was the Woonsocket Lodge, No. 989, B'nai B'rith's brunch in his honor and in behalf of Israel's economic development held at congregation B'nai Israel, Woonsocket. (From left) Sidney and Yvonne Dressler, general chairmen of the Rhode Island Israel Bond Executive Committee; Macktez, Lawrence B. Sadwin, Tribute Committee co-chairman, who presented the medal; Alan Bruce Wayne, Tribute Committee chairman; and Lester Macktez. Not shown; Herbert B. Stern, Tribute Committee co-chairman.

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14 Women Join In First B'not Mitzvah

After a year of intensive Hebrew study, 14 women of Temple Sinai will become B'not Mitzvah (plural for Bat Mitzvah) on Friday June 19 at 8:15 p.m. They will lead the congregation in worship, and read a selection from the week's Torah and Haftorah portion.

Their preparation for the B'not Mitzvah involved more than the learning of Hebrew. They attended two five-week lecture series as part of the temple's adult education program, and were given class lectures on the significance of prayer, the holidays of Purim and Passover, the history of the Bar and Bat Mitzvah and the significance of the weekly Torah and Haftorah portion.

Most of the women who will participate in the B'not Mitzvah received no Hebrew background before coming to the class, while others simply never had the opportunity to become a Bat Mitzvah as young women. Many were reared in conservative or orthodox branches of Judaism where such a ceremony was unavailable to them.

The B'not Mitzvah class includes: Carol Alfano, Marcia Bronzek, Miriam Flint, Livia Greenberg, Susan Hall, Marcia Helpert, Sheila Kaufman, Ann Miller, Marilyn Moskol, Selma Nasberg, Phyllis Solod, Suzanne Spitzer, Marlene Stein and Lorraine Waldman.

Obituaries

YAAKOV KRAMER

PROVIDENCE — Yaakov Kramer, 70, of 100 Atwells Ave., a warehouse supervisor in Odessa, Russia until retiring five years ago, died Wednesday, June 10 at home. He was the husband of Tsila (Korn) Kramer.

Born in Russia, a son of the late Welwel and Aenta Kramer, he came to this country two years ago.

Besides his wife, he leaves three daughters, Mrs. Valentina Kamer of Odessa, Mrs. Maya Katzev of Cranston and Mrs. Alexandria Metelitsa of Milwaukee, Wis.; a brother, Ilya Kramer of Odessa; a sister, Lisa Kramer of Melbourne, Australia. A funeral service was held Friday at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to Temple Emanu-El 99 Taft Ave., Providence.

BORIS SIGAL

FALL RIVER, MASS. — Boris Sigal, 89, of 8K Rolling Green Drive, died Wednesday, June 17, at Charlton Memorial Hospital, Truesdale site. He was the husband of Eva (Krasnow) Sigal.

Born in Russia, he was the son of the late Tevia and Sarah Sigal. He had lived in Fall River for the last 65 years. He was a retired clothing store owner.

Sigal was a member of Temple Beth El, the Fall River Jewish Home for the Aged, the Jewish War Veterans, the Knights of Pythias, the Hebrew Sick Benefit Society, the Jewish Friendship Club and the Rolling Green Senior Citizens.

Besides his widow, he leaves a son, Jason Sigal of Somerset, Mass.; a daughter, Mrs. Arline Buckler of Cranston; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were to be held Thursday at Temple Beth El, 385 High St., Fall River. Burial was in Hebrew Cemetery. The Memorial Week will be observed at his late residence.

Recent Actions By Israel Show Mideast-Arab Style

Last week's Israeli attack on the Iraqi nuclear reactor is bringing some analysts to the conclusion that Israel is evolving as a Middle East country, with Mideast-style statecraft, politics and social attitudes, instead of remaining the Western-style ally of the past.

The violent, antagonistic nature of many of Israel's actions in the recent past, as well as the immigration to Israel of Sephardic Jews with Arab-like culture, are leading to a change in how Israel is viewed.

The Askenazi (European) Jews who settled in Palestine and helped bring about the independence of Israel in 1948, are now outnumbered by Oriental, or Sephardic, Jews who came to Israel from countries such as Iraq and Morocco.

Emmanuel Gutmann, professor of political science at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, says Sephardic Jews now make up more than half of the Israeli electorate, and have made politics more "emotional" recently, with voters interested most in a leader's strength and decisiveness.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin has picked up on this, Gutmann says, with decisions that appeal to the Sephardic Jews.

Begin's sharp rise in the polls during the past six weeks reflects his appeal to the Israel electorate with hard-line preferences, particularly in relation to the Syrian missile crisis.

But what wins votes in Israel causes concern among allies, particularly the United States, analysts say. Begin's decision to raid the Iraq reactor threatens Israel's special relationship with the United States as a force

Hope High Seeks Missing Class Members For 35th Reunion

The Hope High School Class of June, 1946, is planning its 35th year Class Reunion for November 21 at the Wannamoisett Country Club in Rumford. Anyone with information concerning out-of-state classmates is asked to call Dorothy Mathews at Hope High School at 456-9167, until June 24. For further information or details please call Lillian (Allegretti) D'Ovidio at 739-3095.

Missing class members include Frances Berman, Jeanette H. David, Evelyn Katz, Arlene Leibow, Shirley Norman, David Penn, Edgar Rosenthal, Mary Weisman and Irvin Wexler.

for stability in the Middle East.

Analysts say the acceptance of Israel as a volatile Middle East country may be in the best interests of both Israel and the U.S.

Begin's attack on Iraq not only undermined recent attempts by the U.S. to improve relations with Iraq but pushed Iraq back toward its former friend, the Soviet Union.

The action also complicated efforts by Philip Habib, the U.S. special envoy, to resolve the crisis between Israel and Syria over Lebanon.

In the long run, analysts say, a Middle Eastern identity for Israel may allow easier integration into the surrounding Arab world.

Begin has his own personal "terrorist" history, as the leader of an Israeli national liberation movement, and he has adopted characteristically Arab tactics: he uses flamboyant rhetoric, resists direction from friends in the West, and is quick to use military power to defend Israel's interests.

Arab critics say Israel may even have resorted to the Arab world's most vicious weapon: political assassinations in Paris (of an Iraqi nuclear scientist) and in Brussels (of a Palestinian diplomat).

NYC Sets Up Hotline On Medical Problems

NEW YORK (JTA) — A 24-hour-a-day city hotline had been established to advise rabbis and Jewish doctors in situations in which health needs and Jewish religious law seem to be in conflict, according to the medical ethics committee of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York.

The hotline was established by the Raphael Society in cooperation with the Federation. The Raphael Society is the medical, dental and health care section of the Association of Orthodox Jewish Scientists.

The service is staffed by a team of Jewish doctors trained in halacha and rabbinical experts in the field of Jewish medical ethics, according to Dr. Paul Rosenstock, a member of the medical ethics committee and chairman of the hotline. Rabbi Kenneth Hain is director.

The hotline is the first in-place facility of what is to be developed into a national hotline available to the rabbinate and the medical profession.

Bohnen Re-elected President Of Solomon Schechter Day School

Providence native son, Michael Bohnen, has been reelected President of the Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Boston. During his successful first term, the school's enrollment grew by close to 30 percent, its \$1 million Endowment Fund drive came substantially closer to meeting its goal, and new funds were raised for scholarship support of the many recently immigrated Russian children at the school.

His reelection means the continuation of a Rhode Island-bred team of Bohnen and school Headmaster, Rabbi Joshua Elkin. Rabbi Elkin's late father headed the Providence Bureau of Jewish Education, while his mother, Esther, teaches at a Providence Hebrew School. Rabbi Elkin is a 1966 honors graduate of Classical High School, and a 1966 graduate of the Community Hebrew High School of the Providence Bureau of Jewish Education.

Bohnen, the son of Rabbi and Mrs. Eli Bohnen, is a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School. He has been active in the Boston Jewish community for many years, having chaired the Young Lawyers Division of CJP, served on the Administrative Committee of the Jewish Community Council, and served as a Trustee of Temple Emanuel of Newton, Massachusetts, Hebrew College, and the Zamir Chorale. He is a partner in the Boston law firm of Nutter,



MICHAEL BOHNEN

McClennen and Fish. Bohnen is married and lives in Newton where he and his wife, Joyce, are raising two daughters, both of whom attend the Schechter School.

B'nai Israel Graduates Receive Awards

Congregation B'nai Israel Hebrew School in Woonsocket held its annual graduation ceremony and awards brunch on Sunday, June 14 in Medoff Auditorium at the synagogue.

Mistress of ceremonies was Mrs. Deborah Rubenstein, head teacher. Brunch Chairman was Mrs. Judith Schoenfeld. Mrs. Marjory Brenner, Hebrew School chairman, arranged the program.

The aleph and bet classes presented a skit on the first book of the Bible, Genesis. Participating from aleph were Lee Berman, Andrew Daniels and Matthew Dittrich; from bet were Travis Cohen and Karen and Peter Covitz.

A color war contest was held between the "Sea Splitters," led by Joshua Macktaz and "Noah's Crew," led by Richard Gilbert and Robert Kramer. The teams were judged on each of the following: banner, cheer, Hebrew song, English song, and an original play. "Noah's Crew" won the contest.

Todd Brenner and Karen Covitz from the bet class received a special award for learning and writing the Hebrew alphabet.

Cantor Philip Macktaz was the main speaker and presented graduation diplomas,

signifying the completion of the five-year Hebrew School program, to Richard Gilbert, Robert Kramer and Joshua Macktaz.

Mrs. Judith Schoenfeld, Sunday School teacher, presented graduation certificates to the Sunday School children who have completed the two-year program and will be entering the aleph class in the fall.

The recipients were Jennifer Ackerman, Matthew Baram, Jaimie Daniels, David Goryl, David Lafferty, Dandy Cohen, Rachel Cohen, and Adam Portney.

Mrs. Pamela Macktaz, a vice-president of the congregation, presented the Outstanding Boy of the Year Award to Robert Kramer. The Outstanding Girl of the Year was awarded to Stacey Goryl.

Mrs. Nancy Wayne, Sisterhood president, presented the Camp Ramah scholarship award to Jennafer Joseph.

Mrs. Ellen Eisenberg Shafner, a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Eisenberg of Woonsocket and Florida, presented the Joseph S. Eisenberg award for excellence in scholarship to Richard Gilbert and Joshua Macktaz.

Israeli Delegate Elected to ILO Governing Body

GENEVA (JTA) — Gideon Ben Israel, the Histadrut delegate to the International Labor Conference here has been re-elected to the governing body of the organization for another four-year term.

The election is considered an important victory for Israel as the Arabs made all possible efforts to have the Lebanese delegate elected in place of Ben Israel. In the event, Ben Israel won 68 of 129 votes demonstrating Histadrut's popularity in the organization and Ben Israel's good contacts.

This year the Arabs did not present an anti-Israel resolution at the conference, as they have done previously. This year their main preoccupation and lobbying was aimed at having Ben Israel ousted from the governing body. It was noted that even the Israeli attack against the Iraqi nuclear reactor did not hamper the election of the Histadrut delegate.

Officially the African Unity Movement gave instructions to vote for the Lebanese candidate but, as the ballot was secret, the Africans voted for Ben Israel as did some Moslem countries.

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Visit To Cairo By Peres Delayed Until After Voting

CAIRO — Labor Party chairman Shimon Peres has postponed his meeting with President Anwar Sadat of Egypt until after Israel's Knesset elections June 30, on the grounds that he did not want to involve the Egyptian leader in election politics.

But sources close to Sadat said he was furious and personally offended by the timing of the raid on Iraq, three days after he had urged Begin to act with restraint in the Syrian missile dispute.

Sadat, who met with Premier Menachem Begin at Ophira in Sinai, had invited the opposition leader to a meeting in Egypt. Peres telephoned Sadat to explain the reasons for his decision, and Sadat reportedly replied he would be pleased to see Peres after the elections.

Officials said Egypt had canceled visits by an Israeli trade delegation and several youth exchanges to protest the Israeli air assault.

Egyptian officials said peace negotiations with Israel would continue despite anger over the raid.

American Jewish Leaders Defend Israel, Assail Critics Of Attack

NEW YORK — Leaders of major Jewish organizations this week vigorously defended Israel's raid on Iraq's nuclear reactor and assailed critics for forcing Israel to act when other countries failed to do so.

In independent statements, the leaders said the attack had been justified by self-defense, was a response to a threat to Israel's survival, and could be likened to Washington's handling of the 1962 Cuban missile crisis.

Howard Squadron, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, said it was not Israel, but "those Arab states — including Iraq — that persist in proclaiming themselves at war with a 'Zionist entity' they have pledged themselves to liquidate" which should be condemned.

Some who preferred not to be identified had some misgivings about the timing of the strike, concerned that it might be interpreted as politically motivated for Prime Minister Menachem Begin's election campaign.

The conference of presidents held an

emergency meeting to discuss the situation.

Jack J. Spitzer, president of B'nai B'rith International, said he had sent a letter to President Reagan which maintained that Israel's use of American planes had not violated an aid agreement.

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, said that the White House decision to suspend fighter shipments had "given encouragement to the most intransigent elements in the Arab world, led by Iraq" in their vow to destroy Israel.

He charged that Israel once again has become "the victim of the world's double standards of morality." Referring to the Soviet missiles in Cuba in 1962 and President Kennedy's naval blockade, Rabbi Schindler declared that "if it is proper for Goliath to protect itself against a David, is not David to be allowed to defend himself against Goliath?"

Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, chairman of the American section of the World Zionist Organization, said that the Arab-Third World-Communist bloc, expecting Israel or the United States to stand by "helplessly" in the threat to Israel's survival, is "shocked" by an action "that prevents an assassin from carrying out his mission."

Citing the helplessness of the Jews in Nazi Europe, she said "this time, the Jews of Israel had a choice — to act on the truth of Iraq's own words that 'the Iraqi nuclear reactor' was intended to be used against 'the Zionist entity.' Israel had no recourse" and "had every moral right" to knock out the reactor.

Rabbi Joseph P. Sternstein, president of the American Zionist Federation, criticized the State Department's "quick condemnation" of the raid, and asked "Is Israel to be consigned to a never-ending stream of advice and withhold action even when her vital interests are at stake?"

He too cited the statement by President Saddam Hussein of Iraq, in Oct. 1980, that the Baghdad reactor "was being built solely for use against the Zionist enemy." He said the Reagan Administration "should thank Israel for taking decisive action against the malevolent Iraqi regime."

Ivan J. Novick, president of the Zionist Organization of America, stressed "the realism of the situation" which was that "Iraq has never signed a cease-fire agree-

ment" with Israel and considered itself in a state of war with the "Zionist entity." Novick declared that until the Arab states recognized Israel's right to live in peace in the region, Israel "cannot be expected to ignore what it conceives to be mortal dangers."

Rabbi William Berkowitz, president of the Jewish National Fund, said Israel has been the victim, not the aggressor in the long Arab-Israeli conflict. He called the raid "a supreme act of self-defense" which he said he was certain would be "justified by history."

Maynard Wishner, president of the American Jewish Committee, declared that possession of an atomic bomb "by an aggressive, terrorist" Iraq "would constitute a threat to the stability of the entire Middle East as well as a mortal danger to the existence of Israel." He declared that "the target for condemnation" should be "the lack of international safeguards for the control of nuclear weapons" rather than "Israeli actions clearly necessary for her own defense."

Nathaniel Saperstein, president of the National Council of Young Israel, declared that "Israel used just the right amount of military force" against the Iraqi reactor, "against a sworn enemy bent on defying international law to intimidate and hopefully destroy the Jewish state."

Nathan Perlmutter, director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, said, "Entebbe saved 103 lives. The Israelis now may have saved untold numbers of lives. Surely all concerned with nuclear proliferation will applaud this action."

Syrians Down Another Drone

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Israel acknowledged that a pilotless aircraft failed to return from a photo-reconnaissance mission over Lebanon and Syria and presumably was shot down. Damascus radio reported earlier that the drone was hit and crashed northeast of Damascus. It was at least the fourth such Israeli aircraft brought down by the Syrians since the crisis over anti-aircraft missiles in Lebanon began last month.

Pilotless planes do not carry the electronic equipment used by manned aircraft to divert radar-control-led missiles.

Israel's Raid On Reactor Tangled In Campaign Politics

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel's raid on Iraq's nuclear facility became enmeshed in election campaign politics as Premier Menachem Begin, continuing his defiant stance against mounting world criticism, accused Labor Party leader Shimon Peres of having opposed the air strike that Begin claims saved Israel from destruction by Iraqi atomic bombs.

Begin drew a sharp reply from Peres. The Labor Party issued a statement accusing the Likud government of timing the air attack to gain maximum political benefit. The party named Gen. (ret.) Mordechai Gur, who was Chief of Staff during the famous Entebbe rescue operation in 1976, as its spokesman on the issue.

Begin vowed at a press conference that Israel would "not tolerate" the development of "weapons of mass destruction" by any of its enemies. He said that if the Iraqis rebuilt their bombed-out nuclear reactor Israel would destroy it again, but he predicted it would take them "many years" to rebuild it.

Begin also lashed out at France and Italy for having supplied nuclear know-how and material to the Iraqis. Invoking the Holocaust, he termed their behavior "inhuman" and "shameful." Those European nations "should have remembered the Jewish tragedy" in Nazi Europe, Begin said, but instead they contributed to a potential "new Holocaust" against the Jewish state. He said 2,500,000 Jewish children were killed by the Nazis in World War II and a similar fate would have befallen hundreds of thousands of Jewish children in Israel had Iraq been allowed to implement its nuclear plans.

It was understood here that Begin offered the same argument in his letter to President Reagan justifying the Israeli raid. He sought to play down the Administration's strong condemnation of the attack and said he hoped the U.S. would understand Israel's motives once they had studied them.

Begin Says Would Do It Again

Begin made it clear that Israel would knock out nuclear installations in any Arab country if it decided that such installations could produce weapons to attack Israel. Asked if a similar strike might be launched against Libya which is reportedly building a nuclear facility, he replied, "Let's first deal with the meshuggener (lunatic) Saddam Hussein (President of Iraq). We'll deal with the other meshuggener another time." He was referring obviously to Libya's ruler, Col. Muammar Qaddafi.

Begin's running battle with Peres developed after Begin claimed on a radio interview that the Labor Party leader wrote to him "three or four weeks ago" advising against the Iraqi operation. Peres replied that he had not opposed the planned raid but its original timing for May 10, the day of the French Presidential elections.

Today, Begin, in effect, called Peres a liar. He sent Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee chairman Moshe Arens a copy of a confidential letter he said he received from Peres on May 10 in which Peres urged him not to order the strike. According to the letter released by Begin, the Labor Party leader

wrote, "I speak from experience and there are others who think the same way I do. Israel would become isolated and lay herself open to similar attacks."

Begin said that there was nothing in Peres' letter which indicated that he objected only to the timing of the air attack. Peres issued a sharply worded statement criticizing Begin for releasing the text of a "personal letter." He said that this provided even more proof that Israel was pursuing electoral considerations rather than the national interest.

Gur Challenges Begin Stance

Peres said in his letter, which was handwritten and partially in coded phrases because of the sensitivity of the subject matter, that it would be the height of insensitivity to bomb the Iraqi reactor, built and maintained by French technicians, on the day of the French elections. He also reportedly informed Begin that his fellow Socialist, Francois Mitterrand, who won the election, had agreed to restrict French nuclear activities and that the new government in France should be given a chance to change its policy of selling nuclear material to Iraq.

The Labor Alignment accused Begin's government of making political capital of the raid. Its statement expressed "doubt and reservations about the political considerations, the timing and information pertaining to the destruction of the Iraqi reactor as given by the government." Chaim Herzog, head of the Labor campaign committee, said on a television interview that election considerations had contributed to the timing of the attack.

The Labor statement suggested that "The helm of State be removed from Likud control because government decisions increase our fear that its responsibility and political considerations cannot be relied upon."

