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Wiesenthal Center Bestows Coveted Humanitarian Laureate On Wallenberg



THE SIMON WIESENTHAL CENTER pays tribute to Raoul Wallenberg by presenting its coveted Simon Wiesenthal Humanitarian Laureate, in absentia, to the non-Jewish Swedish diplomat who rescued 100,000 Hungarian Jews from extermination at the hands of the Nazis. Pictured above at the tribute dinner in Los Angeles (From Left) are Simon Wiesenthal; Rabbi Marvin Hier, Dean of the Wiesenthal Center; Mrs. Nina Lagergren, Raoul's sister; and Jon Voight, who will portray the heroic Swede in an upcoming motion picture.

Attracting some 1200 national leaders from the arts and business communities, the Simon Wiesenthal Center paid tribute to Raoul Wallenberg by presenting its coveted Simon Wiesenthal Humanitarian Laureate, in absentia, to the non-Jewish Swedish diplomat who rescued 100,000 Hungarian Jews from extermination at the hands of the Nazis.

Serving as Co-chairpersons for the evening were Elizabeth Taylor and Jon Voight. Ms. Taylor, a Center Trustee, was unable to attend due to laryngitis, and Dinah Shore graciously filled in. Among the well-known personalities paying tribute to Wallenberg were: Barbara Streisand, Milton Berle, Rod Steiger and Rita Moreno. Joel Grey provided the audience with after-dinner entertainment.

As the evening progressed, Master of Ceremonies Monty Hall introduced Jon Voight, who will portray the heroic Swede in an upcoming motion picture. "Raoul's saga is not only about courage and heroism," Voight told the audience, "it is about someone who cared about ethics and morals at a time when the world continued to place little emphasis on such virtues."

Rabbi Marvin Hier, Dean of the Wiesenthal Center, then honored five members of the audience who personally worked with Wallenberg on his mission of mercy; including Swedish diplomats Lars Berg and Per Anger who travelled from Brazil and Paris to pay tribute to their friend and colleague. Delivering an emotional address on the man "who saw from afar," Rabbi Hier said, "My friends, you and I can only imagine what it was like, but George Levoy was there. One day he drove Raoul Wallenberg to the train, and with his own eyes watched an SS man push Raoul mercilessly to the ground, threatening to shoot him if he persisted in his activities. George Levoy is here tonight to stand in testimony of Raoul's determination.

"No one ventured out," Rabbi Hier said, "to stand with Raoul at the edge of the Nether world, where Eichmann decided

who shall live and who shall die. Not one of the famous came to measure the tears that flowed from those final farewells; not popes in their majestic robes, nor kings in their crowns; not presidents or prime ministers; not even humanists or noble laureates; only Raoul Wallenberg stood there, tall and erect, handing out schutzpasses, that precious piece of paper, all that stood between the devil and the last remnants of European Jewry."

Hier concluded with the vow that "for so long as there shall be a people of Israel, for so long the legacy of Raoul Wallenberg will be passed on from generation to generation. Raoul Wallenberg; a man in the im-

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Israelis Resist Sinai Withdrawal, Psychological And Military Loss

DAHAB, Israeli Occupied Sinai — The Israeli withdrawal from the occupied Sinai, to be completed by April 25, is not only militarily, but psychologically difficult on the Israelis. Since the capture of the Sinai in the 1967 war, Israel has added wilderness to its small country; it has enjoyed the space to vacation, search for archaeological artifacts and benefited from the land which pipes in clear water to nourish the wasteland with flowers and vegetables.

The Israelis will be severely restricted in terms of space for its Air Force. The army is already being squeezed into the lesser Negev Desert and expects to face problems of administration once the mountainous desert and seacoast are handed over to Egypt.

The Israeli Army is moving north. Whole buildings are being transported from this territory of 12,000 square miles into Israel proper. The areas total 36 percent of the entire peninsula, that the multinational force is expected to patrol. The force will be charged with the task, under the Camp David accords, of monitoring Egyptian demilitarization of the buffer zone along the Israeli border.

Only civilian policemen stationed by Egypt carrying light weapons will man the zone, which varies in width from 8 to 16 miles. The United States, Fiji, Colombia and Uruguay — and if Israel consents — Britain, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Australia and New Zealand will supply 2,500 men to patrol.