Gur, replying to Begin's press conference remarks, said that because of the attacks on Israel for the Iraqi raid "by friends and foes alike," he had to "walk on hot coals" in his criticism of the government. But he focused on what he termed Begin's "light-hearted approach" to so serious a matter and his "humorous" comments in reply to reporters' questions. He said this called into question the credibility of the Premier and his colleagues in dealing with fateful matters.

Gur Says No Need For Early Raid

According to Gur, he had information that indicated that the nuclear reactor near Baghdad was not as close to completion as Begin had suggested. He said the air strike could have been ordered after the June 30 elections, noting that even if Likud was defeated, Begin and his Cabinet would remain in office for several months until a new government is sworn in.

Gur also protested Begin's "hysterical use of the threat of a holocaust. A month or so ago we heard of a holocaust of the Christians in Lebanon and now we hear of the potential danger of a holocaust in Israel," Gur said.

However, Gur insisted that the use of American-made fighter bombers in the raid "was fully within the terms of Israel's right to self-defense."

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Social Messiah Enters Political Battle

by Carl Alpert

HAIFA — Every election in Israel witnesses the creation of new political parties, some of them crackpot and fly-by-night organizations, and some which do succeed in making a momentary ripple on the domestic political scene. When voters go to the polls at the end of June they will have a choice among more than 20 slates.

One of the new parties is running on a platform so unique as to merit some attention, even if only as a matter of curiosity. It calls itself *Atzmaut* (Independence), the movement for an Independent Israel. It maintains that the curse of Israel is the politicization of everything in the country because a grassroots government was never set up. When the State of Israel was created, the founding fathers simply picked up the old European system of organization by which the Zionist movement was run, and grafted it onto the state, with all its bureaucracy and centralized control. This has become known as "The System," and the *Atzmaut* group blames this "System" for everything that has gone wrong on the economic front in Israel.

Nothing short of a thorough and radical change will eliminate the "System." The changes called for include: Get the Government out of business of every kind, including housing. This means that large tracts of land now under Government control, should be placed at the disposal of private building contractors who will undertake to put up popular-priced housing within two years. Free enterprise is the slogan and watchword of the group.

The dependence on funds generously contributed by world Jewry through the United Jewish Appeal and the Keren Hayesod has encouraged waste and has distorted the normal functioning of the laws of economics. World Jewry should be encouraged to invest in Israel, but the system of free money simply results in pauperizing the nation.

Israel has developed the concept of a welfare state far beyond the classical lines of help for the needy, since it also includes the welfare of the privileged classes, the civil servants, and labor unions which threaten and bulldoze and hijack the economy from time to time to enforce their demands.

The civil service, both nationally and municipally, has become inflated and hun-

dreds of millions of dollars go to perpetuating the "System" of red tape and licenses and certificates and permits which discourage productive industry. In the end, everyone becomes contaminated and instead of fighting the system, throw up their hands and join it. It makes life easier.

Even the integration of new immigrants has been so linked to the system as to encourage the *olim* themselves to demand "what is due them" and many of them gradually lose their own self-respect, as they sink into the moral morass.

The founder of the party is Dr. Ezra Sohar, a distinguished medical man, whose research into genetics, metabolism and Israel's climate have had an effect on national health policies. He threw his hat into the political ring four years ago on the *Shlomzion* list of Arik Sharon, but when that party disintegrated he went back to medicine.

Still, his conscience bothered him. He felt that he had accurately diagnosed the ills of the country's society and economy, and could not remain silent. Encouraged by a few friends, he placed an ad in the Hebrew press,

setting forth his principles and inviting responses. They came, and while *Atzmaut* is far from being a mass movement, it is carrying on a vigorous and growing campaign by word of mouth and through parlor meetings.

Dr. Sohar has no illusions. He will be happy if his party garners two or three seats in the Knesset, but at least that will give him a forum from which to continue to preach his principles. He is a pessimist. One day, he says, the System will collapse and Israel will face internal catastrophe. That will be the moment when his revolutionary principles will be called upon to save the nation. And he wants to be on the political scene when that happens.

SOMETHING ON YOUR MIND? The Rhode Island Herald welcomes comments from its readers. Write to Letters To The Editor, The Rhode Island Herald, P.O. Box 6063, Providence, R.I. 02940.

A Father's Day Story: Innocence Conquers Power

by Michael Fink

My study is filled with boxes of old letters, small broken treasures and mementos in typewriters, pictures, books, busts, a hat rack of caps, two old typewriters upon which I bap my heart out. Spirits of friends past and present hover over me as I review my life to write my brief stories, memoirs, essays. After I select a topic and produce a piece, I then attack a telephone and call busy acquaintances. I ask them to listen and say something nice. Then I feel guilty for disturbing them. But my impressions sound different to me as I read them to someone other. My worst listener, however, is also my favorite listener. My five-year-old daughter Emily. I bribe her to suffer my reading to her with promises of a toy from the private collection in my study. Or a story from one of her best books. This week I asked her what I could write about for Father's Day that would interest her. She

said, the Tom and Jerry cartoon that you liked. Many of my colleagues where I teach, keep T.V. out of their house. But Em got hooked. This Trojan horse was a grandparent gift. Out come treacherous ads whose values we repudiate. Cosmetics for kids, mechanical toys and manufactured candies. But here's one cartoon we shared that pleased us both. Have you ever seen it?

A duck egg, cracking and bursting with energy, rolls between the front paws of Tom Cat. Duckling hatches and instantly falls totally in love with its "Mommy." (We call this process "imprinting" or "bonding.") Tom gloats over his easy prey. He prepares the eagerly willing victim for a tender repast. First, he rolls it into the crust of a meat pie and puts it in the oven. For Ducky this seems a sweet bedtime routine. But Jerry the good mouse, friend of the oppressed, whisks baby out. Its rescue only appears to be a kidnap, and baby returns to the cruel cat — three times. Finally, baby love overwhelms cat greed and Tom weeps a river of surrender. In the finale, Tom is seen paddling his feet like webbed claws, not cat paws. Baby Duckling is rapturously learning to swim from the example of its beloved, if adopted, "Mommy." Well I found this tale touching, and even deep. Dependent Innocence conquers lustful Power. Nature will help new life even in a distorted landscape. Emily was thrilled that I so liked her fine show. She wanted me to share this with you. My defense of t.v. as a museum for the rich scribbles of lost poets.

Upon the built-in bookcases round our brick fireplace I've kept from childhood the rebound Harvard Classics fairy tale collection, the binding worn through. It includes Grimm, Anderson and some unusual Aesop, in elaborate, dignified Victorian translation. Your jaws and tongue really work when you read aloud, your mind when you listen. Images are very strong. Tragic, comic, mythic, authentic. Magic trees have rich roots and fruits. Such emotions burst from them. Some parents fear these fears. I would rather cope with them. Each bedtime I read these stories and others, familiar or fresh, to my two little girls. I hear my mother's Canadian accent as she read some of the fancy phrases to me.

For years Emily and I have preferred a version, which we simplified together, of Beauty and the Beast. We liked the image of a kindly and loving, but distressed and ruined Father. He steals a rose from an enchanted estate. To redeem her Dad, Beauty must face and tame the monster who is its troubled lord. Then she wins even the castle. Beauty gains courage, wins love, acquires style. She gets everything, by asking only for a rose. We really got into that one. Stealing a rose was the fun part. Father losing a business, a job, a fortune, gave some strange timely depth to the tale. But you wear out a tale like a toy or a pair of shoes. Then it goes back to my study for R. and R. We've done in Alice, Pinocchio — and Allerleirauh. Allerleirauh's father wants to marry her. Wrapped in a fur cloak which she demands in order to delay her dad, she hides in the hollow of a tree. A young King rescues her. Like Beauty and the Beast, her story says to us, Love is the Voyage.

I also have 100 Best Poems for Children, under an orange cardboard cover with white dots on it, and with silhouette illustrations. It was published in 1928. (Emily thinks if

Lech Walesa Invited To Israel

GENEVA (JTA) — Before leaving Geneva on his way back to Poland, Lech Walesa, the Solidarity leader, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he had received from the Histadrut delegate to the International Labor Conference an invitation to visit Israel. He added, "I was happy to receive this invitation but right now I have a lot of work to do at home and cannot travel to Israel but at a later date I shall do so."

He also said that he had had a long meeting with U.S. Labor Secretary Raymond Donovan, who had invited him to the U.S. This visit also will have to wait some time, Walesa said. He also said, "I am for cooperation with the trade union in Israel."

He also declared that he favored a collaboration between Poland, Israel and the United States.

Candlelighting Time

Friday, June 19
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Your Money's Worth

The True Believers In The U.S. Economy's Future — Women? — by Sylvia Porter

Of the 6.5 million individual Americans who have become shareholders for the first time since the mid-1970s, a clear majority — 55 percent — are adult women.

This dwarfs the proportion of women who bought their first shares of stock before 1975. That was a respectable 47 percent of new shareholders, but still only a minority.

Looking at this breakthrough in women's financial progress another way, of all women shareholders, 27 percent have acquired their first stocks since 1975 while of all male shareowners, 21 percent have entered the market for the first time in recent years.

Oh sure, some of the explanations leap out of the statistics. But not all, by any means.

Women have been flooding into the U.S. work force, earning paychecks without the interruptions (for marriage and for bearing/rearing babies) that characterized their work lives in previous eras, demanding and obtaining salaries that permit them to have enough funds left to invest in, among other mediums, stocks.

Women have become paycheck partners with men, have been accumulating funds under their own control and responded to various investment lures by favoring stocks.

Women who have been beneficiaries of estates have been investing the funds under their own names and managing their own portfolios as well — instead of automatically hiding behind the names and management of men.

And women have been starting to build securities portfolios while they are still young, just beginning their earnings years. They have been choosing careers in finance with notable success.

Women live their private lives as singles, buy big-ticket items as singles, borrow and invest as singles, too.

Other findings of the most recent New York Stock Exchange census of shareholders confirm these conclusions.

Women who first bought stocks from 1975 to 1980 are much younger than the veteran shareholders — lowering the average age of all women shareowners to 48 from the 53 recorded in the last NYSE census. (The average age for new male shareowners is even lower, reducing the average for all new shareholders to about 36.)

While only 42 percent of women shareowners were employed in 1975, a full 58 percent are employed now. Another 26 percent are housewives and 14 percent are retired.

Of full-time working women, about one-third hold professional or technical jobs, another one-third are in clerical or sales jobs and 22 percent are classified as managers or proprietors. In the mid-'70s, 41 percent were clerical or sales workers.

Education levels have risen as well. By 1980, 17 percent of the women had done postgraduate work as against 10 percent of the women in 1975.

There are more single women shareowners than single men shareowners and the women are also much more likely to be widowed or divorced than the men. And like their male counterparts, women have smaller portfolios of stocks than in the mid-'70s. The average portfolio of women shareholders was \$3,460 in 1980 against an overall average of \$4,000.

I'm still not satisfied with my own analysis, though. Deep down in these figures, it seems to me, is a demonstration by the U.S. woman of a faith in the stability and future economic prosperity of our nation. Investing in stocks is far different from playing the markets for precious metals, art, antiques, etc.

Buying stocks after so many years in which Wall Street has been a disaster area is scarcely follow-the-leader. On the contrary! The investing has taken savvy — and confidence. And in this, women are leading the men, young or older, married or single.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 1981

LaSalle High School Students Sign Petition Against Bigotry

Four hundred students and faculty members of LaSalle Academy, a Catholic high school in Providence, have signed a petition decrying racial bigotry. Charlotte I. Penn, Director of the R.I. Coalition Against Bigotry, and director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, said this is the first such action by high school students or faculty members in the state.

"We wish to publicly join our voices with religious leaders and other people of good will... in deploring all recent acts of racial and ethnic hatred perpetrated by groups such as the Ku Klux Klan and Neo-Nazi organizations. We urge religious and civil leaders and all citizens of Rhode Island to continue to oppose all forms of organized hatred," the petition circulated at LaSalle Academy says.

"We in the R.I. Coalition Against Bigotry are deeply moved," said Penn, "to this spontaneous display of support from students at LaSalle. Although we were not involved in organizing this petition drive, we applaud LaSalle Academy for showing their concern in this manner."

In sending the 400 signed petitions to the Coalition, Edward Sirois, of the LaSalle Religious Studies Department, wrote, "We simply wanted to add our voice to yours in speaking out against the ugly racial and ethnic hatred that seems to be resurfacing in our state in recent weeks and months."

The R.I. Coalition Against Bigotry is a statewide coalition comprised of 32 religious,

social service and community groups. It was formed in October, 1980, in response to Nazi threats directed at the Jewish community and at social change activists such as the American Friends Service Committee, and to Ku Klux Klan activity against the black community. Among the organizations comprising the Coalition are the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the State Council of Churches, Urban League, Anti-Defamation League, State Department of Education, American Jewish Committee, Diocese of Providence, Jewish Federation of R.I. and the Black Ministers Alliance.

Criterion Associates Elect Officers

The election of officers of Criterion Associates, Inc. took place at the Crestwood Country Club in Rehoboth, Mass. on Sunday evening June 7. The meeting was opened at 8 p.m. by President Al Gordon.

The nominating committee including Al Gordon, Aaron Caslowitz and Joseph H. Kolodney presented its slate for the year 1981-1982. The following men were elected by the membership: president, Joslin Oken; vice president, Jerome Lamchick; secretary, Stanley Myerson; and treasurer, Abraham Greenberg.

Board members for 1 year include Albert Feinstein, Dr. Albert Kumins, Al Schuster, Aaron Caslowitz, Maurice Wiseman, Max Broomfield, Joe Kolodney-appointed by Al Gordon.

Arnold Scribner Library Dedicated In West Hartford

The Arnold Scribner Memorial Library was dedicated recently in memory of the former Midrasa High School director who died last year of cancer. The library is comprised of more than 600 books which belonged to Scribner and were donated by his family as a living legacy of the young Jewish educator. It is housed in the HaMerkaz, the Jewish

Teachers' Media Center sponsored by the Greater Hartford Jewish Federation Jewish Education Committee at Beth El Temple, West Hartford. Scribner, a native of Providence, was director of Midrasa from August 1979 until his death in October 1980.

Associates and family members of the late Scribner participated in the May 14 dedication ceremonies including his widow, Linda Scribner; Ruth Weiner, HaMerkaz consultant; Dr. Irving Rosenberg, Midrasa president; Rabbi Kenneth Greene of Temple B'Nai Shalom, Newington and David Ariel, Jewish chaplain and Professor of Religion at Wesleyan University. Dani Ruran, 13, played a musical selection on the violin accompanied by Gloria Glazier.

The Library's main emphasis is on books of the Holocaust and on history, which were Scribner's areas of special interest and the subject of his doctoral research. The furnishings were provided by individual donations made to the Arnold Scribner Memorial Fund. Volunteers who have been cataloging and assembling the books will continue through the summer and people who are interested in volunteering to work on the library should call Ruth Weiner. A group called "Friends of the Scribner Memorial Library" has been formed as a support group.

Also in attendance at the dedication were the late Scribner's parents, Milton and Dorothy Scribner of Providence, and Linda Scribner's parents, Muriel and Jerry Liebowitz of Woodmere, New York.

Master, Owners Blamed For Mezada Sinking

TEL AVIV (JTA) — A court of inquiry faulted the master and owners of the Israeli bulk carrier Mezada for her loss, with 24 lives, during a North Atlantic gale near Bermuda last March 8. The panel, sitting in Haifa, said today that Israel's worst maritime disaster resulted from a combination of stormy seas and human error.

It found that Capt. Gera Levin, who went down with his ship, had failed to take proper actions when she began to take water through a hatch cover smashed by heavy seas. It also charged the Zim Lines, owners of the Mezada, with laxity in dealing with reports of the ship's difficulties. The court said the authorities in Bermuda seem to have shown more concern than the Zim management on the basis of information received. It recommended creation of a team of experts to draw up emergency procedures for Israel's merchant fleet.



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SOCIETY NEWS

Gail Ann Palazzo Weds Morris Max Bochner

The marriage of Gail Ann Palazzo to Morris Max Bochner took place at a 6 p.m. ceremony held June 14 at the Venus de Milo, Swansea, Mass. A reception followed.

The bride is the daughter of Evelyn Palazzo and Cagney Palazzo, both of Cranston. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bochner of Providence.

Officiating at the ceremony was Judge Jacob Alprin.

The bride wore a Chiffon Queen Ann neckline gown with a bishop sleeves, a Wateau back and cathedral train. Her veil was designed with a Juliet cap and adorned with appliques outlining the cathedral train veil. She carried a white orchid with roses and lilies of the valley.

Mrs. Paul Manzi, sister of the bride, was Matron of Honor. Bridesmaids were Ida Bochner, sister of the groom; Karen Barbato, Kathy Evans and Janice Bordieri.

Best Man was William DeConti. Ushers were Anthony Manzi, Stephen



MRS. MORRIS BOCHNER

Palazzo, Jon Libberte and Gary Buckler. Ring bearer was Anthony Michael Manzi. After a wedding trip to Bermuda, the couple will make their home in Cranston.

Debra Einhorn To Wed Joseph Shapiro

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Einhorn of Warwick have announced the engagement of their daughter, Debra S. Einhorn to Joseph B. Shapiro of West Warwick. Joseph is the son of Sidney Shapiro of Warwick and the late Evelyn Shapiro.

Debra is a graduate of Pilgrim High School and attended the University of Rhode Island. Joseph is a graduate of Cranston High School West and Bentley College.

The couple plans to wed March 7, 1982.

Smalls Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Small of Seekonk, Mass. celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 30. They have two sons, Sanford Small of Easton, Conn., and Martin Small of Hamden, Conn. The Small's also have four grandsons.

A party in their honor was held at "The 95 House" Restaurant, North Haven, Conn. Relatives and friends from New York, Calif., Conn., Israel and Providence attended the celebration.

Paula Auerbach To Wed Harvey Heyman

The engagement of Paula J. Auerbach of Hamden, Conn., daughter of Mrs. Ruth Auerbach and the late Isidor Auerbach, to Harvey P. Heyman of Worcester, Mass. has been announced. Harvey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Heyman of Warwick.

Paula was graduated from Brown University and received her Masters of Social Work degree from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana in 1976. She is employed as a medical social worker at Middlesex Memorial Hospital in Middletown, CT.

Harvey is a 1972 graduate of Brown University and received his MBA from the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration. He owns a management consulting firm in Worcester, Mass.

A spring 1982 wedding is planned.

GENEVA (JTA) — A group of 1,800 Christians, members of the Beth Shalom group, declared at a meeting in Zurich their unconditional solidarity with Israel. They agreed that Jerusalem must remain united in possession of Israel de jure and de facto.

Linda J. Resnik To Wed Michael B. Mellion

Mr. and Mrs. Sol L. Resnik of Westford Rd., Providence, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Linda J. Resnik to Michael B. Mellion, also of Providence. Michael is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Mellion of Cranston.

Linda is a graduate of Hampshire College. She is currently a candidate for a master's degree in Physical Therapy at Sargent College, Boston University.

Michael is a graduate of Brown University and Suffolk University School of Law.

The couple plans to wed December 27, 1981.



LINDA J. RESNIK AND MICHAEL B. MELLION

Margo Levine Weds Dr. Allen Motola

Mr. and Mrs. H. Levine of New York have announced the engagement of their daughter, Margo Levine to Dr. Allen H. D. Motola, D.M.D. of Cranston. Allen is the son of Dr. and Mrs. B. Motola of Warwick.

Margo is a graduate of New York State University with a master's degree in education. She is also a graduate of South University and Boston University.

Allen received his B.S. degree from Boston University and graduated from Tufts Dental School with a D.M.D.