Serious opposition has been raised to the withdrawal by ultranationalist settlers, who are determined to resist the army's attempts to evacuate them. Although they

are armed, it is not evident whether or not they will fight. Supporters on the occupied West Bank have recently moved into apartments vacated by the less ideologically-motivated Israelis. Most of them have taken up residence in Yamit, a new seaside town of garden apartments on the Mediterranean, but a few have now moved into Sharm el-Sheik, near the southern tip of the peninsula.

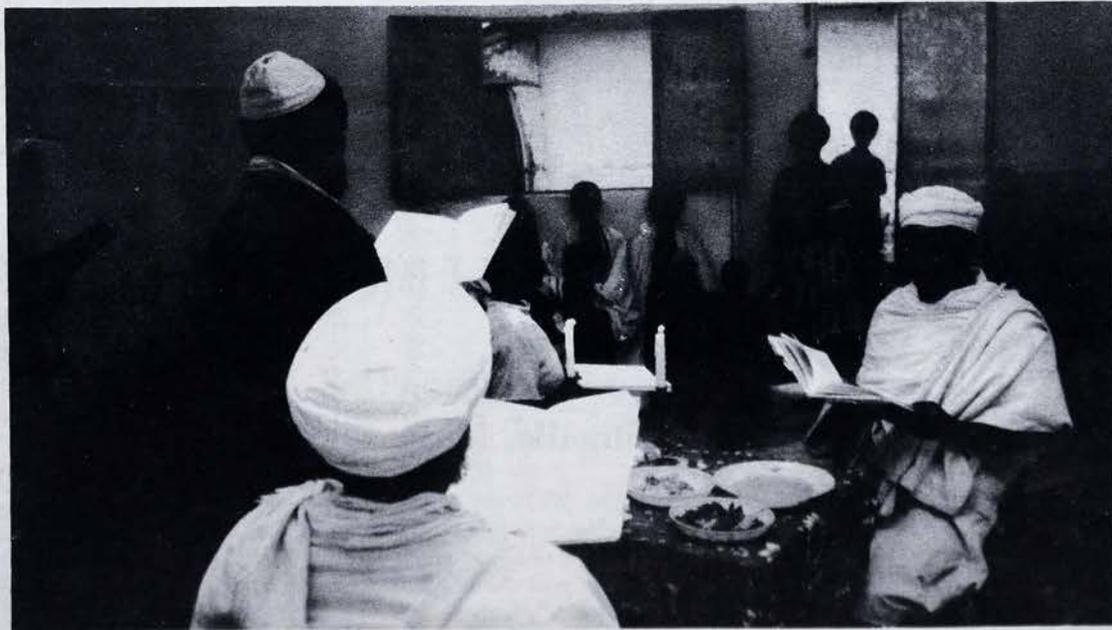
Negotiations are underway between the Government of Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Yamit businessmen, who are not resisting the withdrawal, but who want better financial compensation than already offered.

Protesting businessmen have recently set fire to five unoccupied buildings and to Government offices in Yamit. Posters reading "This is only the beginning" were hung on gates to the town, which were welded shut to block traffic.

Both military officials and civilians have attempted to negotiate with the protesting businessmen to relieve the tension and the army's presence is under consideration. The Government has taken no action against the squatters, and even supplied them with electricity and water. Rather than maintaining continuous tension, the strategy here is to have one major confrontation next April. In addition, the resistance has been instrumental in sending the message of the sacrifice that the withdrawal means for the Israelis.

It has also worked to bolster Begin's argument to the United States that further concessions are imprudent and will result in additional backlash from the democratic public.

**The Plight Of The
Ethiopian Jews: The Lost
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Ethiopian Jews conducting a seder ceremony.

'Opera A La Carte' To Be Featured At Temple Torat Yisrael Dec. 19



JOHN BALME

Opera A La Carte, a newly formed group of singers under the direction of John Balme, director of the Boston Lyric Opera Company, will present an evening of opera and show tunes on Dec. 19 at 8 p.m. at Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston.

The performance is the New England premier for the group, which was formed by Gregor Shelkan.

The concert, which is open to the public, is being offered free through a cultural fund established by Ira and Anna Galkin. Reservations are required, however, and can be made by calling the Temple at 785-1800.