Roger Williams Lodge Installs Officers, Trustees

Joseph M. Finkle, vice-chariman of the Providence Human Relations Commission and former chairman of the New England Anti-Defamation League Board, installed the new officers of Roger Williams Lodge B'nai B'rith at ceremonies held June 14 at the Brown Hillel House. The officers are: president, Steven Levy; vice president, Jan Rosenbaum; corresponding secretary, Dr. D. Mills; financial secretary, Herman M. Feinstein; recording secretary, Murray Pallas; treasurer, Bernard Cohen; and chaplain, Mitchell Riffkin.

Those elected Trustees are: Ray Eichenbaum, Charles Swartz, Bruno Hoffman, R. Markoff, Marvin Lax and J. Scheuer.

Other speakers were David Hochman, New England Director of B'nai B'rith Junior Organization (AZA).

Susan Solod To Become Bat Mitzvah

Susan Beth Solod, daughter of Phyllis and Arthur J. Solod of 841 Main Ave., Warwick, will celebrate her bat mitzvah on Saturday, June 27, at Temple Sinai, Cranston.

Susan is the granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. George Thomashow and Mrs. Evelyn Solod. She is a student at Winman Jr. High and is a cadette scout.

Guests will be attending from Massachusetts, Maryland, and Rhode Island.

Richard Gilbert Becomes Bar Mitzvah

Richard Gilbert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barr Gilbert, will become Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, June 21 at Congregation B'nai Israel Woonsocket. Rabbi Rotman and Cantor Macktaz will conduct the service with Mrs. Joan Carey as organist.

Richard will chant the service. A Kiddush will follow in the courtyard.

Roxanne L. Tuber To Become Bat Mitzvah

Roxanne L. Tuber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Tulenfeld of Providence, will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah at Temple Emanu-El, Providence, on June 27.

A luncheon in her honor will be held at the Providence Marriott Hotel.

Roxanne's maternal grandparents are Mrs. Elias Levis and the late Mr. Elias Levis.

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JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER ELECTS OFFICERS: The officers elected for the 1981-82 term at the JCC are (From left): Ramon Berger, executive director; Howard Schachter, vice-president; Joel Roseman, treasurer; Alexander Tabenkin, secretary; Noah Temkin, president; and Adele Zuckerman, vice president.

William Edelstein Appointed Exec. Of Jewish Home

William A. Edelstein has been appointed Executive Director of the Jewish Home for the Aged of R.I., it was announced by Philip

Macktez, president of the home.

A native of New York, Edelstein has for the past 2 years served in the capacity of assistant director of the Home, where he was responsible for the day-to-day operations of the facility. Previously he served as administrative assistant at the Miami Jewish Home and Hospital for the Aged in Miami, Florida.

Edelstein holds a B.A. in Economics from Queens College and a master's degree in Health Care Administration from George Washington University. He is a member of the Red Cross Public Relations Committee, Preceptor at Brown University, and vice president of the Rhode Island Association of Facilities for Aged, which is the non-profit nursing home association. Edelstein has been a key representative for RIAFA on various state-wide task forces related to long term care.

Edelstein assumed his position as executive director June 1, 1981. He resides with his wife and one child in Warwick.



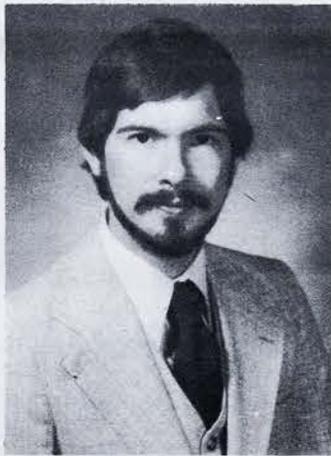
WILLIAM A. EDELSTEIN

JCC Singles Discuss Success, Fad Diets

The Jewish Business and Professional Singles group of the Jewish Community Center will sponsor a discussion at a member's home, on Tuesday, June 23. The topic will be "Success — How to Get it — What Does it Mean?" Call 861-8800 for reservations.

The singles will also sponsor a brunch on Sunday, June 28 at 11:30 a.m. at the Center. Speaker for the occasion is James G. Bergan, chairperson of Food Sciences and Technology at the University of Rhode Island. Bergan will speak on: "Fad Diets." He has been associate professor and chairman of the Department since 1977 and has been associated with the university since 1971.

Bergan is widely published in the areas of foods and nutrition and among his most recent articles are ones dealing with "Current trends in food habits and dietary intakes of home economics students in three junior high schools in Rhode Island" for the Home Economics Research Journal; "Nutritional Status of 'New' Vegetarians" for the Journal of the American Dietetic Association; and "Frozen Breads Could be (micro) wave of the Future," for Bakers Digest.



ANDREW SETH ETTINGER was graduated last week from Rhode Island College with a B.A. degree. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Ettinger of Pawtucket.

R.I. Women Participate in N.E. Regional B'nai B'rith Conference

Evelyn Zuckerman, JoAnne Pattek, Arlene Chorney and Bessie Saifer of Hope Chapter, B'nai B'rith Women from R.I. were four of several hundred women from all over the area who participated in the Second Annual New England Regional Conference of B'nai B'rith Women which took place May 31, June 1 and 2 at the Shawmut Inn in Kennebunkport, Maine.

The conference participants heard Kitty Dukakis, president of the National Center for Genocide Studies, Inc. and Leonard Zakim, Civil Rights Director of B'nai B'rith; and participated in a forum based on the theme "Secure Tomorrow's History Today."

In addition, they were part of a training session on "Charisma, What It Is and How You Get It" led by Doe Lang, author of the book and prominent TV personality. The group heard an up-date on the Israeli situation from Gershon A. Gan, Consul of Israel in New England.

Through a series of work-shops they explored problems facing the contemporary woman, such as sexual harassment in employment, domestic violence, legal rights of

women, and their responsibility to each other.

During the three days there was also time for social activities. Awards for outstanding performance in fund-raising, community service, membership and programming were awarded.

Anita Simon of Brookline, Mass. is chairman of the Region. Judith Raphael of Holliston, Mass. was conference chairman, assisted by Co-Chairmen Jessie Lipson of Marblehead and Anne Werman of Stoughton.

Elm Grove ORT Installs Officers

The annual installation of officers of Elm Grove Ort will be held June 23 at 7 p.m. at the Harbourside Lobsterman's Restaurant, East Greenwich.

Dinner will be served, followed by the installation of officers. Installing officer is Marsha Feital, president of the region.

Some of the incoming are: president, Karen Gelade; vice presidents, Sarah Goldberg, Linda Homonoff, Linda Kenner, Susan Ross, Nicki Sockut and Caren Trachtenberg; recording secretary, Ellen Segal; corresponding secretary, Rissy Goldberg; and treasurer, Lynn Aaronson.

For further information, call Rhonda Reuter at 247-0820.

URI Hillel Forms Alumni Group

The B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at the University of Rhode Island has announced the formation of an alumni group, the URI Hillel Alumni Group. It will be open to all Jewish graduates of URI and other former Hillel members.

Samuel Shlevin, president of the URI Hillel Advisory Board, said the group's purpose is threefold. First, there are many students who had meaningful encounters with Hillel while on the URI campus and Hillel would like to continue this close relationship.

Secondly, Hillel will offer special programs to its alumni. One such program has already occurred (a Tea Hour last April 12). An Hors d'Oeu'vre Hour is planned for September 20.

Finally, Hillel would like to reinvolve many of its former students in the running of the organization.

Hillel calls upon its many friends to forward the names, year of graduation, and current address of all URI Jewish graduates and former Hillel members to: URI Hillel, 34 Lower College Road, Kingston, RI 02881, or call (401) 789-1922.



BETH I. (GANDELMAN) GOLDBERG earned her Master of Science degree in public relations this May from Boston University School of Public Communication. Mrs. Goldberg is the daughter of Mrs. Nelson Gandelman of Cranston. She is currently employed as community health education coordinator for the Regional Health Center in Wilmington, Mass., where she is responsible for planning and promoting health education programs for the nearby communities. Mrs. Goldberg also has a bachelor's degree in education from Boston University. This fall, she will also teach pre-confirmation class at Temple Emanu-El in Andover.

CORRECTION

An article in the June 11 issue of The Rhode Island Herald about The Guardian Angels should have identified Mrs. Eola Baker as "the president of the Providence Arthritis Club. She is also on the executive board of the Rhode Island Guardian Angels."

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An Open Letter To The Rhode Island Jewish Community

June 18, 1981

Dear Friends:

So many of us have personally experienced the shock and revulsion that accompanies the phoned threat in the night, the desecrated household and the hated symbol of Nazism on our synagogues. The events of which we speak did not happen to us in Germany in the 1930s. They happened over the past year — right here in our home State of Rhode Island. But in 1980-81 we were not just victims. We had an institution to fight back. The most important institution at our disposal was, and is, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

When we were threatened, we called the ADL. When we received hate mail during a time of family crisis, we called the ADL. When our synagogues and cemeteries were desecrated, we called the ADL. The ADL never failed to respond. It is the one organization that defends the Jewish community in the never-ending struggle against anti-Semitism in Rhode Island, in New England and throughout the world. With twenty-seven offices in every major American city and offices in Rome, Paris and Jerusalem, the ADL is our watchdog, the guardian of world Jewry.

The ADL's active presence in our community has been instrumental in exposing those who deface our homes, synagogues and cemeteries to law enforcement authorities. ADL has pushed hard for a meaningful law with teeth — a bill that would make it a felony to desecrate religious institutions, to commit anti-religious and racist acts of violence and a bill that would outlaw para-military extremist activity in our state. The para-military bill will be introduced into the Rhode Island Legislature next term with a wide-range of political support, thanks to the efforts of the ADL.

Once again we are asking that our community support the ADL presence here. The ADL must be able to continue its valuable work. We are going directly to the community and asking you for your support.

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by David R. Sargent



Q — Earlier this year you suggested Union Carbide in a group of stocks for someone about to retire. But the yield is only a little over 5 percent. This seems low; why don't companies pay larger dividends if shareholders want them? — S.W., Mich.

A — Many factors determine what portion of earnings managements decide to pay out in dividends. Corporate capital needs, which are greatly influenced by growth prospects, are an important consideration. Many companies prefer to finance expansion plans internally where possible, keeping borrowing to a minimum in order to maintain cherished credit ratings. Naturally this has the effect of limiting current dividends.

But where the outlook is attractive, re-investing earnings in this way is really in the stockholders' best long-term interest. Both dividend growth and the stock's price appreciation can be expected to benefit from a relatively low payout ratio (dividends as a percentage of earnings).

Often a large dividend payout ratio is an indication of trouble, a sign that the company should be avoided by investors. However, you must use some judgment when comparing companies on this basis. A seemingly high ratio may be caused by temporary factors. In addition, you must allow for the effects of different accounting practices.

Even where payout ratios are roughly comparable, investors will "reward" faster growing companies by bidding up the prices of their stocks. This has the effect of reducing their yields. Many leading growth companies yield only 2 to 3 percent — because the outlook for them is much superior to that for the average company. At the other end of the spectrum are many sound but slower growing utilities and other companies with yields in the 8 to 12 percent range.

Union Carbide falls somewhere in the middle in terms of growth prospects. It is

therefore a good selection for a retiree who wants a reasonable yield now, but who can afford to sacrifice some immediate income in order to get more capital appreciation and larger dividend increases in the years ahead. A younger investor might prefer to maximize appreciation potential by buying issues with a meager yield of 2 to 3 percent because the income aspect would be secondary. Alternatively, many older investors must get the most in immediate return from their limited assets; they can't afford to follow a middle road.

I believe Union Carbide is well positioned for the future, with expanding stakes in chemicals, plastics and several other fields. The \$3.20 annual dividend provides a return of 5.6 percent. Per-share earnings should rise to about \$11.30 this year, from \$10.48 in 1980.

New Round Of Talks Started On Sinai Multinational Peace Force

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel, Egypt and the U.S. opened another round of talks in Jerusalem on the multinational force and on observers scheduled to police the peace in the Sinai after Israel's final withdrawal next April. The venue — Jerusalem — was considered significant because in the past, Egypt has refused to conduct official negotiations in Jerusalem.

The Egyptian refusal applied, to these talks, too — until President Anwar Sadat acceded to Premier Menachem Begin's request at the Ophira summit last week that the talks be held in Jerusalem.

The Egyptian Chief Delegate, Taha Shasha, began the session with a public statement to the effect that the presence of his team in Jerusalem "should not be construed as affecting the well-known and firm Egypt-

New York Woman Makes Career Of Finding Long-Lost Relatives

NEW YORK (JTA) — During the six years Mrs. Bernice Lazere has been reuniting families across the United States and across the world, she has received appeals for such help from about 1,500 persons and has managed to find the sought-for person in about 85 percent of her searches, according to Saul Cohen, president of the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services, (JBFC) an affiliate of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies.

Armed with telephone books from every state, Mrs. Lazere finds long lost cousins, separated siblings, estranged spouses or children, and the American families of recent immigrants, he added.

The program started in 1910 as the National Desertion Bureau, an independent agency which hunted for husbands who had left their immigrant families. The bureau changed its name in 1955 to the Family Location Bureau and, in the 1960s, it was taken over by Jewish Family Services. When the JFS merged with the Jewish Board of Guardians to become the JBFC, the search agency became the Family Location and

Legal Services department of the JBFC, said Jerome Goldsmith, executive vice president.

Currently, those coming to Mrs. Lazere include a large number of Russian Jewish immigrants. An example of her methods is given in the case of the Russian Jewish woman in her 80s who came to Mrs. Lazere and asked for help in finding her sister who came to the United States 62 years ago, Goldsmith said.

Mrs. Lazere took the American sister's married name, and wrote to similarly spelled names in the telephone directory. One recipient of her letters recognized the description of a distant cousin. A chain reaction of telephone calls quickly brought the sisters — both living in Brooklyn — together, Goldsmith said.

Another Russian Jewish family presented Mrs. Lazere with a 40-year-old photo of a Bar Mitzvah boy holding a violin. The photo, they said, was their cousin, a doctor or a lawyer, who lived "somewhere" in California.

Trying to explain why she started writing to California attorneys with the name the family gave her, Mrs. Lazere said "You get feelings." While she was at home last Passover, she received a telephone call from one of the attorneys who had received her letter. He said: "This is the violin player from California."

One of the rough areas is location of Jews for issuance of a Jewish divorce document, a "get." Since only the man can give the "get," many Jewish women wishing to remarry have asked Mrs. Lazere to locate former husbands. Unfortunately, for such women, that is all that Mrs. Lazere can do. The Jewish male is under no religious requirement that he must give a "get." In addition to the telephone directories, Mrs. Lazere checks old addresses, employers, unions, the military, societies and lodges, schools, embassies, hospitals, cemeteries, jails and synagogues. "People will give me information," she reported, "if I tell them that family is looking for family." There is a small fee, geared to the income of the person seeking help.

Mrs. Lazere has observed a pattern among many of her cases, asserting that "when people get older, they think about family. They often come to me hoping to be reunited."

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Dr. Shlomo Tadmor, an educator and diplomat, has been appointed Director General of the Jewish Agency it was announced this week.

tion stand on Jerusalem. We consider that all unilateral actions and laws taken by Israel with a view to altering the status of Jerusalem are null and void. They will not affect the final status of the holy city. Arab Jerusalem remains part of the West Bank occupied by Israel. It is therefore subject to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and to United Nations Security Council Resolution 242."

Israel's chief delegate, David Kimche, director general of the Foreign Ministry, opened his remarks with a reference to the sensitivities felt by both sides on the matter of Jerusalem.

On the multinational force, he said it would serve as an effective safety valve through which disputes concerning the Sinai demilitarization arrangements could be ventilated.

The U.S. team is headed by State Department senior aide Michael Serner, who has said he hopes this present round, will see the conclusion of an agreement on the force mandate.

The three teams include military and legal experts who are working on the details of the force's deployment, its functions, and the privileges and immunities it will have.

Among countries mentioned as possible participants in the force, alongside the U.S., are Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Fiji, Nepal, Argentina, and Italy.

Bomb Threat Halts Only Jewish Radio Program In Rio De Janeiro

RIO DE JANEIRO (JTA) — A bomb threat to a radio station forced the suspension of "A Voz Israelita," the only daily Jewish radio program in Rio de Janeiro which has been carried by Radio Copacabana for the past 17 years.

The warning, by an anonymous telephone call to the station manager, threatened that a bomb would be exploded at the station if the Jewish program "or any other program promoting Jews" was continued. The caller warned that "No Jewish programs should be transmitted over Brazil's radio stations." "A Voz Israelita" was established 26 years ago. Its founder and director is David Markus, editor of Rio's only Yiddish newspaper, "Yiddische Presse" and Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent in Brazil.

Some circles here believe the threat was associated with terrorist activities by an extreme rightwing group aimed at creating an atmosphere of unrest in the country to obstruct the process of democratization initiated by President Joao Baptista Figueiredo. But others do not exclude the possibility that the bomb threat came from the Palestine Liberation Organization which has been the target of attacks on "A Voz Israelita."

PLO Hand Seen

According to Dr. Marx Golgher, a member of the human rights committee of B'nai B'rith in Belo Horizonte, capital of the state of Minas Gerais, there is no doubt that PLO agents are behind the threats to the radio station as they are behind all other terrorist acts in Brazil.

The bomb warning was the latest in a series of telephone threats made to Jewish clubs, schools and synagogues all over Brazil.

Dr. Isaac Nuzman, president of the Jewish Federation, the representative body of Rio's Jewish community, insisted that no threats would succeed in halting the activities of the community. He said the Federation is taking measures to re-establish the "A Voz Israelita" broadcasts. A similar statement was made to the press by Prof. Jose Meiches, of Sao Paulo, president of the Jewish Confederation, the representative body of Brazilian Jewry.

"A Voz Israelita" which claims to have tens of thousands of Jewish and non-Jewish listeners, broadcasts programs dealing with local Jewish communal life, Israel and other matters of Jewish concern. It presents Hebrew and Yiddish music and news bulletins.

Synagogue Rejects Deficit Proposal

ST. LOUIS PARK, Minn. (JTA) — The newsletter of the B'nai Emet synagogue, a Conservative synagogue here, reported that the B'nai Emet general board refused at its April meeting to approve a proposed 1981-1982 synagogue budget because it projected a seven percent deficit.

The board told the synagogue executive board to prepare a balanced budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1. The rejected budget proposed expenditures of \$369,114 and income of \$351,114. The 1980-81 budget is \$299,500.

General board members were also told that the rejected budget plan would have required a ten percent dues increase.

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Washington Wrap-Up: Wins And Losses

by Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON — The Republican National Committee has suffered a hard blow by the resignation of H. David Weinstein, head of its outreach program to American Jewry since January 1979. Weinstein, 42, and a native New Yorker, is returning to the national office of the United Jewish Appeal in New York City, where he will be director of the office of its executive vice chairman, Irving Bernstein. Weinstein served the national UJA for seven years prior to 1970 when he became executive director of the Jewish Federation in Stamford, Conn.

Weinstein was enlisted by former GOP National Committee Chairman Bill Brock to be a consultant to him in August 1979 and six months later he became a full-time member of his staff. Weinstein designed and implemented the outreach program whose basic purposes included campaign support for selected Republican candidates and incumbents involved with Jewish constituencies.

In his political work, Weinstein saw himself as "an honest broker between the party and the community with the recognition that the community is better served by two parties rather than one which took the community for granted."

No successor has been named yet to Weinstein's post. Alfred Baltzer, a leader in Reagan's West Coast campaigning for Jewish support, is head of the committee's division of Coalition Building, of which the outreach program is a part.

Jacob Stein At White House

Jacob Stein, the New York realtor and a former head of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, has been appointed "special advisor at the White House." He is attached to the Office of Public Liaison and will be involved with policy coordination with the Office of Policy Development, the National Security Council, and the U.S. Commission to the United Nations. Stein, whose home is in Great Neck, N.Y., is a Columbia University graduate and a long-time Republican activist.

Israeli Against Israel

An Israeli educator told a news conference here that he favors stripping Israel of its Jewish character and abandoning East Jerusalem in order to make it the capital of a Palestinian state.

Israel Shahak, who teaches organic chemistry at the Hebrew University, was introduced at a Foreign Policy Magazine breakfast with reporters as chairman of the "Human Rights and Civil Rights League" in Israel.

After he had accused West bank settlers, and particularly Americans living or visiting there, of "Nazi methods" against Arabs and with carrying on "a campaign of brutality and intimidation," he was asked by this reporter whether he believed Israel should be a sovereign Jewish state with unified Jerusalem as its capital?

Shahak replied, "I want Israel to be a sovereign state; I don't want Israel to be a Jewish state." Israel, he said, "has no right

over East Jerusalem" which, he said should be the capital of a Palestinian state taking in the "occupied territories." Asked how he would divide Jerusalem, Shahak replied its division would be on the 1967 lines with Arabs and Israelis free to visit their holy places.

To be a citizen of Israel, Shahak said, one must prove to be a Jew or prove conversion. "This is contrary to human rights even by definition under the Reagan Administration," he said. Some 600,000 Moslems, Christians and other non-Jews are citizens of Israel.

Shahak, born in Poland in 1933, has long agitated against Israeli administrations. He said he was invited to Canada by organizations which he named were "Canadians for Justice in the Middle East" and "Jewish Alternatives to Zionism" and took advantage of that visit to come to Washington. He said he would meet U.S. officials in both the State and Labor Departments.

San Francisco Exporter Fined In Arab Boycott Case

The California Farms and Cannery Inc., a San Francisco exporter, has agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$4000 for alleged violations of the anti-boycott provisions of the U.S. Export Administration Act directed against the Arab boycott of Israel and American companies doing business with Israel.

In announcing the agreement, the department said it would suspend half the penalty and to waive payment of the suspended amount at the end of one year provided California Farms neither violates the regulations nor fails to meet the agreed conditions.

The penalty was assessed because California Farms allegedly failed to report to the Commerce Department receipt of eight requests to engage in restrictive practices or boycotts from Saudi Arabia. A letter to Bishara Lawrence, president of California Farms at 351 California St., San Francisco, from Richard M. Seppa, head of the Department's Office of Anti-Boycott Compliance, said the company received eight letters of credit in connection with the "sale, purchase or transfer of goods produced inside the U.S. from persons located outside the U.S."

These letters, the letter indicated, were received in 1978 from the Arab Bank Ltd., the Riyad Bank Ltd. and the National Commercial Bank, all of Saudi Arabia. They contained instructions such as "invoice must show that goods are not bearing the Israeli flag or other symbol signifying Israel" and "shipping company's certificate stating that carrying steamer is not blacklisted and will not call at Israeli port on her voyage to Saudi Arabia."

The export act requires a U.S. person to report to the department any request that person receives to take any action that may further or support a restrictive trade practice or boycott. While neither admitting nor denying the alleged violation, California Farms agreed, the department said, to pay the civil penalty, to take corrective measures to ensure its future compliance and to submit a report of these measures to the department within six months.

Israel Backers In Congress Support 'Cuban Analogy'

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Congressional supporters of Israel are stressing the "Cuban analogy" in arguing that Israel did not violate United States law in using American-made weapons to destroy Iraq's nuclear reactor Sunday.

This argument maintained that Israel's action was no different than what the U.S. threatened to do in 1962 when Cuba was installing Soviet made missiles with nuclear warheads. But when this analogy was offered to the State Department spokesman Dean Fischer today he replied, "I don't want to make any comparisons."

The "Cuban analogy" has been stressed by Senate Minority Whip Alan Cranston (D. Calif.) who declared that the Israeli action was "inevitable" and said that he had long warned of the danger of the Iraqi reactor.

In an article in the New York Times, Cranston, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said that Israel felt a danger that was "similar" to that faced by the Kennedy administration when "a hostile unstable country near our border -- Cuba -- was developing, with Soviet aid, a nuclear strike capability."

An even stronger statement was made on the house floor by Rep. Tom Lantos (D. Calif.) who said, "Israel did exactly what we would do in our part of the world" if an unfriendly neighboring country posed a nuclear threat to the U.S.

Lantos, a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, noted that all Americans supported President Kennedy when he planned a pre-emptive strike to take out the missiles with nuclear warheads in Cuba. He said that there would be support for Reagan if he threatened to take similar action if he faced the same threat from Cuba today. Lantos added that Israel provided a "vital lesson" for all democratic countries and should be "applauded" for its actions instead of being criticized by many in Washington.

Support for Israel also came today from Sen. Howard Metzenbaum (D. Ohio), who said that Israel had hard choices but "what Israel did may have been the most responsi-

ble action of all." He said that Israel had to confront the prospect of an Iraqi nuclear bomb. No other country was willing to do more than make protests. "Had Israel waited till the plant was operational," Metzenbaum noted, "she would have had two alternatives — either to sit back helplessly while Iraq built the bomb or to attack the facility and risk inflicting untold deaths and suffering by the radioactive contamination of Iraq's most heavily populated areas."

Bingham Denounces World Inaction

Rep. Jonathan Bingham (D. N.Y.) said there would not have been the need for a pre-emptive strike by Israel "had the world community acted responsibly earlier to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons, usable technology and materials. Instead the United States and its allies have made half hearted efforts at nuclear restraint, put far too much faith in international safeguards, and totally ignored the military implications of these actions. Israel could not afford to ignore them . . ."

Bingham, member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, called for a non-proliferation policy with "teeth" to prevent the export of nuclear material that can be used in making weapons and which would improve the methods of guarding against the proliferation of nuclear weapons. At the State Department today, Fischer said that the Reagan Administration has been reviewing the U.S. policy on non-proliferation as part of its review of all of its foreign policy.

Toronto Man Leaves \$5 Million To Welfare Fund

TORONTO (JTA) — Morris Pulver of Toronto, an architect and engineer, who died recently, has left what may be the largest bequest ever given to a Jewish Federation. The bequest totaled \$5 million and was given to the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto to be used for higher education purposes in Israel for Canadians and Israelis. Pulver, who left no survivors, had resided in the Bahamas in recent years.

Proposal For High-Rise At Jewish Museum Revives Landmark Issue

NEW YORK — Efforts have been renewed to designate as a landmark the mansion on upper Fifth Avenue that houses the Jewish museum.

A tentative proposal to build a 25-story building next to the museum at Fifth and 92nd Street has worried the neighborhood.

The Jewish Theological Seminary of America owns the museum and the land, and says more space is needed for exhibits, and more revenue for its upkeep. The proposed building is only one of the options now under review, a seminary spokesman said.

There are no plans to alter or destroy the 1907 mansion, the spokesman said, and the site may be left just as is, with fund-raising efforts directed elsewhere.

The proposal calls for tearing down a four-story modern addition built for the museum in 1963 and replacing it with a new building of 6 floors of museum space and 19 floors of cooperative apartments.

Local groups and block association oppose the high-rise proposal, and have gathered more than 900 names on a petition.

Charles Klein, lawyer for the seminary, says although there are no plans to alter the facades of the museum, there is doubt about

the advisability of landmark status. "At the nub of the issue," Klein said, "is the fact that the designation as a landmark might well serve not to protect the landmark but that designation may spell the end of the Jewish Museum."

Neighborhood residents say they would rather raise money to preserve the mansion than see the high-rise constructed.

If landmark status is granted, permission must be obtained from the Landmarks Commission before any substantial work is done on the exterior of the building.

Klein said the exterior now needs more than \$350,000 worth of repairs to fix damage from leaks. The cost for repairs made under the landmarks law could be prohibitive, Klein said.

The Community Planning Board has given the seminary until October to submit its development plans, and will vote at its November meeting on whether to recommend landmark status.

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Timerman's Book Creates Controversy: Argentine Jews Live With Contradictions

BUENOS AIRES — The issue of anti-Semitism in Argentina has become the subject of public debate in the U.S. and Argentina as a result of the publication of a book by Jacobo Timerman. The newspaper publisher and author of "Prisoner Without a Name, Cell Without a Number," was jailed without charges for two and a half years and tortured by the military, he says, for being a Jew.

Debate about Timerman's charges have involved the human rights policy of the Reagan Administration, as well as its attempts to improve relations with Argentina.

Jews in Argentina have seen bombings of schools. Their lives have been threatened by extremist groups. Nazi tracts and magazines full of anti-Semitic hatred are sold routinely on downtown newsstands.

But the Jews of Argentina, numbering about 350,000, work in an integrated environment, with no Jewish quotas in businesses or schools, no separate companies, no religious identification. They comprise the fifth largest Jewish concentration in the world, following the U.S., Israel, the Soviet Union and France.

Timerman says in his book that Argentina is moving along a path similar to that of the Germans in the early 1930's and the Soviet Union today. Some Jews counter that there are no restrictions on Jews in Argentina as there were in Germany, as there are in the Soviet Union.

The Argentine Constitution guarantees freedom of religion, and official documents and applications do not mention religion. But only Catholics may become President (90 percent of the population is Catholic).

In addition, schools and businesses are fully integrated. There are 60 Jewish schools in Buenos Aires, but most Jewish children attend public schools. They receive a high number of college scholarships, and make up a disproportionate part of the college population. There are no separate Jewish or gentile professional companies, factories or businesses.

But within the upper ranks of the military, the labor unions and the political parties, there are no Jews. Although the real sources of power are closed to them, many Jews say it does not matter.

Timerman was one of thousands of people assassinated, tortured or arrested after the armed forces seized power five years ago. Many Jewish and human rights leaders say few people were seized primarily because they were Jews.

Despite Timerman's allegations, some say the number of tortured and slain Jews paralleled their large numbers in the intelligentsia that supported the leftist guerrillas. Most of those who were tortured and disappeared were non-Jewish.

The strong feelings of anti-Semitism in Argentina, however, cannot be denied. Several Jewish schools and synagogues were damaged by bombs last year. A Jewish cemetery was desecrated and there were no arrests, an unusual situation in a country with an extremely efficient police force.

The extremist groups operating today have been linked to right-wing elements in the security forces. Nazi swastikas have been seen on prison walls; Jewish prisoners have been taunted about their Jewishness and

sometimes have received extra punishment.

One of the country's bestsellers, besides "Mein Kampf," is "Protocols of the Elders of Zion," a fictional account of a Jewish plot to take over the world. The book fits neatly into the belief by many Argentinians that Jews plan to take over Patagonia, a southern area rich in minerals but sparsely populated.

On a recent talk show, the interviewer (a half-brother of the general in charge of the government's censorship) asked a Jewish guest a slew of inflammatory, leading questions. The censors had barred the showing of "Holocaust" but allowed this show to include questions such as: Why are Jews misers? Why do they think they are superior? Why are they not poor or maids? Are they more loyal to Israel or Argentina?

The problem as most Jews see it in Argentina is that the government does not move firmly enough to stop the extremist groups. They point to the relative successes in Uruguay, where three people were arrested for bombing a synagogue; and Chile, where there is almost no anti-Semitism because of the Chilean President's firm opposition to it.

The armed forces, traditionally known for nationalism and suspicion of Zionism, contain the strongest anti-Semitism. Argentine strongman Juan Domingo Peron was an admirer of Mussolini, and fascist traces persist.

The nuclear physicists and technicians who do the military's most sensitive work are Jewish, but although Jews are drafted at the same rate as non-Jews, senior grades are denied. Jewish say it is an unspoken understanding that they are excluded and that Jewish families do not encourage military careers.

Despite the military's history of anti-Semitism the worst attacks have been during civilian rule. Most of these governments since World War II have been populist and nationalistic. During the Peronist government before the latest military coup, leftists were as violent against Jews as rightists. Many believe the military at least imposes an order that discourages anti-Semitic violence.

The Argentine church, perhaps the most conservative in Latin America, has expressed contempt for anti-Semitism. But as late as the early 1970's, some Catholic priests still publicly condemned Jews for the death of Jesus.

Most of Argentina's Jews are second and third-generation descendants of those who arrived around the end of the last century after fleeing the pogroms of Eastern Europe and Russia. They were at first scorned, first as peddlers and farm workers, then as nouveaux riches, as they progressed to become the commercial, cultural and educational leaders many are today. But the Jews accept their exclusion from power as part of the tradition of the land they inherited.

Jewish leaders dispute Timerman's comparison between them and the Jewish councils that ran ghettos in countries occupied by the Germans in World War II. Some say Jewish leaders have done what they could for prisoners in Argentina, but simply did not always succeed. They say their public and private protests helped get him released; and they say it's only natural he wanted to be freed sooner. Some leaders say they could have been more active; other say the leaders see more anti-Semitism than there is.

Israeli Soldier Absolved In Fatal Shooting Of Arab Youth At Bethlehem

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A military investigation absolved an Israeli soldier of blame in the fatal shooting of an 18-year-old Arab, Mohammed Mustapha Jibril, at the Dabaisha refugee camp near Bethlehem. The authorities contended that the soldier had acted according to regulations and could not have avoided killing the youth.

The incident occurred, according to military sources, when an army patrol on a hill overlooking the refugee camp of some 7,000 residents noticed two suspicious-looking figures emerging from rocky terrain. The two failed to respond to warning calls or to shots fired into the air, where upon the soldiers aimed at their legs, the sources said. But because of the darkness and the nature of the terrain, mortal wounds were inflicted on Jibril who was pronounced dead on arrival at

the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical Center on Mt.Scopus.

The second suspect was captured unharmed and detained for questioning. The refugee camp was placed under immediate curfew. It was lifted briefly yesterday to allow the residents to shop but was quickly re-imposed when Arab demonstrators marched on the camp from Bethlehem chanting nationalist slogans and waving Palestinian flags.

Camp residents told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that there had been no provocation for the shooting and blamed the Israeli army for unrest at the camp. The army claimed that Dabaisha has been the scene of repeated grenade and Molotov cocktail attacks on Israeli vehicles.

75,000 March In 'Salute To Israel' Parade Down Fifth Avenue

NEW YORK (JTA) — Despite overcast skies, thousands of viewers lined Fifth Avenue in Manhattan to see an estimated 75,000 marchers in the 17th annual Salute to Israel parade.

The marchers, organized in groups above the age of 10 through college age, representing 90 schools and 20 youth organizations, enthusiastically marched the 30-block distance, singing Israeli songs, dancing Israeli folk dances and chanting slogans based on this year's theme, "Ani Maamin" (I Believe). Marching bands from as far away as West Virginia and Baltimore took part in the parade alongside many groups representing Jewish organizations throughout the metropolitan area. Many organizations and business firms had colorful and elaborate floats, among them Zim Lines, Bank Leumi, Hadassah, National Council of Young Israel, Yeshiva University, day schools and yeshivas and many others.

Reagan Message

Jacob Stein, newly-appointed advisor to President Reagan, read a message from the reviewing stand to the throng from President Reagan, stressing the United States' commitment to the security of Israel, and that his Administration regarded Israel as a symbol of democracy. The message reaffirmed the Reagan Administration's commitment to Israel's security.

Israeli Ambassador Ephraim Evron brought a message from Premier Menachem Begin in which Begin reiterated his justification of Israel's aerial attack last Sunday on the Iraqi nuclear reactor outside Baghdad. He repeated his earlier contention that the most reliable sources indicated that Iraq was seeking to build an atomic bomb which it said openly was intended for use against Israel. In the message, Begin expressed his gratitude to the Israel Air Force whose members performed the mission with outstanding skill and success. He also reiterated that Israel was assured that the reactor was to go on line in the beginning of July or September and that Israel could not accept responsibility for an attack at that time because it would have released deadly radioactive material that might have cost thousands of lives in Baghdad.

Mayor Edward Koch of New York attacked the United Nations, calling its anti-Israel members "hypocrites." He said the UN did not condemn the Iraqi attack on Iran which is still going on. He called the President of Iraq Saddam Hussein, a "certified madman" and said the Israelis should be "praised and not condemned" for the attack on the reactor.

Yehuda Blum, Israeli Ambassador to the UN, told the crowd that the current Security Council Session on the air raid had had an overtone of "cynicism and bigotry" but added that he was "gratified at the sympathy reflected throughout this country" for Israel.

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William Frederick Friedman: The Man Who Broke Purple, A World War II Hero

The story of how the United States was able to decipher the most secret Japanese messages throughout World War II is actually the story of one brilliant and dedicated man. William Frederick Friedman.

Born in Russia of Jewish parents who moved to this country when he was only three, Friedman got his first real taste of military code-breaking when he spent five months at General John Pershing's headquarters in 1918. There his work in the "German Code and Cipher Solving Section" led to a government career of 34 years, starting in 1921.

Between the two world wars, Friedman headed the secret operations of the Army's Signal Intelligence Service, a unit that monitored worldwide radio messages. In addition, he was often called upon to assist police and the Secret Service in decoding critical messages. Those years also brought with them the widespread use of cipher machines. In 1934, Friedman and his small, dedicated group of cryptographic service specialists in Washington started using their first IBM machine for cryptanalytic work.

It was this work with the building — or more correctly the rebuilding — of alphabets that enabled William Friedman to develop a model of the Japanese "Purple" cipher machine in the early fall of 1940. With Friedman's dramatic break-through, the United States was able to decode, almost simultaneously with their transmission, the top secret messages being sent back and forth between Japan, its allies and its ambassadors.

In November 1941 the U.S. knew that the Japanese prime minister had instructed Baron Oshima in Berlin to inform Hitler of the "extreme danger" of a war between the Anglo-Saxon nations and Japan. On December 6, the day before the attack on Pearl Harbor, cryptographers in Washington deciphered a warning to the Japanese embassy from Tokyo saying that the reply to a

previous message from Secretary of State Cordell Hull would be sent in 14 parts. These were immediately deciphered by the U.S. and rushed to President Roosevelt. After reading the first 13 parts of the message at about 9:30 p.m., Roosevelt is said to have told his adviser Harry Hopkins that they meant war. The 14th part directed the Japanese embassy to deliver the complete text of the message to Hull at 1:00 p.m. on December 7. Not until afterward did the powers that be in Washington realize that 1:00 p.m. Washington time was dawn in Hawaii. And by then, it was too late.

The information the Allies gained from their ability to read "Purple" was priceless. General George C. Marshall said in 1944, "Our main basis of information regarding (Adolf) Hitler's intentions in Europe is obtained from (Ambassador) Baron Oshima's messages from Berlin reporting his interviews with Hitler and other officials to the Japanese government."

The fact that America had cracked "Purple" was of course highly classified, and great care was exercised to avoid taking any action that might tip off the Japanese that their code had been broken. When, by reading coded messages, the U.S. learned the Japanese were operating a ring of spies made up of Spain's diplomatic delegation to the United States, no attempt was ever made to break it up, for fear of alerting the Japanese to our ability to literally read their mail.

In the years following World War II, Colonel Friedman became a key figure in the then newly formed National Security Agency. As a special assistant to the agency's director, he continued to serve his adopted country with his unique skills.

After his death in 1969, the man who insisted on being called "Mr." was buried in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors. In a branch of the Government that prides itself on remaining cloaked in secrecy, the recognition due "The Man Who Broke Purple" has been slow in coming; but finally, in 1975, the National Security Agency's auditorium at Fort Mead was renamed the William F. Friedman Memorial Auditorium and dedicated in his honor.

Technion Gives Harvey Awards To Scientists

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The Technion, Israel's Institute of Technology in Haifa, will award its 1981 annual Harvey Prize to two British scientists, Technion president Amos Horev announced.

The prizes, worth \$35,000 each, will be given on June 21 to Prof. Sir James Lighthill and Prof. Hans Kosterlitz. Lighthill, provost of University College in London, received the award in science and technology for his pioneering work in fluid mechanics. Kosterlitz, Director of the Aberdeen University addictive drug unit, received the award in public health.

The Harvey Prize was established in 1971 with a \$1 million gift bearing the name of the late Lee Harvey of Los Angeles, leader of the American Technion Society.