The program will include selections from operas and show tunes, including La Boheme, Samson and Delilah, Madame Butterfly, Rigoletto, Handel's Judas Macabaeus, Fiddler on the Roof and Porgy and Bess.

Opera A La Carte consists of four singers, all students of Shelkan with an extensive professional operatic background. Balme will provide introductions and musical accompaniment.

The company includes J. Scott Brumit, a bass baritone who has performed more than 30 operatic roles in a variety of com-

panies throughout New England and for the Singers' Theater of New York, and has served as assistant director of the Opera Department of the Boston Conservatory; Tenor William Walton, who has appeared with the Opera Company of Boston and the Goldovsky Institute, playing such roles as Ottavio in "Don Giovanni" and performing as a soloist in performances of "Elijah," "Messiah" and Mozart's "Requiem."

Also to perform will be Soprano Janice M. Del Sesto, a Rhode Island native, who has appeared in a variety of roles throughout the East and was the featured artist in an educational film entitled "Opera Is/N'T"; and Mezzo-Soprano Denise McMahon, a finalist in the 1979 Providence Opera Theater Vocal Competition, who has also performed with the Opera Company of Boston and Goldovsky Institute, playing such roles as Hansel in "Hansel and Gretel" and Baba in "The Medium."

Balme, who has won acclaim for his direction of the Boston Lyric Opera Company, has also served as assistant conductor of the Opera Company of Boston and Chautauqua Opera Association.



DENISE McMAHON

Asian Games Federation Moves To Keep Israel Out Of Competition

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Asian Games Federation has come up with a new method of keeping Israel out of international competition. At a meeting held last week, it decided to replace itself next year with a new sports organization to be known as the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA). The meeting was held in New Delhi and Israel was not invited because, according to Federation secretary general L.L. Mehta of India, "it was not possible to ensure the security arrangements for persons attending from Israel."

Five other Asian Games Federation countries, likewise, were not present there. Those missing the session, beside Israel, were Vietnam, Burma, Cambodia, Laos and Singapore. Conversely, North and South Yemen were admitted as new members bringing the total membership of the organization to 34.

At the New Delhi meeting, Mehta indicated that all Asian Games Federation member countries are eligible to "apply to enter" the new Olympic Council of Asia. The catch comes in that admission to the new group must be approved by three-fourths of the membership. Such approval dooms Israel from the alignment and will cut Asian sports contact, almost automatically, for the Jewish State.

The 21 nations attending the AGF Council meeting who automatically are founding members of the new OCA, will go into business in December 1982 at the end of the ninth Asian Games which are slated for New Delhi.

Advantage Of The New Group

Supposed advantage of the newly created sports group would be in that it would include sports federations in its membership and would have permanent headquarters. Kuwait, which already maintains an all-Asian "shadow secretariat" for sports, currently is regarded as the strongest candidate for the proposed headquarters. Obviously, Kuwait would not make Israeli Federation heads very welcome in the event that the Holy Land was accepted as a member of the new Olympic body.

Mehta was asked if India could not provide security for the few Israeli delegates who wished to attend the conference in New Delhi, how it could arrange the necessary security at next year's Asian

Games for athletes from countries that are at war, such as North and South Korea, Iran and Iraq, and Pakistan and Afghanistan. He replied, "We can only hope and pray that conditions will become much more reasonable to facilitate arrangements for the game." It is obvious that Israel will not make the Asian Games in New Delhi.

The conference group, before breaking up, decided that the 10th Asian Games in 1986, two years before the 1988 summer Olympics, will be staged in Seoul, South Korea, the site of the 1988 summer Olympics.

Temple Shalom Observes Special Shabbat Service

In honor of Jewish Book Month, Temple Shalom of Middletown, will observe a special Shabbat service on Friday evening at 8 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary. Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer will chant the liturgy and deliver a review based on Rabbi Harold Kushner's latest work, "When Bad Things Happen To Good People." An Oneg Shabbat will follow the service in the social hall, sponsored by the rabbi and Mrs. Jim Apple.

A youth service and special pre-Chanukah luncheon will be held on Saturday at 10 a.m.

There will be a Chanukah workshop for young people on Sunday from 2-4 p.m. Crafts, gifts and decorations will be taught and made under the direction of Mrs. Judy Ruck and Mrs. Lois Schneller. Rabbi Jagolinzer will share a Chanukah story with the young people and lead in a practice candle lighting ceremony. Refreshments will be served. The Sisterhood Gift Shop will be open during this time for all shoppers.

The deadline for the annual Temple Latke Party and Chanukah Dinner is Friday, Dec. 11. Contact Mrs. Doris Fischer.

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Joint U.S.-Israeli Statement Affirms MFO Participation Not Linked To Venice Decree

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The State Department last week released a joint statement by the United States and Israel which said the participation by four European countries in the Sinai peacekeeping force is based only on the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty and cannot be linked to the Venice declaration of the European Economic Community (EEC).

The statement, read by Department Deputy spokesman Alan Romberg, said that it was being issued after both Israel and the U.S. reviewed the "clarification" which Britain, France, Italy and The Netherlands sent the U.S. on Nov. 26.

The Europeans had originally linked their announcement on the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) which will patrol the Sinai after Israel's final withdrawal next April with their support for the 1980 Venice declaration which calls for Palestinian self-determination and the participation of the Palestine Liberation Organization in the Middle East peace talks.

Last week's joint statement said that the European clarification explained "that they (the Europeans) recognize that the function of the MFO is as defined in the relevant Egyptian-Israeli agreements and includes that of insuring freedom of navigation through the Strait of Tiran . . . and that they have attached no political conditions, linked to Venice or otherwise, to their participation."

A senior State Department official, who

briefed reporters on condition that his name not be used, said he believes the joint statement will "facilitate" the participation of the four countries in the Sinai force. He said that Leamon Hunt, a retired foreign service officer who has been named director general of the MFO, will go to the four countries to work out details of their participation.

The senior official stressed that the U.S. is committed to the Camp David process, including the ongoing negotiations for autonomy for Palestinians on the West Bank and Gaza Strip. He said the EEC's Venice declaration "is not consistent with our view of what we are doing" through the Camp David process.

Elements In The Joint Statement

The Europeans are not apparently being required to renounce the Venice declaration but only not to use it in conjunction with their participation in the MFO. The joint U.S.-Israeli statement notes:

"The United States understands and appreciates the concerns expressed by the government of Israel regarding the statements made by the four European contributors in explaining their decision to participate in the MFO to their own legislatures and publics. The United States recognizes that some positions set forth in the statements are at variance with its own positions with respect to the future of the peace process as well as with positions held by Israel as a party to the Treaty of Peace.

Cabinet Ratifies Joint U.S.-Israeli Statement On Multinational Force

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Cabinet last week ratified the joint American-Israeli draft statement which was formulated in Washington by Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Secretary of State Alexander Haig as the basis for European participation in the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO).

According to government officials, the four European nations which announced that they would participate in the Sinai peacekeeping force — England, France, Holland and Italy — would be asked to support the principles set down in the draft. This would make it clear, the officials said, that the Sinai force would function strictly within the Camp David framework. It was not immediately clear whether Israel would insist that the Europeans publicly accept this principle. It is expected, however, that each of the four countries will submit letters of acceptance.

At the same time, Israel will not ask the Europeans to alter their position on the Middle East peace process which was expressed in the Venice declaration of June 1980. In it, the Ministers of the European Economic Community called for the Palestine Liberation Organization to be associated in the Mideast peace process. This was also the basis on which the four European countries announced that they would participate in the Sinai force.

According to officials here, the U.S. was in touch with the European countries regarding the draft statement during its formulation. Thus, the wording of the

statement is not expected to meet with European disapproval. Officials said that the statement would probably be passed on to the Europeans by the Israeli Ambassadors in the four countries involved.

Acceptance by the Europeans of the U.S.-Israel joint statement would clear the way for Australia and New Zealand to participate in the Sinai peacekeeping force. Both countries indicated they would participate only if the Europeans were involved. In addition, other countries which announced they would participate are Colombia, Fiji and Uruguay. The U.S. will contribute more than half of the 2,500-member force.

Habib Meets With Crown Prince Fahd

BEIRUT, Lebanon — President Reagan's special envoy to the Middle East, Philip C. Habib, met with Crown Prince Fahd this week to examine Saudi Arabia's peace plan, it was reported by Riyadh radio.