Dutch Say No To Sinai Force

AMSTERDAM (JTA) — The Netherlands Government has declined an American request that it supply troops for the multinational force that is to police Sinai after Israel completes its withdrawal from the peninsula in April, 1982. The reason given is that Holland has already contributed 800 soldiers to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL).

Those men were transferred to south Lebanon from the Dutch NATO contingent. Volunteers for UNIFIL are difficult to find and the government wants to avoid the use of conscripts.

Bridge

by Robert E. Starr



Many Declarers, especially with nine Trumps to play with, have a tendency to draw them too soon. The newer the player the more he wants to get right after that Trump suit. Usually the reason is that he has been taught to do that very thing when he should have been advised to think about what he might do first that would be much more important. Today's is such a hand.

North		East	
♠	K 7	♠	A 10 6
♥	10 9 5 4	♥	A 6
♦	A K 6 2	♦	10 8 5 4
♣	8 4 3	♣	J 7 6 2
West		South	
♠	9 8 5 3	♠	Q J 4 2
♥	8 2	♥	K Q J 7 3
♦	Q 9 7 3	♦	J
♣	K Q 10	♣	A 9 5

East was Dealer, both sides vulnerable with this bidding:

E	S	W	N
P	1H	P	2D
P	2H	P	3H
P	4H	End	

After his partner opened the bidding with one Heart, North was too strong to respond two Hearts and too weak to bid three. Four shows a very distributional hand with less high cards so actually North could not bid Hearts at all the first time around. It didn't matter, of course, as South could not pass a change of suit response so North bid two Diamonds. He wasn't quite strong enough to jump right to game the second time so simply raised to three. Remember, his first bid did show at least ten points and he had exactly that. South did have the upper part of his bid so happily went on to game.

After West leads the Club King see Declarer's problem. He has a sure loser in Hearts and Spades and when he wins the first trick with his Ace he also has two Club losers staring him in the face. If he does lose them both he will not make his contract. And he will lose them both if he goes right after Trumps as some of the Declarers I watched did. After all, there were only four out against them. Plus the fact that they had been taught to get those Trumps out. East, of course, as soon as he won that Trump Ace, lost no time in returning a Club to set the hand.

What Declarer should have done is at trick two, lead the Diamond Jack with absolutely no intention of allowing it to run through as a finesse even if West fails to cover it with the Queen. His plan is to discard one of the Club losers on the second high Diamond and then get to work on the Trumps. Now all the defenders can cash is one Club trick which can be afforded.

Actually this should be an easy hand for the more experienced player and should provide an object lesson to the newer ones. However, I have witnessed many players who should have known better fail to make hands such as this.

Moral: Pull Trumps first is an erroneous adage. True, they might be drawn if nothing else should be done first but before doing so make certain nothing takes precedence.

AMSTERDAM (JTA) — Racial discrimination in Holland will be punished more severely starting June 20, as a result of an amendment to the Penal Code. The maximum fine for racial discrimination has been increased by Justice Minister Jacob De Ruiter from \$500 to \$5,000.

The new amendment also imposes severe punishment for discrimination in employment for racial reasons or when persons are denied access to public places, such as restaurants, because of their race.

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Swimming At The JCC: A Timeless Marathon

by Jeffrey L. Goldberg

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island opened the doors to its new facility in 1971. The center had accomplished a dream and was fully prepared to offer its members the finest facilities in the area. The olympic swimming pool provided a recreational facility that members in past years had never been treated to. In the early years, the pool offered great escapes for refreshing swims on hot summer days, and a fun place to relax and unwind after a hard day. As time went on, the great push for physical fitness became more apparent and increased physical awareness affected many people who have come to know the center's pool facility as almost a second home.

At present, there are between 300 and 500 people swimming at the center for health reasons. These people are extremely serious about their swimming and are accustomed to their own personal routines. The same people come at the same time, do the same strokes, swim in the same lanes and in their own quiet ways have accumulated some amazing statistics. Swimming is certainly not a sport for just the young. I was extremely surprised to find out that some of the most staggering statistics have been accomplished by many of the seniors and adults. Since this facility opened, countless individuals have built up some tremendous personal records. In some cases, although not documented, various seniors and adults have swum hundreds of miles over the years and might very possibly have equaled or bettered numbers of miles swam by other seniors and adults throughout the country.

Patti Winer, assistant health and physical education director at the center, says that in her almost two years on the job, she has seen the almost family-like atmosphere that is derived from the many individuals that partake in this activity. The center, Patti says, "is clean, well supervised, offers wonderful camaraderie, and lends itself to enjoyment for not only the participants but staff as well." For most of the swimmers their routines have become like clockwork, so much so that when swimmers miss a day the staff worries about where they were.

Some of the more noticeable statistics accumulated over the years have been by people like:

Burleigh Greenberg: 1825 miles; Leah Abrams: 1200 miles; Harry Feldstein: 490

miles; Lotte Povar: 390 miles; Louis Wine: 366 miles; Henry Markoff: 85 miles.

To the participants at the Jewish Community Center, you are to be commended for your activity which proves you are never too old to be involved in physical fitness and even better when you like what you are doing. Stroke, stroke, stroke!

JCC Awards Night

The Jewish Community Center celebrated its annual awards night at McCoy Stadium June 11. The 200 people who attended were treated to a fine game by the Paw Sox, as they saw the home team pound out a 10-2 victory. Perhaps Ben Mondor, the Paw Sox owner, might like to have the center members at the ball park more often. It proved to be good luck.

Among the people in attendance were the sponsors of the teams, without whom there would be no teams and certainly no awards night. The sponsors are as follows: Adams Drug, Cast Products, Clifford Metals, East Side Republican Club, Feinberg and Co., Henlar Insurance, Insurance Underwriters, Marriott, New Metal Industries, Richard East, and The Yarn Outlet.

The awards for sportsmanship were presented by Noah Temkin, president of the center, and Stan Weiss, chairman of the health and physical education committee.

In softball the recipients were: Adam Turner, Alan Stern, Jonathan Bleecker, Luke Scaramella, and Ezra Reinalin.

The baseball recipients for the sportsmanship award were as follows: Chris Watson, Josh Beiser, Michael Lopptin, and Chris O'Brien.

Congratulations to these fine young athletes and to the Jewish Community Center for a fine season and a wonderful evening at McCoy.

PreSchool Orientation

"What's PreSchool Like" is a parent orientation program for parents of two and three year olds who may be considering a school for their toddlers. This program, sponsored by the PreSchool Services Department of the Jewish Community Center, will begin on July 28 and continue for five weeks from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Discussion, questions and advice will take place during this series. For more information, call Shandelle Kenler, director of PreSchool Services, JCC, 861-8800.



SWIMMING CLASSES AT JCC: The Jewish Community Center is offering swimming classes this summer for parents and their children.

JCC Summer Swimming Program For Parents And Tots

The Jewish Community Center is actively involved in making young children safe swimmers and safety conscious in the swim-

ming pools of Rhode Island. A summer swim program at the Center will begin with classes for very young and not so very young children.

The JCC has been sponsoring a program for this 6-23 month age group child called "Waterbabies." Twice a week for four weeks, parents and their tots paddle around in water safety, and under strict supervision of the Center Aquatics staff. Two sessions for parents and their tots will be held this summer. Session I, June 23 from 9:30 a.m.-10 a.m.; and Session II, beginning July 21 at the same time.

The program for 2- and 3-year-old non-swimmers meets twice a week for four weeks: Session I: June 22 and Session II, beginning July 20 from 9:30 a.m.-10 a.m. Swim classes will also be held for toddlers (2- and 3-year-olds) and their parents and a swim class for 3-5-year-olds. Children over 5 can swim in their own program as well.



BRAD ARON, 17, a recent graduate of Cranston West High School, will be traveling to Spain July 17 through August 12 to study at the University of Madrid. He will study under a scholarship sponsored by Bergen Community College. In the Fall, Brad will attend Tufts University.

"Pirates Of Penzance" Opens At Matunuck

"The Pirates of Penzance" will open at Theatre-by-the-Sea, Matunuck, on Tuesday, June 23 through July 12. Tommy Brent's production of this swashbuckling Gilbert & Sullivan classic will play at the barn theatre with performances Tuesday through Friday evenings at 8:30 p.m., Saturdays at 6 p.m. and 9 p.m., and Sundays at 7 p.m.

Irrigation Information

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problem of the repletion of water tables due to the over-drilling of wells.

In order to maintain an international standing the IIRC publishes articles about all countries, regardless of the political situation in or between those involved. For example, a recent *Irrineus* item relates how Libya (which does not have diplomatic ties with Israel) is beginning to tap a new water source — urban waste water — to irrigate forage for livestock near Tripoli. Significantly, *Irrineus*, which has increased its circulation some 400 percent since first appearing in 1975, is received by 120 subscribers in 15 Moslem countries.

Motivated By Childhood Experience

General manager Bard admits that water documenting may be a dry activity and that the day-in-day-out cataloging and handling of publications having to do with irrigation may sometimes become mountains of

tedious paperwork, but the information scientist approaches her work with a basic personal commitment that water is food and food is life.

"One of the reasons I've been working here is that I was hungry for years during the Second World War," Janina Bard explains. She was the sole survivor of her family in Poland and after being shuttled from hiding place to hiding place, she eventually found refuge in England at age ten. There she grew up, married and became a mother of two, immigrating to Israel in 1974.

"I had been kept alive by agencies and people. Food does matter. Most of us must be reminded that people in certain parts of the world are starving on a horrifying scale." The work of the Irrigation Center to consolidate and disseminate information about irrigation, she believes, is an essential tool in attacking the awesome issue of world food supply.

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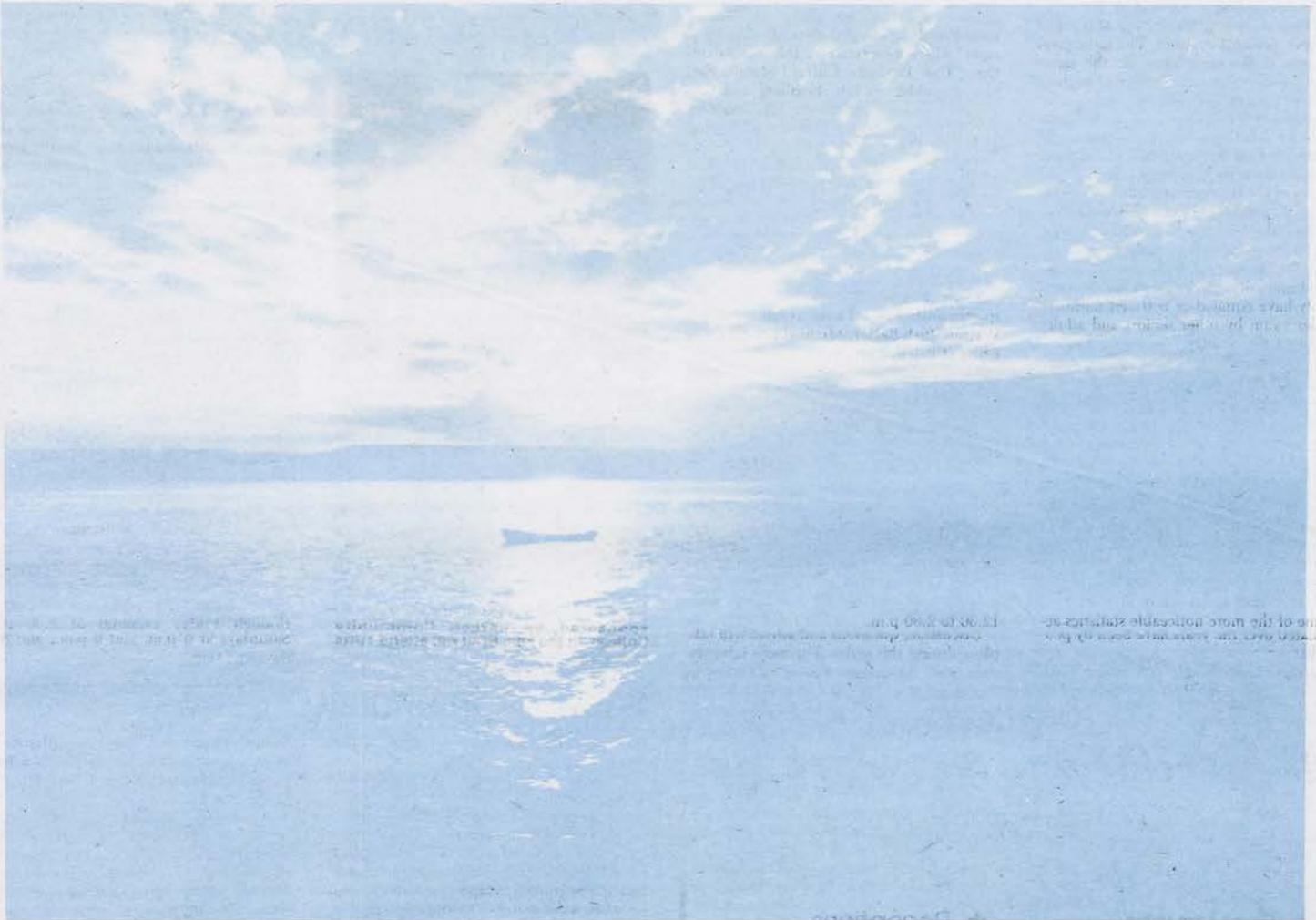
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TIBERIAS, ISRAEL: A brilliant full moon shines through a dramatic sky over the Sea of Galilee, picking up a lone fishing boat off the Tiberias shore. Fishing has been one of the major activities on the Sea of Galilee for thousands of years. (See story, page 20)

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The Disorganization Of The Organizations

"An Undemocratic System That Furtheres Bureaucratic Interests . . . Stifles Dissent . . . Manipulates Israel"

by Alon Ben-Meir

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Jewish organizations, both Zionist and non-Zionist, have been and will continue to be the bases on which Jewish communal life is sustained. For this reason, any constructive criticism of the Jewish organizations should not be seen as an effort to minimize or dilute their importance. Rather, it should be aimed at creating a useful dialogue that will hopefully lead these organizations to improved performance, commensurate with the time and circumstances in which they live. Every Jewish organization, which dedicates its deeds and ideals to the betterment of Jewry and humanity, deserves the staunchest support from every concerned member of the community. Any organization which could still render needed services to

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The disorganization of our organizations has already taken a heavy toll. Increasing numbers of Jews find no romance and no interest within the current organizational framework. Many organizations have failed to meet the high expectations of scores of our most gifted young adults who want more than tedious, mundane committee meetings, empty rhetoric, and a rehash of old slogans and clichés. Since the establishment of Israel, both the psychological and emotional needs of Diaspora Jews have drastically changed.

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Israel has not only presented the Jews with new choices, but it has also posed a new set of questions and problems to which Jewish organizations have not yet developed suitable responses. Sadly, although many Jewish organizations can "take pride" in their contribution to the creation of Israel and the realization of an age-old dream, they now utilize the new situation mainly to further their own limited bureaucratic interests.

Fundraising — Displaced Emphasis

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Although many fundraising organizations have been able to increase their revenues in the past, this does not indicate success. Indeed, Jewish philanthropists can attest to the fact that giving is no longer automatic, not only because of increased disenchantment with the existing system and the various methods or practices employed, but

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primarily because Israel's existence has introduced an entirely new dimension into Jewish communal life. Yet, the organizations have failed to provide comprehensive programs that include fundraising as one element of its overall agenda. When our young and even some of our elders are searching for a new purpose, self-fulfillment, and new goals that transcend materialism, in such critical times as these, Jewish organizations have usually failed. They have failed to excite the imagination, and they have failed to challenge and provoke a wide segment of the community, who, out of desperation, have resorted to hiding — hiding from constant pressure, manipulation, and at times, outright intimidation.

It is pathetic that in many organizations, esteem and leadership are by and large related directly to the dollar sums given to UJA or Israel Bonds. The question is, are these organizations aware of the moral implications under which such contributions are made? Moreover, if giving is one of the

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main, if not the only criterion, by which Jewish organizational leadership is selected, how can these organizations expect to be revitalized to meet both Israel's and their own needs? How can they continue to exist when, by all indications, the number of their supporters continues to decline?

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organizations, such "legislation" is more often than not a sterile exercise. Yet congresses, conventions, and annual meetings continue to grind out reams of empty rhetoric — the impotent haranguing the deaf. Such exercises do, however, have one noteworthy consequence: they serve to perpetuate the organizations and their leaderships. For them it is not "next year in Jerusalem," but next year in Chicago, Los Angeles, or Washington, D.C.

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needed today more than at any previous time. It must be noted that although both Israel and Diaspora Jewry need organizational structures to serve their long-range interests, the ultimate strength of these organizations will depend largely on their future ability to attract and retain young adults, many of whom find the current structures boring at best, and at worst, insulting. Instituting democratic procedures will eventually become a prerequisite to the very survival of every organization which depends on constituency support. Creating or emphasizing emergencies will no longer substitute for the need to participate out of a sense of partnership; in this case, active participation means that each individual has a stake in the organization. It would be naive to assume that the current organizational structure can be democratized just by making some recommendations. The present system is too deeply rooted in the soul and pocket of prominent

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The Stifling of Dissent

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When opposition to Israel's policies is expressed, Jewish organizations attempt to silence the dissenters. The arguments used by the Jewish leaders to stifle criticism of Israel are based on self-serving postulates that are neither consistent with Jewish tradition nor with the ultimate concern about

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both Israel and the Diaspora. The arguments may be summarized as follows: 1) American Jewish criticism of Israeli policy indicates "disunity" in the Jewish community and could weaken American support of Israel; 2) if American Jews, who are Israel's natural allies, do not unequivocally support Israel, the message conveyed to the American public is that Israel does not need support or that Israel is wrong; 3) dissent reduces the confidence of Diaspora Jews in the "rightness" of Israel and its policies; 4) Jews should support the Israeli government, particularly on matters concerning its security, since Israel alone carries the burden of survival; and 5) criticism of Israel aids and encourages its enemies.

Instances of stifled dissent by American Jewish organizational leaders are constant and numerous: a comprehensive account is simply beyond the scope of this chapter.

For many of the dissenters, the inaccessibility of the Jewish press as a way of voicing their grievances has forced them to resort to the secular papers to express their positions. For this reason, Jewish leaders who are not concerned with open criticism — be it against Israel or their own organization — should open the Jewish press (over which they have considerable influence) to the dis-

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senters' voices and become more receptive to their needs. It is most unfortunate that freedom of the press is extremely limited in the American Jewish community. Most American Jewish papers, which are published and/or administered by Jewish Federations, also stay clear of controversial issues and are usually used as public relations tools in CJF fundraising. Of course, there are some independently owned papers which have maintained journalistic integrity and have rendered invaluable service to the Jewish community.

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as JTA releases and the Daily Bulletin, have a limited function and offer no real platform for debate. The American Jewish Public Relations Society, which is a publicity tool for the organizations, publishes *Handout*. Many Jewish papers print material from *Handout* as "news," while it is actually publicity for the groups. When the papers are not owned by the groups, they are dependent on them for their continued financial support. Since the Jewish publications avoid controversial issues and instead focus on organizational doings, they are merely public relations tools for the American groups. American Jews, therefore, are prevented from obtaining *real*

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news and are rarely presented with more than one viewpoint on matters of Jewish concern. This situation is in sharp contrast to the presses of both America and to a lesser extent, Israel, where controversial matters are reported externally by the opposition press on a variety of issues. Finally, the Jewish press must indeed assume its role in Jewish life and fully use its potential. The Jewish press must remain viable and attuned to changing needs. It must maintain its journalistic integrity and freedom and stop being subservient to the whims of some chauvinistic, self-appointed individuals who use the press for nothing less than personal glorification.