Details of the talks were not disclosed, but it was reported that he had discussed the eight-point plan with Fahd.

Last month the Arab League conference in Morocco, called to discuss the peace plan, was abruptly adjourned when President Hafez al-Assad of Syria refused to attend. The proposal has divided the Arab world.

"The United States and Israel recognize that the positions held on any other aspects of these problems in the area by any state which agrees to participate in the MFO do not affect the obligation of that state to comply fully with the terms of the protocol which was negotiated in accordance with the letter from President Carter to President Sadat and Prime Minister Begin of March 26, 1979, and which is designed to help implement the Treaty of Peace which was concluded pursuant to the Camp David accords.

"The Treaty of Peace in accordance with which the MFO is established represents the first step in a process agreed on at Camp David whose ultimate goal is a just, comprehensive, and durable settlement of the Middle East conflict through the conclusion of peace treaties based on Security

Council Resolutions 242 and 338.

"The U.S. and Israel reiterate their commitment to the Camp David accords as the only viable and ongoing negotiating process. They renew their determination to make early meaningful progress in the autonomy talks."

The senior official stressed that the U.S. felt it was important to have the Europeans in the Sinai force because in order to implement and strengthen the Camp David process "as broadly based a peacekeeping force as possible was needed." He said this was the view of not only the Administration but also of Congress. He noted that the Europeans agreed to join the force originally after talks with both Haig and President Reagan.

The official stressed that the joint statement is not a legal document since the MFO is based on an agreement signed between Israel and Egypt. He said a new agreement would require renegotiating between Egypt and Israel. He said Egypt was kept informed but did not participate in the talks leading to the statement.

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We Are Silent While Our Jewish Brothers Are Dying

EDITOR:

I am greatly troubled by the apathy that pervades our Jewish communities worldwide. In Ethiopia our Jewish brothers (called Falashas) are suffering and we are silent. Our children are dying from malaria, our people are tortured, our Hebrew teachers are imprisoned and no one is moved. Everyone tearfully speaks about our people who were killed in Nazi Europe, about the necessity of never forgetting their suffering. We even build monuments to them lest we forget. What irony!

We try to show the world and ourselves that if the 40 years of time were miraculously turned back and were the opportunity to present itself again we would now help the six million. Our people who died in Europe are forever dead. Our people in Ethiopia are barely living. We have learned nothing.

Israel is silent. A country which vows to help all Jews has turned away. She has told the 1400 Falashas who managed to come to Israel that they should study Hebrew instead of bothering her with the suffering of 20,000 Jews. The American Jewish organizations know nothing, want to know nothing, and consequently do nothing. No one asks why there has never been a shaliach in Ethiopia to help evacuate the Falashas.

Israel tells the Falashas to be quiet, not to publicize their plight, that she is trying her best. It is hard to believe that a nation which rescued the Yemenites in the 1950's, that rescued her people in Uganda, that has informal relations with Ethiopia is powerless. The fact is that the Israeli government does not want to help. Why? I shudder to think that it is because the



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government is racist; God forbid a black Jew, religious to boot, should share in the Zionist dream.

I am ashamed of Israel. I am ashamed of our rabbis. I am ashamed of our organizations which are obsessed with their own importance. I can understand Christian apathy to our brothers' plight. But our own people! It is time that we as a people but aside our ignorance and stop judging each other based on whether one is religious or irreligious, whether one is Sephardic or Ashkenazic, whether one is rich or poor, or whether one is black or white. We are Jews and we must stand united. I will not stand by and wait two years until all the Falashas will be dead so that we can all shake our heads and weep and build another monument. We have too many gravestones and monuments and not enough Jewish children.

We, as a people must become active. Because we love the nation of Israel, we hesitate to speak against the Israeli government. But it is because of our love for the people of Israel that we must show the government that it is wrong to do nothing. Let us not be silent again.

ELLEN GARBER
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The Tragic Tale Of The Ethiopian Jew Unchanged After 17-Year Span

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is the text of a letter published in the Jerusalem Post in December, 1964 by Michael Fink of Providence. The letter and subsequent response are as relevant today as in 1964. Very little has changed in 17 years concerning the plight of Ethiopian Jews.

For many years I have followed the misfortunes of the Falasha Jews of Ethiopia, who look to Israel for relief from the distress of their Diaspora. For too long the rabbis repudiated the claims of the Falashas. In their excessive concern for purity of blood and background they resembled our worst enemies in history.