Inflated Bureaucracy

Much discussion has centered on the inflated bureaucracies which plague most Jewish organizations. Too often, overzealous leaders, mistaking show for performance, built brilliant facades of organizational activity. The result was duplication of services, exponential increases in personnel, and

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behalf of Israel. American Jewish leaders will have to learn that the ultimate strength of the Jewish community — its communal membership — lies dormant. Jewish fundraising organizations must stop manipulating Israel to serve their narrow, self-serving interests, while losing credibility within their constituencies. Jewish organizations can no longer use Israel's survival as a pretext for their activities and continue to believe that each particular organization is Israel's ultimate savior. The Jewish organizations should work with Israel to improve and enrich the individual Jew, particularly the disenfranchised and the alienated. These are the Jews who must be approached; they are the multitude of World Jewry, and they are the basis on which a viable Jewish existence may ultimately rest. The time has come for the Jewish leadership to look beyond their immediate needs and to develop a visionary approach to the increasingly tenuous and alarming situation that faces both Israel and Diaspora Jewry.

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"Off The Record" Is On The Air

Lewis And Wiener: Originators Of Local Music/Interview Show

by Linda A. Acciardo

Mike Lewis-Stuart Wiener Enterprises has been in the business of managing bands and producing records in this state for over two years. But what they have accomplished in the last two months could conceivably become their claim to fame. They had a concept, brought it to the right people and it happened; their idea resulted in a new, innovative local music interview program called "Off the Record."

The first show aired last week and featured local rock groups Beaver Brown and The Mundanes, and included interviews with members of each band and also an interview spot with Garland Jeffreys.

Although Lewis and Wiener have been involved in the music profession for almost 20 years, producing this television show, which was filmed at Center Stage, has been their newest venture. No contracts have been signed, but response to the program has been positive, according to Jim Edmonds of Channel 12, who directed the show. Another program has been scheduled to air sometime this summer.

The concept of a music/interview show had been discussed by staff members at Channel 12, according to Edmonds, "but it never reached past the idea stage." Edmonds said he has received positive feedback from viewers and hopes that the show will develop

places where a band can earn so much money and not be big. Once they've made it to New York they're big and there's no room for local bands to work," Lewis said.

In relation to other parts of the country, a band out of Dayton, Ohio, traveled an average distance of 400 miles for each job. Here, in New England, the average distance is 50 miles.

Because of the proximity of the many colleges and universities in the state, a great number of talented people are able to live and work in a relatively small geographic area. Nightclubs and bars abound as sources for employment.

"For local groups, there is a tremendous need to work. If you can get them to earn their living as musicians, they will practice and improve. The ultimate goal is to have them develop their own original material," Wiener says.

The process of building a local group to national recognition is a slow one and the outcome is impossible to predict. "There are so many intangibles that you can't predict. It's a matter of desire and patience," Wiener adds.

With the groups that the team has observed playing and performing, when the talent is there and the potential to succeed exists, the next step is to provide that group with guidance. "We give them our expertise,



RECORD DEALS AND CONTRACTS IN THE MAKING with Mike Lewis (left) and Stuart Wiener.

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into a weekly program. "It would be nice if it could be a weekly show. That is ideally what we would like," Edmonds said.

"Reactions to the program have been great and the press has been really good to us," Wiener said. The timing of the show from the beginning stages to the actual airing on television "could never have happened as quickly in New York," he added.

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Rhode Island is so fertile in terms of local talent and providing sources for groups to work and practice, that Lewis and Wiener brought their expertise from the bright lights of New York to the city of Cranston in November 1978. "The area could use a show like this to support the local talent, and yet, nobody has really been doing anything show business-wise," Lewis says.

The two men analyzed the move carefully and chose Rhode Island because of the entire region, where local rock bands and musicians can find steady employment, earn a fairly lucrative income and yet still be virtual unknowns on the national music scene. In major cities and other parts of the country work is limited and opportunities are scarce for groups without national recognition, Lewis says.

Both Lewis and Wiener noticed a trend in the entire music industry toward leaving the city and moving into the suburbs. "Everybody was suburbanizing. We saw this happening and decided that New England was the most fertile area in terms of talent. Except for the Southwest, there are few other

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One main responsibility of these personal managers is to constantly seek out new talent. Scouting the local music scene is a large part of their job. Prior to moving to Rhode Island, the team traveled from New York to New England to find talent. What are they looking for? Both men agree that original material is most important for a local group aiming for the top of the charts. "Professionalism, original material, vitality, freshness and a willingness to work are the qualities needed to stay in the business long enough to do well," Lewis says. "Patience and dedication are also essential," Wiener adds.



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Some of the local groups which Lewis and Wiener have shown an interest in and worked with are Ken Lyon and Tombstone, a rock band which produced an album and single on Columbia; Jay Bolotin, a folk singer with an album on Commonwealth United; and Rhythm, a rock and roll band which had a chart single on Polydor and an album on RCA. All the groups were unknown musicians when Lewis and Wiener discovered them. The team is currently working with Butch McCarthy, Schemers, Cry Wolf, Outrage, Toys and The Box.

How It Began

During his teens Wiener worked for Wemar Music, a music publishing firm. He became vice-president and professional manager and was involved with promoting artists such as The Isley Brothers, Teresa Brewer, Frank Sinatra, Andy Williams, Sal Mineo, Van Morrison, Carole King, Paul Simon, Barry Mann, Neil Sedaka and many more. Wiener later held the position of National Promotion vice-president at MGM records for two years. He produced and created "Cindy," an off-broadway musical that ran for two years at the Gate Theatre in New York and which Wiener describes as the "Jewish version of Cinderella." He also co-authored "To The Aisle," a song originally recorded by The Five Satins and more recently made a part of the double platinum American Graffiti album and movie.

The appeal of the music industry for

Wiener has been the "excitement, creativity and potential to earn large sums of money." Being able to work with creative people, he says, has also been a driving force for staying in the business.

"The gratification of developing talent and seeing that talent give enjoyment to other people is a great thrill," Lewis says, who began his entry into the music profession as a performer. He played saxophone and clarinet at the age of eight and worked with a number of jazz bands in his native New York during his teen years.

Lewis attended Julliard School of Music and majored in composition and arranging. In the late 50's he founded a singing group called The Concord. The group produced two successful chart records, "Again" and "Marlene." Wiener and Lewis met when The Concord signed a production contract with Wiener when he was affiliated with Wemar Music.

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As a team, the two men formed their own production company and worked jointly with CBS affiliates for three years until striking out as independents in New York.

Striking New Territory

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territory for the team. They were both pleased with the outcome of the show, but as the first endeavor, "We still have a million ideas to make it better," Wiener says. The changes will more than likely take place in the format of the show. Any subsequent programs will feature contemporary music in terms of content and include jazz, blues, rock groups and more.

The philosophy behind the show was to produce a program that would reveal "who the people are and what they are like," Lewis said. "I myself am curious as to what certain stars are like," he adds. With this program viewers will be able to get a closer look at the artists behind the songs.

Rabbi Sholom Strajcher:

Synthesizing The Best Of Two Worlds At The Providence Hebrew Day School



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by Heather Magier

The ideal school combines the best of both worlds: the world of general studies, and the world of Jewish learning. Such a harmonious synthesis is worth working for, says Rabbi Sholom Strajcher, dean of the Providence Hebrew Day School, because children so educated today will benefit the community in the future.

"What I look for in the educational process is a synthesis of the best of two worlds of education and learning," Rabbi Strajcher said. "The world of secular, or general studies, — math, science, reading, social studies — on one hand, and the best of Jewish learning — the Bible, Talmud, prayer, Hebrew languages.

"The School seeks to put those two worlds together in a program with small classes, very qualified teachers, and sensitivity to what kids are all about. It's not like a schizophrenic situation. We want to help raise a generation

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A native southerner, Rabbi Strajcher, 34, came to the Providence Hebrew Day School with years of experience in other Jewish schools, plus time as a psychological test evaluator, and on the pulpit. The Strajcher family (including his wife, Elaine, and five children) wanted to broaden its horizons, he says, after years in the south by moving to a community with a small town feeling, but with the advantages of a metropolitan area nearby. When Rabbi Strajcher was contacted to fill the position that had been vacant for a year, Providence fit the bill and he "saw the tremendous potential" of the school.

"They needed to look for someone to make sure the education program was what it was supposed to be, and to project an image to the community of what the school is about," he says, "to be the representative of the school to the community."

Rabbi Strajcher is the overseer of 253 students in grades kindergarten to 12, and 50-plus teachers. In the school day, which runs from 8:20 a.m. to 3:40 p.m. (longer than the average public school day), there is a balance between general studies and Jewish learning, Strajcher says.

Some parents are concerned that a half day

of general studies is not enough, that their children will not learn as much as they can in the full day of public school. Strajcher reassures them: "Because of the class size, the caliber of students, the highly qualified faculty, we're able to achieve within our day far in excess of what is achieved in public or other private schools." He says the track record of former day school students proves his point: students typically score in the top percentage on standard tests, and do well in the college admission race. Of 17 eighth graders who took the admission test for Classical High School, 16 were accepted; all of the school's 18 twelfth graders have been accepted to college (places such as the University of Pennsylvania, Columbia, Boston University, New York University, Bentley, Rhode Island College and Yeshiva University).

Why is it better for parents to send their children to Jewish day schools, rather than to after school Hebrew programs? "It's like apples and oranges," Rabbi Strajcher says. "People have choices in all of life, and surely in education. We look for a synthesis. The whole program is geared to creating in a young person the feeling that both systems of learning are to be valued. I went to public school and afternoon (Hebrew) school. I remember the difficulty. All my friends would go out to play and I would go to Hebrew school. And on the non-Jewish holiday periods, instead of having an idea of my own heritage, I was constantly thrown into conflict.

"If we're looking to find roots, we have to maximize the potential of achieving that." At the day school, Rabbi Strajcher says, "you get both of those worlds."

Many teachers in the general studies side of the day school come to the school looking for a job, Strajcher says, because of its "warm and creative environment." The teachers for the Jewish studies are sought out "to try to find the most highly qualified . . . Ours is a specialized program. Our task is to provide the best education possible."

Jewish education, Rabbi Strajcher says, is much more than a luxury or intellectual advantage, and his goal at the day school is to show people "how valuable a day school education is, to not only the kids and the parents, but to the entire community."

"We want to help raise a generation of young people who will view things through Jewish eyes."

"There ought to be one thing on the community's mind, not only in terms of physical, but spiritual survival," he says. "To achieve that we have to do it with a program that gives a child the greatest opportunity of discovering who and what he is, of giving a child a value system that is a lasting value system. There's one that has proven itself. That's the Jewish value system. If the community doesn't understand that, we've got a problem." With a solid Jewish education, children will grow up to be adults who "react to the world with the Torah value system," he says.

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The apparent increase in anti-Semitism harassment is of course a serious issue, Rabbi Strajcher says, and although it makes Jewish education more "urgent," it cannot become its *raison d'être*. "It can never be the *raison d'être* for Jewish survival, it can never be the reason," he says. "That would be an unhealthy situation. It's that much more critical, but anti-Semitism alone cannot be that *raison d'être*. Then Jewish experience and learning would not be as important. But Jewish learning helps kids get through it. If a kid has the education, the Jewishness, and feels a positive self-image — that's what school is all about — then when the child experiences anti-Semitism, he is able to stand on his own two feet.

For the future of the school, Strajcher has several changes in mind.

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teachers organization, with adult education and special activities, will become more active. Parents will be involved in working in the school setting, Strajcher says, in their areas of expertise. "Education is active, vibrant and dynamic. We want parents to learn, grow, and develop with their kids."

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playground. On the academic side, there will be a new language laboratory and computer science program, and an expanded science laboratory program.

Strajcher has been at the day school for one year and looks forward to pursuing a new "direction" in the coming years. "One of my main purposes is to open the doors of communication, to let people learn what the day school is about," he says. "Let them come and visit, challenge and confront, spend time with the kids and talk with them.

"I think that a school such as this really needs total support of the Jewish Community, because of the vital nature of that which it contributes to the community. If the community is concerned about who the leaders are going to be tomorrow, the educators, the directors of the JCC's and the senior citizens homes, then there has to be a realization that the institution which provides the awareness of the totality of the Jewish experience is the best place to train that leadership.

"People have to have that as part of their makeup: what I am, what is my Jewish experience.

"Kids come here from all kinds of backgrounds and homes. It's a communal institution. We are not concerned here with the particular philosophy or ideology that a youngster is from. That's divisive.

"My interest is to provide the maximum Jewish experience with the sensitivity that



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stantly look for ways to upgrade programs, to involve parents, to set new experiences in learning.

Next year, a full day kindergarten program will be offered for the first time, based on the realization that a kindergarten child is able to handle much more cognitive learning than is received in a half-day program, Strajcher says. In addition, a parents / friends /

people come from all approaches. We want to develop a relationship with the kids in which the teacher is not simply a warm body in a classroom, and kids warm bodies behind desks. We are looking to establish a certain rapport, a role model, so kids can say that's what I want to be like; and with parents, a relationship that doesn't make them passive partners in the education of their children."

Tiberias:

Imperial Resort From 2,000 Years Ago To Today

by R.J. Lion

Glorious sunshine, spectacular scenery and a sparkling sea await you. Ancient ruins and cultural sights will intrigue you. Mineral springs are here to soothe and relax you. This versatile and paradoxical resort is — Tiberias, a 2,000 year old vacation spot. Tiberias, the city, was founded by Herod Antipas on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee and named in honor of the Emperor Tiberius. It is one of the four Holy Cities of Judaism (in addition to Jerusalem, Hebron and Safed), for it was here that two major commentaries, the Yerushalmi Talmud and the Mishnah, were written. Also here are the graves of some of Judaism's most important figures, including Rabbi Akiva and Maimonides.

This area was one of the first regions on earth to be intensively cultivated by man, some 10,000 years ago. The settlers of the Jordan Valley were attracted by the climate, the fish in the lake, the abundance of water and the fertile soil.

In 1981, Tiberias is a true vacation town, popular with Israelis, Europeans and increasing numbers of Americans. The town is pretty and attractive, constructed in the most part from the black volcanic basalt rock native to the area. The waterfront is lined with hotels, beaches, promenades and restaurants, interspersed, of course, by the occasional Crusader, Roman or Turkish ruin. Gleaming white lake steamers chug from Tiberias across the lake to Kibbutz En Gev, site of the Spring Music Festival.

Water, Water All Around

Water is the magic element primarily responsible for the prosperity of the Tiberias region throughout the ages. Fresh water flows in the lake and streams; hot mineral springs gushing forth from the bowels of the earth reach temperatures as high as 120°. Thanks to all the moisture, the shores of the lake are lush with banana and date palms and grapefruit orchards. Hibiscus and oleander shoot through stately cypress trees.

At Hamat Gader, a hot sulphur spring, east of the Sea of Galilee, one finds the excavations of a Roman bath house of the second century C.E. which was one of the largest in the empire. The hot springs are the legacy of the region's volcanic past. Romans used the hot sulphur springs 2,000 years ago and built sumptuous techniques for heating water and in some places found it necessary actually to cool the water for

added comfort to the bathers.

These same springs used by the Romans and later on by the Turks have been incorporated into a scenic recreational park with indoor and outdoor pools for latter day visitors.

Healing Elegance

The 1922 Cooks' Guide to Palestine, describes the by then seedy bathhouse with uncharacteristic humor: "... anyone who bathes in this filthy place deserves to be cured!" But today, foreign tourists and Israelis flock to the new, ambitious "Young Tiberias Hot Springs," whose magnificent spa building fronts the shore of the Sea of Galilee. The thermal spa offers an exotic range of facilities, attracting not only those in search of a "cure," but also vacationers who enjoy the unique indoor/outdoor hot mineral pools.

On The Bible Trail

Visitors water-ski, wind-surf and swim in the lake, sharing the water with the plentiful fish that have provided a livelihood for fishermen through the ages. And it is just north of Tiberias at Capernaum, that Jesus, told his fisherman disciples, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

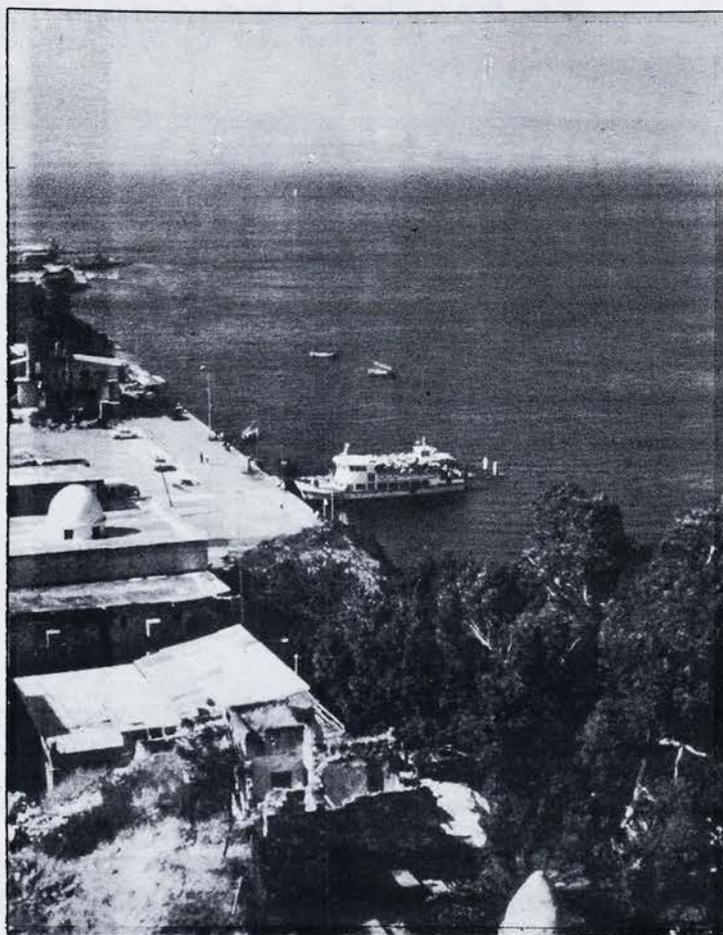
Christian pilgrims are drawn to the Sea of Galilee, or Lake of Genesareth, as it is known in the New Testament, and to other sites associated with the ministry of Jesus. At Taghba they recall the significance of this lake when their leader had to feed the crowd that had gathered and the fish in the lake miraculously multiplied to provide a meal for all; north of Taghba is the graceful, calming Mount of Beatitudes. Here one can absorb the peaceful atmosphere and serene landscape that have remained unchanged since those days.

Pilgrims and vacationers find plenty of other attractions in the surrounding area. A drive of less than one hour in any direction will take one to many beauty spots and historical sites for exhilarating outings.

Rambling Through the Centuries

The mighty Crusader fortress at Kochav Hayarden, 16 miles south of Tiberias, is over 1700 feet above the swirls of the Jordan River and the name chosen for it by the Crusaders, "Belvoir," aptly describes its magnificent sweeping vista. It overlooks the mountain plateau from which the feared Saracens could attack the twelfth century Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem. Great basalt stones form the remains of this moat surrounded fortress.

A thousand years before, in second Tem-



THE PROMENADE of the town of Tiberias, overlooking the Galilee shore. To the extreme left, remains of Crusader fortifications — in the foreground, a Turkish Mosque. Excursion boats take visitors across the Sea of Galilee to Kibbutz En Gev, site of the annual Passover Music Festival, and to the town of Capernaum to visit the third century synagogue, and traditional site of St. Peter's House.

ple times, Kochav Hayarden served as a bonfire station for announcement of each new month and the holidays, with the signal sent from Jerusalem to Samaria and on to here.

Twenty-four miles south of Tiberias, in a fertile plain below sea level lies the city of Bet Shean. Alexander the Great conquered the town and named it Scythopolis. The Romans built the magnificent theatre which remains to this day and was seen by millions in the screen version of "Jesus Christ Superstar."

Turning off into the Jezreel or Esdraelon Valley, we come to Kibbutz Bet Alpha with the beautiful preserved mosaic floor from a sixth century synagogue.

Nearby at the foot of Mount of Gilboa are two lovely National parks, Gan Hashlosha and En Harod where one can picnic or enjoy a refreshing swim in waterfalls and sparkling pools. It was from En Harod that Gideon set out to defeat the Midianites; King Saul and his son, Jonathan, met their death at this site in battle against the Philistines.

On the way to Nazareth, there are many picturesque villages. One is Kfar Kana, known two thousand years ago as Cana in Galilee — where Jesus performed his first miracle. Off the road are the volcanic "Horns of Hittin" Mountains where Saladin dealt the Crusaders the fatal blow in a fierce battle in 1187, finally ending the violent, cruel Crusader period in the land of Israel.

History penetrates every stone along Israel's countryside; one's best guidebooks are the Bible and history books.

Gamla, a fortified city located east of the Sea of Galilee on the Golan Heights, was desperately defended by its Jewish inhabitants against the Roman legions led by Titus. This tragic chapter in the history of Jews can be read today as vividly reported by the 1st century C.E. historian, Josephus Flavius. Black basalt ruins cover the mountain ridge as in mourning for the town which was never

revived. On the Golan Heights farmers in kibbutzim and settlements till the strangely fertile, volcanic soil. The landscape is flat and unexciting yet the adventurous and sure-footed who descend into the many gorges slashing through the basalt rock discover enchanted enclaves of splashing waterfalls, rushing streams, luxurious foliage and spectacular rock formations.

Catching Your Breath

The hinterland around Tiberias is inexhaustible, and if its visitors are still energetic, there is plenty of opportunity to relax and gaze at scenery and enjoy the conducive climate. In winter, the traditional season to come for a cure or vacation, temperatures hover around seventy fahrenheit. However, since air-conditioning is prevalent, Tiberias has become a year-round resort.

When You Go

Tiberias is a two-hour drive from either Jerusalem or Tel Aviv, and less than an hour from Haifa. On the sea shore are the town's two luxury five-star hotels: the *Galei Kinnereth Hotel*, Israel's first resort hotel, which opened in true European mountain tradition in the 1930's and has expanded to its present 125 comfortable rooms; and the newly constructed 272 room *Tiberias Plaza*, a member of the international Canadian Pacific Hotels chain. 1981 rates for each run approximately \$60 for two with full Israel Breakfast. There are four excellent four-star hotels in Tiberias, the *Galilee Ginton*, the *Ganei Hamat*, the *Golan the Hartman* — 1981 rates run approximately \$48 for two with Israel Breakfast.

Tiberias has numerous restaurants — the speciality of which is the locally caught "St. Peter's Fish," a delicious fresh-water white-meat fish. The town is full of shops, and at night, in addition to hotel entertainment programs, there are a number of bars and discotheques.



A MAGNIFICENT MOSAIC-FLOOR of the second/third century synagogue near the Tiberias Hot Springs, is nearly all that remains of the Biblical town of Hammath. The Hot Springs have made Tiberias a resort for those in search of relaxation for over two thousand years, since Tiberias was founded by Herod Antipas, in honor of Roman Emperor Tiberius Caesar.

Rhode Island School For The Deaf

Reaching Out To Israel

To Improve The Lives Of The Hearing Impaired

by Linda A. Acciaro

"It won't be a quick change. It has taken this country a long time to get out of the dark ages. I'm sure it will take time for Israel," said Joseph Fischgrund, one of the staff members at the Rhode Island School for the Deaf in Providence, who was selected to join in a teaching project for the hearing impaired in Israel.

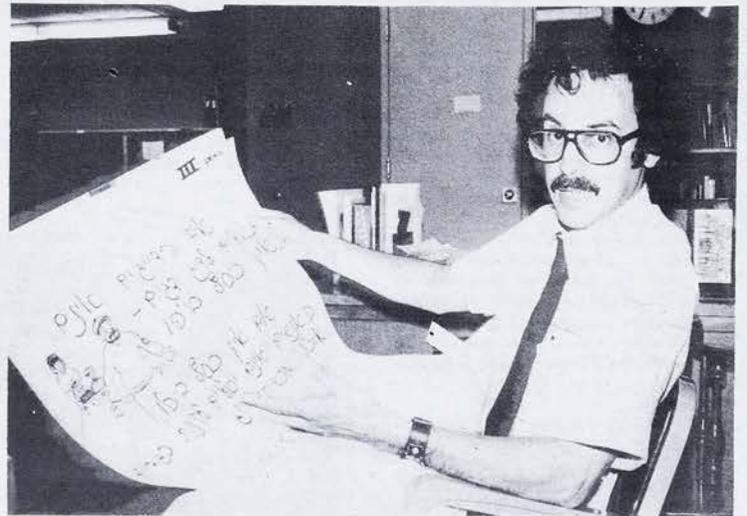
The project, federally funded in conjunction with Brown University, is completed, but the task of upgrading the educational system for deaf children in Israel will be a long, ongoing process to implement the methods presented by the RISD team.

Traditionally in the U.S., Israel and elsewhere, hearing impaired children have been taught to learn as many words as possible to attempt communication from a world of silence. The attitude that severely or profoundly deaf children could learn concepts was dismissed as an unattainable goal in educational systems for the deaf. "They felt

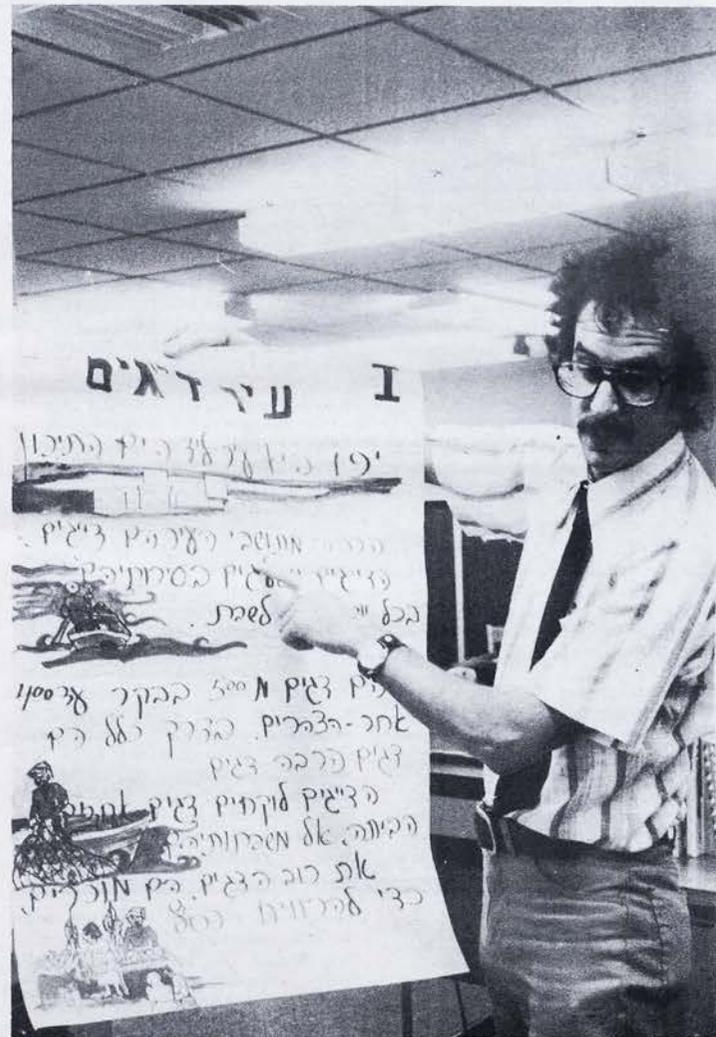
would term extra-curricular activity, such as gardening, arts and crafts, and learning about the holidays." Fischgrund pointed out that Israel is not alone in this attitude and special education as it's known in this country is a luxury for most other nations. However, he did find some advances being made. A new program was established three years ago at Tel Aviv University to educate teachers and offer them a degree to work specifically with the deaf, rather than the past practice of requiring only 2 to 3 years for certification to work in the field.

"In a country that is under constant attack and threat of war, with the high inflation and limited resources, it's a wonder how anyone thinks of education and that they have schools for the deaf at all," Fischgrund says.

As coordinator for the Bilingual Program at RISD and coordinator for Curriculum Design for the Language Awareness Project at Brown University, Fischgrund's main functions are to assist in teacher training,



THE USE OF READING AND LITERATURE is a new approach in the field of special education with the hearing impaired.



JOSEPH FISCHGRUND demonstrates the use of language, in this case Hebrew, to teach the hearing impaired to understand concepts.

While in Israel, the team led by Blackwell, emphasized the quality and content of communication. With the assistance of Avi Baron, workshops were conducted in Hebrew to encourage total communication, which encompasses lip reading and sign language.

"We touched almost every teacher of the hearing impaired. The project had a tremendous and positive impact," Fischgrund said. The visits to the U.S. from principals of schools for the deaf in Israel also proved constructive. "They were very impressed with us and felt they would very much like to adopt our learning environment, creativity and level of teaching. They were also impressed with the sophistication of the teachers here," he said.

In terms of the concrete results of the program at RISD, Alan Metnick of Providence can attest to the effectiveness of the school's approach. His 14-year-old son, Jeremy, diagnosed as profoundly deaf (beyond severe loss of hearing), has been enrolled at RISD since the age of two.

"We are constantly re-evaluating the program and the school is constantly in the process of evaluation. They have been responsive to the needs of the children and their parents," Metnick said.

The Metnicks have witnessed changes in the approach of the school during the past 12 years and are "very supportive" of the program.

"Our goal is to teach every student as much as we can and to have them reach their full potential," Fischgrund says.

"They're deaf and they do have to live with that, but they have choices," he adds.

The Metnicks have developed the same philosophy stressed at the school; that a deaf child can live a full and rich life.

"We are somewhat realistic about the possibilities, but I encourage him to look at everything at this point and not to be limited," Metnick says. Jeremy plans to attend college upon graduation from RISD and is considering a hearing university, rather than

Gallaudet College in Washington or the National Technical Institute for the Deaf in Rochester, N.Y. "He still may attend one of the schools for the hearing impaired, but we do encourage him to think of anything he wants to do," Metnick added.

Many of the graduates of RISD, who receive a R.I. High School diploma, continue on to secondary education, Fischgrund says. The preparation received at RISD provides a foundation for learning concepts to understand literature, the sciences and other disciplines impossible with simply the acquisition of words. "No matter what the age of the individual, language development and cognitive development are the keys to success," Fischgrund says.

"These are not deaf children. These are children — who happen to be deaf. We want to give them the richest and fullest possible experience and education.

The state operated day school for the hearing impaired was hailed as having "made a monumental contribution in demonstrating how linguistic theory could be applied to educational instruction with hearing impaired children," in a textbook published last year by Richard and Laura Kretzmer at the University of Rhode Island.

The text adds that "the design of the curriculum is a dynamic one that is continuing to undergo revision and modification; change in the Rhode Island curriculum will be awaited with interest."

Changes in the approach of teaching the hearing impaired in Israel will also be awaited with interest by Fischgrund and the staff at the school. Although the funds have been exhausted for continuation of the project, raising monies through private foundations is being considered to further help the school in Israel.

"The Israelis are a hardworking and determined group of people as a country," Fischgrund says. With the assistance in sharing the methods with them and their determination — they'll make it work."



"THE CHILDREN IN ISRAEL were certainly no less eager to learn than Americans. So much of what they had been asked to do was unchallenging that they responded positively," Fischgrund says.

deaf students wouldn't be able to grasp concepts and that's not true," Fischgrund says.

RISD has changed the approach to teaching the hearing impaired by emphasizing linguistics, total communication and cognitive development in their curriculum. Since 1973, the school has reached out to not only other institutions in this country, but most recently to schools for the deaf in Israel. As a result of the federal grant, three staff members at RISD traveled to Israel to teach the methods and theories used at the school, which is recognized as one of the most advanced institutions in the country for teaching deaf children.

The goal of the 5-week project was to expose the teachers of the hearing impaired in Israel to a new and innovative approach and assist them with establishing a curriculum based on those principles.

Fischgrund compares the level of instruction of the deaf in Israel to that of the approach used in the United States in the 1950's. "In Israel schools for the deaf stress what we

conduct language evaluations, and establish programs for the deaf.

His selection to the team to Israel arose out of his own connections in Israel, interest in the country and expertise in the field of linguistics. He originally planned to teach linguistics, but through his association with Peter Blackwell, principal of RISD, Fischgrund joined the school in 1976 and says, "It's more rewarding and a way of applying what I've learned."

Because of having met the head of the schools for the deaf in Jerusalem and Haifa, Fischgrund was made aware of Israel's "interest in the kinds of things we were doing in this country with the hearing impaired."

The two visits to Israel were designed to concentrate on recommending improvements in educating teachers of the deaf. "There aren't a handful of teachers in Israel who would be qualified with their level of training to teach in the states," Fischgrund says. But, he found the teachers to be "wonderfully hardworking and dedicated."

Circumcision: A Medical Question. . . A Religious Rite

Circumcision, which has been a religious fact of life for Jewish people for more than 4,000 years, a ritual whose history dates back to still more ancient times, and a procedure that has found its way into the lives of 90 per cent of contemporary American males, has recently come under scrutiny. The question: is it a medically justified practice or an unnecessary and sometimes life-threatening danger to male infants?

Because of the growing interest and intellectual emotionalism involved in the issues, Mount Sinai Medical Center of Miami Beach recently co-sponsored a conference along with the Greater Miami Jewish Federation, the Jewish Federation of South Broward, the Jewish Federation of Fort Lauderdale, the Rabbinical Association of Greater Miami and the Brith Milah Board of America. It was attended by a group of doctors; Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbis; a number of mohelim (ritual circumcisors); and interested health care professionals.

"Circumcision has fewer complications than any other procedure performed by the medical profession," says Randy Makovsky, M.D., a urologist and attending physician at Mount Sinai, quoting from the "Pediatric Textbook of Urology."

"When done properly the operation is safe."

Occasional Complications

But Dr. Makovsky doesn't deny that there can be occasional complications from excessive bleeding, or removal of too much of the foreskin. The skin can regenerate, but sometimes surgical correction is needed. Infections are sometimes a hazard and there are other rare medical problems, but overall the complication rate for routine circumcision stands at one per cent of all operations.

"However," says Dr. Makovsky, "I find the operation hard to defend for the general public, but I advocate it for religious values."

For the Jewish people, the religious value has always been the reason for circumcision of the eight-day-old boy. The book of Genesis described the agreement made between G-d and Abraham. "This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee. Every man child among you shall be circumcised . . . and the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant."

Circumcision has been performed routinely for a number of years in the United States as a health measure for the prevention of penile and cervical cancer, venereal disease, and as a means to cut down on penile infections believed to be caused by the accumulation of smegma, a cheese-like substance secreted by glands under the inner layer of the foreskin. These reasons are now being challenged.

For the Jewish people there is no medical controversy, only their covenant with G-d is important, but over the years, some problems have arisen.

by Mary Stewart Krosney

BEIT DAGAN, ISRAEL — Janina Bard, a petite and articulate immigrant who came to Israel from England six years ago, is neither prophet nor philosopher. And yet she keeps reminding us that water and the proper management of it are crucial to survival on this planet.

"Effective use of water is one of the most important keys to increasing the world's food supply," says Bard, the dedicated general manager of the unique International Irrigation Information Center (IIIC) located here.

Input And Output

Explaining the purpose of her organization, she says it is vital that existing irrigation knowledge be shared between nations. The IIIC, she points out, is the only clearinghouse of this nature in the world.

Every year, Janina Bard and her staff handle thousands of pieces of information about irrigation. So far the input amounts to some 4000 publications from places as farflung as Nepal and Zambia and in exotic languages like Thai and Byelorussian.

As for output, Irrigation Center staff are constantly filling requests for information from interested officials, scientists and farmers who want copies of publications they have seen listed in the IIIC's quarterly abstract, or who wish to order practical manuals produced by the Center. Typical are the following requests: A Peace Corps volunteer working in South America asks for basic

Fewer And Fewer

There is a declining birth rate among young Jewish people and an increasing amount of intermarriage. Therefore, fewer and fewer mohelim are being trained. In some places, they are not available when needed. The operation is then performed by a doctor. In the old days, a circumcision, called a bris, always took place at the parent's home on the child's eighth day of life. The mohel arrived with his instruments, laying them out like a surgeon. In his experienced hands the operation was swift and sure. Af-

some other unscientific checkpoint. They each had their own closely guarded formulas to stop the bleeding instead of the gel foam used today. Their methods of circumcision varied, but their purpose was singular," says Rabbi Tendler. "It was to identify man and his progeny."

Nobody really knows exactly how the strictly religious circumcision came to be regarded as a health measure, but when hospital births began replacing home births, circumcisions among non-Jews began to increase. There is some literature that says circumci-



wards the mother held the baby, blessings were said and everyone rejoiced. It was considered a happy occasion, . . . a mitzvah."

Today, short hospital stays of three or four days often leave the new mother feeling not yet strong enough for entertaining or providing food for a large group. With smaller homes and apartments, it may not even be feasible. More and more, the old tradition of a jubilant group of friends and relatives celebrating the birth of a new baby boy is changing to a surgical procedure performed in the hospital by a doctor, much to the sorrow of those who follow Jewish tradition.

Dr. Moses Tendler, Professor of Biology, Yeshiva University, suggested that a new practice of having the bris (Hebrew for ritual circumcision) in the synagogue be encouraged. Dr. Tendler knows about religion and he knows about science. He fondly recalls the old-time mohelim and their unsophisticated but generally accurate manner of deciding whether or not the baby was well enough to undergo circumcision.

"Jaundice is common to newborns and illness is a legitimate reason not to circumcise a child," he says. "Nowadays we have the bilirubin test to check the degree of jaundice, but the old-timers had their own tests. They would look behind the baby's ears or

penile cancer is rare in the United States where nearly all males are circumcised, but it is equally rare in countries where it is not practiced," reports Harold A. Engle, M.D., attending Mount Sinai physician. "Actually," he continued, "the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology after completing studies said there is no absolute medical indication for routine circumcision of newborns, but somehow the word never got out to the medical community. This was also documented by the American Academy of Pediatrics."

As a Jewish physician, Dr. Engle agrees with the celebrated Moses Maimonides, the twelfth century doctor, rabbi, philosopher and scholar who believed that there was no reason for circumcision other than as an act of faith.

The bearded Dr. Engle, looking a great deal like an archetypal philosopher himself, emphatically states, "Circumcision should

be done only as a religious precept by a trained mohel or physician and follow-up care should be mandatory by whoever performs the circumcision. There is no medical basis for routine procedures on a non-Jew because it does not prevent cancer of the penis or cervix."

This was one of the debatable points addressed at the conference. Dr. Makovsky just as strongly believes that circumcision does prevent cancer of the penis and says that urological literature backs up this theory. He is in agreement with Dr. Engle that sexual relations with only circumcised men does not prevent cancer of the cervix in women.

During the conference many aspects of circumcision were discussed, but Rabbi Solomon Schiff, who coordinated it, felt that the seminar reached far beyond the matter of circumcision. Rabbi Schiff is the chaplain at Mount Sinai and the Director of Chaplaincy of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation.

Mount Sinai, as a center of education that reflects Jewish values, is a fitting place to have a conference which brings together science and religion. A closer relationship has to be developed between these two disciplines. The advancement of medicine raises all sorts of moral and religious questions and it is important to have interaction among various agencies. It can only have positive benefits for the future."

In summing up the conference, Dr. Makovsky said that circumcision is not a dangerous procedure, but it does have risks and in the wrong hands, they are increased. He called for an effective regulatory board to license mohelim to be sure they have adequate knowledge so that they not only know how to perform the circumcision without consequence, but also have enough knowledge to know when *not* to perform it.

Rabbi Eugene Cohen, Ph.D., Coordinator of the Brith Milah Board of America, a certification organization, agreed that the need for a local Brith Milah board cannot be overstated.