The Israeli cold shoulder reveals a cold heart and hearth, and bespeaks a thinness of spirit. We need breadth, generosity, imagination, not the chauvinist provincialism of ghetto neurosis.

The Song of Songs is the love song of a white man and a black woman. Let Israel proclaim that black Jews are as welcome in the House of Israel as white Jews. That is the meaning of monotheism, of humanism, in the modern world, and Israel should be its symbol.

(From the office of the President of Israel — 1964)

Dear Professor Fink,

President Shazar has asked me to tell you how impressive he found your deep concern with the problem of the Falashas, a group in whom he too has long been much interested. He has, moreover, recently heard detailed accounts of the present situation from a physician and teacher who were sent by the Jewish Agency to Ethiopia for a period of several years and worked among the Falashas with great devotion.

Both these most recent reports and the record of the past indicate very clearly that the situation is far more delicate and complicated than you have come to believe — that is to say that the difficulties in the way of what you call "including the Falashas in the Ingathering of the Exiles" do not stem at all from Israel but rather from conditions in their own country. You will understand, the President points out, that no publicity at all must be given to the basic fact that even individual Falashas cannot now obtain permission to emigrate from their country, while mass emigration is altogether unthinkable.

As far as Israel is concerned, the complete absence of a "color bar" or of any prejudice at all should be convincingly

proved by the fact that almost all of Yemenite Jewry has been so successfully absorbed and even a great portion of the so-called Black Jews of Cochin. When the opportunity offered itself a few years ago, a group of Falasha youth were brought to a village in Israel for a course of training which has enabled them to return as leader to their own community and nourish the sense of attachment to Israel. The story is not yet ended, and the President hopes that its development will be in the spirit and manner indicated by you.

In any event the President sends you his very best wishes and his hopes that your interest in Israel will continue and prove fruitful and gratifying to you.

Sincerely,
Shulamit Nardi

The reason I take these pieces out of my trunks of old notes secured in worn elastic bands is to make a point. If the plight of the Falashas was widely known 17 years ago, why has so little been done about it? I received many letters from Israelis in response to my letter. Many Israelis do care and do wish to include the Falashas in their world. My Israeli students here at R.I.S.D. recall the demonstrations in Israel in front of the headquarters of the Jewish Agency in 1962, when they were children, major protests against the scandalous inaction and repudiation in regard to the Falashas.

The government and its agencies will not respond adequately to the people's voice. I am calling for serious answers to questions about why we allow the Falashas to languish in exile and to suffer terrible hardships. Pride in being Jewish is pride in our concern for each other, the breadth and scope of the Jewish idea. The rescue of the Falashas would add immeasurably to the greatness of our mission. A moral obligation, it would also serve as an opportunity to add dimension to our culture. If the truth be printed, the American Jewish community was also not totally committed to rescuing Europe's Jews. Ben Hecht in his book *Perfidy* goes so far as to make the case that even our big leaders of the then Palestine had higher priorities than the rescue of the poor victims of the Nazis during their darkest days. American Jews were assimilating, proud of their (our) adaptation to American life. People everywhere were going about their business.

Headlines Of Front Pages In 1956 Could Have Been Written In 1981

by Carl Alpert

Haifa — How long is a quarter of a century? Expressed that way, it sounds like a segment of history. To a young person, 25 years can be a whole lifetime. To people more advanced in years it represents a span of time which they can look back upon, perhaps with mixed memories.

Israel's popular afternoon newspaper *Maariv*, has published a volume reproducing its front pages over a 30 year period. Idly we turned the pages to read the headlines of the closing months of 1956, exactly 25 years ago. Some were so familiar they could have been written yesterday. Others jogged memories of stories which were once on the tip of everyone's tongue. Still others were only curious. Let's look at some of those November/December headlines of 1956.

"We Shall Not Evacuate the Sinai." Israel's foreign minister told the British ambassador that Israel would not leave the Sinai Peninsula. Israel's troops reacted strongly to the British proposal that they leave the area occupied following the Sinai Campaign which took place in October, when Britain and France also invaded the Suez area.