"It is the one instrument that can best insure that mohelim are thoroughly acquainted with Jewish law and are familiar with the elements, methods and manner of hygiene and medicine."

Dr. Engle, a pediatrician, says that most doctors don't get the opportunity to advise parents about circumcision.

"It's usually done before the pediatrician gets his foot in the door. But," he adds, "I think the day will come when there will be more selective thought on the matter from non-Jewish parents."

It may take a while.

A young non-Jewish mother when asked if she had been given any information about circumcision said, "My gynecologist just asked me if I wanted Timmy circumcised and I said yes." When questioned further as to why she agreed so readily, she said the baby's father had been circumcised and she really didn't consider *not* having it done. "Besides," she laughed, "it would seem funny, if they weren't the same."

Israel A Clearinghouse For Irrigation Information

tion for vegetables and fruit trees; a European investment bank asks for a bibliography to aid in researching costs of an irrigation project; a student from Bangladesh studying in Bulgaria requests material to help him in preparing a thesis on "sprinkle irrigation of maize."

Israeli Locale

The six-year-old International Irrigation Information Center is a nonprofit organization financed by "untied" aid from the Canadian government with services provided by the government of Israel.

Israel's vast irrigation expertise makes it a natural site for such a center. Due to poor soil conditions and water scarcity (Israel uses 95 percent of her available water supply and 70 percent for agriculture), it has developed the most sophisticated irrigation techniques in the world. It is the birthplace of drip irrigation, which according to Janina Bard is the most popular subject of requests that reach her desk at the Center. The system of slowly dripping carefully calculated amounts of water mixed with nutrients onto plant roots effects a 20 to 40 percent savings in water and unprecedented plant growth.

Israeli farmers, who have used it for years, but IIIC statistics show that information about it is still in great demand all over the world. Improvements in drip irrigation continue to arise in Israel and *Irrineus*, the Irrigation Center's quarterly newsletter, brings news of all irrigation innovations to its readers. Janina Bard points to a recent issue of *Irrineus* which tells how Israel is using drip irrigation for the first time to grow cotton. It is, in fact, being used for 5 percent of the country's total area of planted cotton; scientists report that both the percentage and the cotton are growing like crazy.

Another area of expertise that prompts many queries from abroad is the use of saline water for irrigation. Israelis can point to their success in the desert, where settlers are using brackish water pumped from giant underground aquifers to grow record harvests of sweet melons, peppers and cucumbers. Scientists at Ben Gurion University of the Negev are always striving to develop newer and stronger strains of crops which can thrive on vast salty-water resources found lying under many of the great deserts of the world.

A third important area of irrigation know-

sewage and industrial waste into water available for agriculture. Methods of producing cheaper and better-quality recycled water, sometimes using algae and solar energy in the process, are constantly in the works at Israeli institutions.

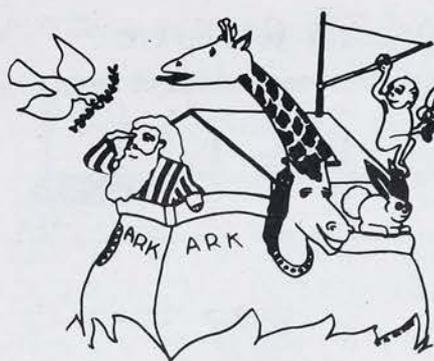
Another asset that Israel brings to the IIIC is the fact that the country's population includes immigrants from 80 lands, who can supply the language skills needed to handle requests for translations into 22 languages.

Tackling Diverse Problems

Quite conveniently, Janina Bard and her staff are in close touch with Israeli scientists because the Center is located on the grounds of the Israel Agricultural Research Organization near Tel Aviv. Israeli experts, in turn, have access to thousands of publications at the Irrigation Center.

Janina Bard is insistent, however, that Israel's expertise in the field of irrigation technology does not dominate the work of the Center and much attention is also given to unsophisticated techniques suited to developing countries. The latest developments in drip irrigation, she says, may have no meaning for many readers, so alongside the *Irrineus* article on drip irrigation for cotton is a review of tests conducted at the Rajbari Demonstration Farm in Dinajpur, Bangladesh, on bicycle-, foot- and hand-pumping of water for irrigation.

Another article tells how farmers in Nebraska, U.S.A., are dealing with the



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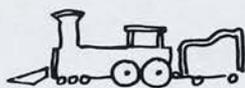
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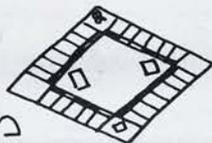


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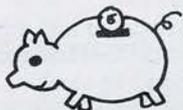
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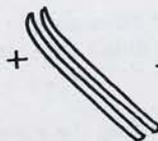
What fur did Adam and Eve wear?



-NK



+ TE



+ IS



- RG =

Answer on page 4.

CONTEST FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS

Beth Hatefutsoth, the Museum of the Jewish Diaspora in Tel Aviv, Israel, is sponsoring a contest for photographers. There is a division for youth to enter.

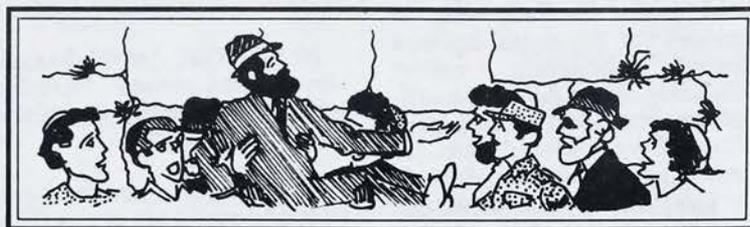
Take a picture that shows Jewish life today. You can take pictures of activities at the synagogue, religious school, home - anywhere as long as it is about Jewish life.

The pictures received will be kept at the Museum so that people everywhere can see Jewish life around the world.

Winners will receive prizes at a special showing at Beth Hatefutsoth.

The contest ends September 30, 1981. Send your entries to: Beth Hatefutsoth, Tel Aviv University Campus, P. O. Box 39359, Tel Aviv 61390, Israel.

FROM RUSSIA TO THE WESTERN WALL



When Joseph Mendelovich was a young boy in the Soviet Union (Russia), he came home one day with his three sisters. They discovered their apartment had been searched. Their father Moshe had been arrested and later was put in prison on a false charge. Their mother Chaya died soon after that.

Joseph and his sisters stayed together and took care of one another. They visited their father secretly in prison.

Joseph was serious about being Jewish, so he studied hard. In secret, his cousin Mendel gave him books about Israel and taught him a love for Torah.

When Joseph was 15 years old, he worked all day in a factory to help support his sisters. He went to school at night and graduated as a top student. Joseph wanted to go to medical school but he was not accepted - because he was a Jew.

As he grew up, Joseph became a leader of the Russian Jews. Once he organized a Passover seder for 30 young Jews. He gave speeches about what the Nazis did to the Jews. His speeches made the audience cry. Joseph taught children about being Jewish and he also worked on a secret Jewish newspaper.

Three times Joseph asked the government for permission to leave Russia and go to Israel. Three times the government said, "No!" After the third time, Joseph said that the government will never let the Jews leave. "We are told that we will rot here, that we will never set eyes on our Fatherland (Israel)," wrote Joseph.

Joseph was desperate. With others who shared his desire to leave, he joined a plan to take an airplane and fly it to the West, to freedom. Joseph knew his plan would fail but he wanted to make sure that the serious problems of the Jews in the Soviet Union would be noticed. He wanted a way to show the Russian leaders that they should let the Jewish people go home - to Israel.

The plan to take the airplane did fail. All of the people on the plane were arrested.

After six months in prison, they finally went to trial. Joseph, 22 years old, was sentenced to 15 years in prison and two others were sentenced to die. People all over the world sent angry messages to the Russian government. Finally the Russians agreed to change the sentences. Joseph would be in prison for 12 years. The other two had their sentences changed from death to 15 years in prison.

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A BUGGY RIDDLE

A bug on NOAH'S ARK has a riddle for you:



Where was King Solomon's temple?



To find out, cross out every B, U, and G.

B U O G N U T B G H E U G S U B I D G E B U
U G B O G F U G H B I G S U U H B E G A B D

Answer on page 4.



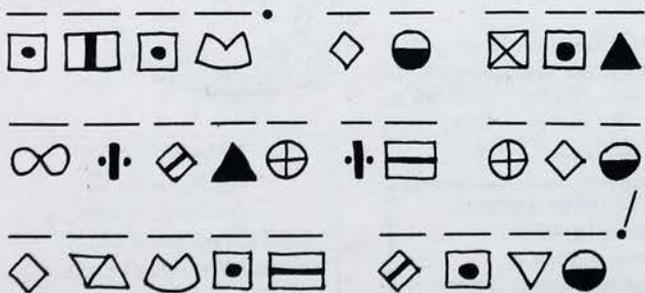
Have you ever heard of an oryx or an ibex? They are two kinds of animals mentioned in the Bible, that are no longer commonly found in Israel. The HAI-Bar Biblical Wildlife Reserve in the desert near Eilat works to return Biblical animals to Israel and then takes care of them.

SECRET CODE

Who was the fastest runner in the Bible?

Each of the symbols below stands for a letter in the alphabet. Match the symbol to the letter and write the letter in the blank. When you are through you'll know the answer to the riddle.

A	◻	M	∩
C	∇	N	▬
D	▣	R	◊
E	◐	S	▲
F	∞	T	⊕
H	◇	U	▽
I	⋈	W	⊠



Answer on page 4.

FROM THE MAIL POUCH



DEAR KANGA:

I'm in 5th grade and I'm 10 years old. I'd like a boy or girl pen pal. My hobbies are collecting stationery, stickers and key-chains, plus dancing, dramatics, writing letters, reading, roller skating, playing electronic games, soccer, watersports and all other sports. I also like listening to music and drawing pictures. I like cats but I can't have one because I'm allergic to them. I go to a Hebrew Day School.

- Pauline Schwartz
4800 Boardwalk, No. 301
Ventnor,
New Jersey 08406

DEAR READERS:

If you want a pen pal, here are some people who would like to hear from you. Write to them or to KANGA, c/o NOAH'S ARK, 10019 Villa Lea, Houston, Texas 77071. When you write to KANGA, be sure to enclose a stamped envelope, addressed to yourself. Some letters will be printed in NOAH'S ARK, but most writers will be sent the names of a few people who would be perfect pen pals for them.

- KANGA

DEAR KANGA:

I am 10½ years old and in the 5th grade. My hobbies are collecting bottle caps and stamps. I would like a boy pen pal who is close to my age.

- Elliot Friedman
1610 Emerson St.
Philadelphia, Penn. 19152

DEAR KANGA:

I am almost 10 years old. My hobbies are gymnastics and ballet. I would like a girl pen pal about my age.

- Andrea Gordon
8010 Albin Lane
Houston, Texas 77071

DEAR KANGA:

I want a pen pal. I am 10 years old. My hobbies are reading and sports. I like bugs, making comics, and acting. I'm in 5th grade but I'm in 12th grade for reading.

- David Emer
Bellefaire Cottage 13
22001 Fairmount Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio 44118

DEAR KANGA:

I would like to have my name added to your list of pen pals. I am 8 years old and I would like a girl pen pal. I have 3 sisters and two brothers. We have 3 miniature schnauzers. I like to play soccer, collect stickers, play with electronic hand games, and listen to Barbra Streisand songs.

- Ina Michelle Savitz
424 Tearose Lane
Cherry Hill, N.J. 08003

DEAR KANGA:

I would like a girl pen pal. I am 11 years old and in the 5th grade. I like to play tennis, read books, and I play the piano. I'm in Campfire Girls and I take gymnastics.

- Jennifer Stein
10607 W. 96th St.
Overland Park,
Kansas 66214

DEAR KANGA:

I am 10 years old. I would like to have a boy pen pal. I like soccer, basketball, football, baseball, and kickball. I am in the fourth grade at the Hillel Academy in Denver, Colorado.

- Dov Thorner
8172 E. Lakeshore Dr.
Parker, Colorado 80134

DEAR KANGA:

I am almost 13 years old and in the 7th grade. My hobbies include reading, roller skating, horseback riding, and listening to pop music. I have a cat and a younger brother. I live in the home of the super-bowl champs!

- Lisa Brownstein
8934 Sylvia Lane
Philadelphia, Penn. 19115

DEAR KANGA:

I'm 11 years old. I like swimming, reading, and almost any art project you can think of. A boy or girl pen pal will be great!

- Laura Siegel
1609 Old Beulah Rd.
Pittsburgh, Penn. 15235

USED CLOTHING NEEDED

After years of hard work by Jews around the world, the Jews of Ethiopia, called Falashas, are coming to Israel. But they are arriving in Israel with only the clothes they are wearing and they don't have any money to pay for things they need.

Clothing for children of all ages is needed. Check your closets and see if you have some clean clothes in good condition that don't fit or that you no longer wear. Your clothes will be used by children who really need them!

Mail packages by surface mail (sea) to: WIZO - Supply Department, c/o Channah Levine, 38 David Hamelech St., Tel Aviv, Israel. On the package, write: **USED CLOTHING FOR NEW OLIM - FALASHAS**. The package should not weigh more than 33 pounds.

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(Attention parents or teachers: for use as a tax deduction, send the list of contributed clothing and the mailing receipt to AAJEJ-Clothing Department, 1539 Priscilla Lane, New Port Beach, Ca. 92660.)

Why is Shabbat the strongest day?



Because it isn't a week (weak) day!

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What do you like best about NOAH'S ARK? Here's your chance to vote! Everyone who sends in their opinions will have their names put in a hat. One name will be drawn and that person will win a NOAH'S ARK T-Shirt! Mail this form to NOAH'S ARK, 10019 Villa Lea, Houston, Texas 77071. To win a T-Shirt, this form must be received before July 15, 1981.

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Any ideas or suggestions for next year's issues of NOAH'S ARK?

If you want to try to win a NOAH'S ARK T-Shirt, fill out this part too:

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When the flood waters went down, was Noah the first one out of the Ark?



No, he came forth (fourth).

ISRAEL THROUGH STAMPS

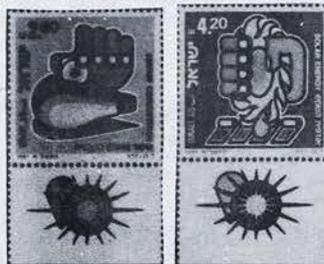
The State of Israel has offered several new stamps that stamp collectors will want to know about. Here they are:

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THE ABBA HILLEL SILVER STAMP - Silver was a great American Zionist leader. In May, 1947, when he was head of the Jewish Agency in New York, Silver appeared before the United Nations to speak for the creation of the State of Israel.

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THE GOLDA MEIR STAMP - Meir was the fourth Prime Minister of the State of Israel and an important, long-time Zionist leader.



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For information about ordering any of these stamps, write to the Israel Stamp Collectors Society, P. O. Box 854, Van Nuys, California 91408.

Hope your summer is a lark!
Write about it to NOAH'S ARK!
See you in September!

ANSWER TO REBUS

BANK — NK + TREE — TE + SKIS — IS + RING — RG =

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(bearskin)

ANSWER TO SECRET CODE

Adam. He was first in the human race.

ANSWER TO A BUGGY RIDDLE

On the side of his head!

ANSWER TO JUMBLE

Tooth
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It took them a long time to pack their trunks!



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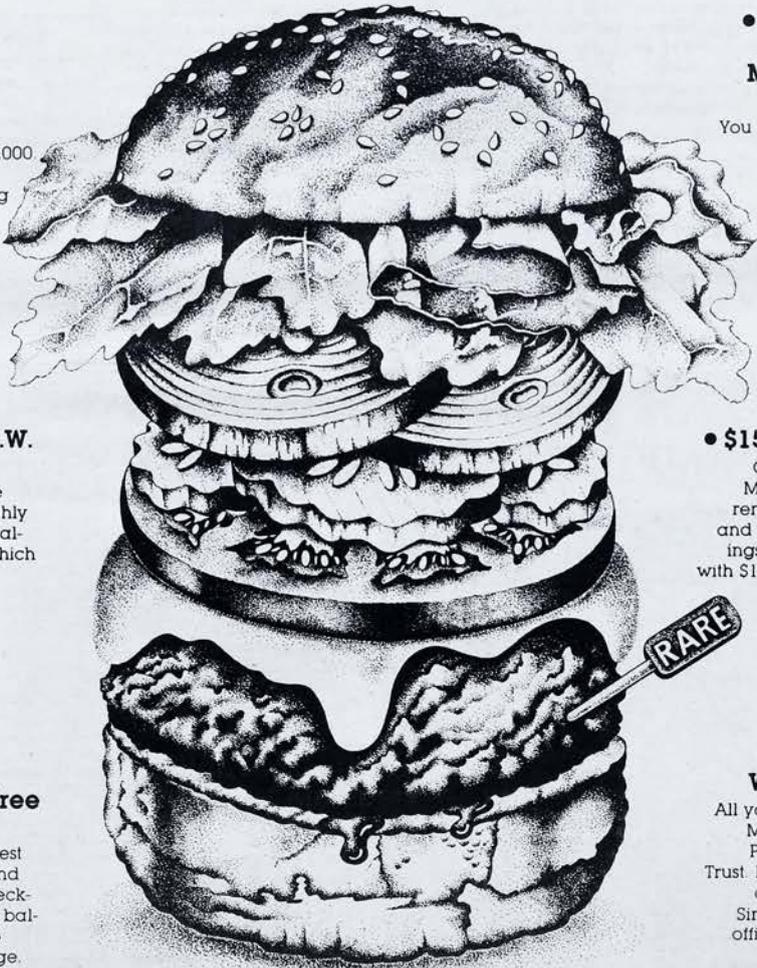
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Chief Rabbi Rosen Reports On Rumanian Emigration

BUCHAREST (JTA) — Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen of Rumania told the press that during the first five months of 1981, 333 Jews left Rumania for Israel, while 390 Jews obtained passports and are ready for emigration. Rabbi Rosen also said 299 Jews have been approved and are preparing the required documents for passports.

Chief Rabbi Rosen said he had accepted in 1979 a request from the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations to supervise Rumanian Jewish emigration to Israel. He said that, following the 1979 agreement, emigres to Israel also are registered in the offices of the Rumanian Jewish communities.

He said he is given lists by name of all applications and the action of Rumanian authorities on each request. He expressed his gratitude to the Rumanian government for the "goodwill and humanitarian feelings" they are showing concerning the problems of Rumanian Jews. He said that since 1948, more than 350,000 Rumanian Jews — 90 percent of all Rumanian Jews — arrived in Israel, adding there are 33,000 Jews now left in Rumania.

NEW YORK (JTA) — Meyer Levin, the 75-year-old writer who calls himself "the last angry author" was the first Jewish writer to receive the arts award in the new annual prizes of the Jewish Academy of Arts and Science at the 55th annual convocation of the academy here. The science winner is Dr. Rosalyn S. Yalow, Nobel Prize laureate in medicine in 1977. The \$1,000 awards were contributed by Joseph Handelman of Detroit. Levin detailed current examples of what he considered plagiarism, falsification and suppression.

Death Camp Chief On Trial In L. I.

NEW YORK (JTA) — Karl Linnas, a 61-year-old Long Island resident, will go on trial in Federal Court in Westbury for concealing his activities as commandant of a Nazi concentration camp when he entered the United States in 1951 and became a citizen in 1960.

The charges brought by the U.S. Justice Department which seeks to revoke Linnas' citizenship, accuse him of participating in the persecution of thousands of "innocent persons," primarily Jews, at the Tartu camp in Estonia from 1941-1943. There was no gas chamber at the camp but many inmates were executed by firing squad and others were tortured, the Justice Department said. According to a Department official it was Linnas who prepared the "death lists" and selected people who he ordered shot.

When he applied for entry into the U.S., Linnas misrepresented his background by claiming to have been a university student in Estonia during the war, the Justice Department charged.

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