"Increase in Flow of Soviet Arms to Syria." British and French sources revealed Soviet efforts to gain control in Syria by dispatching arms and technicians to that country. Two ships a week are arriving with Russian technicians and 20 plane loads reached there recently.

"Flight of Jews From Hungary." Following the entry of Soviet troops into Hungary there has been a mass flight of Hungarians from the country, among them many Jews. Despite tight border control thousands manage to get out daily.

"Don't Waste Electricity." A small advertisement about an innovation — a sun

heater produced by the Miromit Co., which assures an ample supply of hot water without fuel.

"Egyptian Destroyer Joins Israel Fleet." The Ibrahim El-Awal, Egyptian war vessel which had steamed into the outer waters of Haifa, had sought to shell the city and had been captured by Israel torpedo boats, is now undergoing refitting and will join the Israel Navy under a new name.

"Britain Refuses to Sell Tanks to Israel." Although an ally of Israel in the three-nation attack on Egypt, Great Britain now refuses to sell Israel Centurion tanks and has canceled Israel orders for spare parts for planes and other equipment previously purchased.

"Expulsion of Jews from Egypt Begins." The first group of 670 Jews expelled from Egypt has been loaded on ships bound for France and Italy. Those who do not leave by the deadline may be interned in camps.

"Convoy Goes up to Mount Scopus." The Israel convoy to Mount Scopus left from the city of Jerusalem at 5:40 a.m., remained in the enclave for two hours and returned. In both directions it was protected by heavily armed Jordanian troops, to prevent any Arab attacks on the vehicles.

"Confrontation Between Poland and Russia Only a Family Argument." Elections scheduled in Poland have been postponed and Kruschev has agreed to receive the Polish leader Gomulka. Russian military authorities insist that good relations must be maintained with Poland since that country contains the major transport channels between Russia and Germany, in case of need.

"Syrian Soldiers Threaten Israeli Fishermen on Lake Tiberias." "Get out of there fast or we'll shoot," were the words of Syrian soldiers to Israeli fishermen in the northern waters of the Sea of Galilee.

"21 Immigrants from Eastern Europe." 21 Jews from Hungary, Poland, Rumania and the USSR have arrived in Israel. The oldest was 92.

EDITORIAL POLICY
Letters To The Editor are welcomed by The Rhode Island Herald covering any issues which are of concern to the readers of this publication. It is, however, the policy of this publication to limit the number of letters to the editor by each submitter to no more than once a month.

Coalition, Knesset Join Forces For Approval Of Memo Of Understanding

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Coalition and opposition members of the Knesset joined forces last week in a move to compel the government to submit the memorandum of understanding signed by the U.S. and Israel to the Knesset for ratification. It would be given four weeks to do so.

The bi-partisan group began drafting a private members bill to that effect only hours after Premier Menachem Begin's coalition narrowly defeated four no-confidence motions based on opposition to the memorandum. The vote was 57-53 with two abstentions. At the same time, the Knesset's Immigration and Absorption Committee met to discuss the implications of the memorandum for Soviet Jews.

The memorandum, signed in Washington by Defense Minister Ariel Sharon and U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, establishes the framework for strategic cooperation between Israel and the U.S. against any "threat to peace and security of the region caused by the Soviet Union or Soviet-controlled forces from outside the region."

During the grueling six-hour Knesset debate Likud leaders defended the memorandum against charges by Labor and other opposition factions that it placed Israel in the precarious position of direct confrontation with the Soviet Union but failed to gain any new commitment from the U.S. for Israel's security against its Arab foes.

Likud MK Moshe Arens retorted that the USSR was more hostile toward Israel than many other countries and the agreement with the U.S. may be the proper answer. The Soviets take into consideration "factors which act" and have a certain force, he said.

Labor Party chairman Shimon Peres

said that the narrow defeat of the no-confidence motions proved there was no parliamentary majority in favor of the agreement. Coalition members voted for it only because the government would have fallen had they not. Peres told reporters at Ben Gurion Airport before leaving on a trip to the U.S.

The deliberations of the Immigration and Absorption Committee, chaired by Labor MK Uzi Bar Am, reflected concern for Soviet Jews voiced by many MKs in the course of the debate.

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Private Study Warns Of Fading Hopes For Israeli-Arab Peace

on the U.S. "to wed military and diplomatic strength in a coherent strategy" that goes beyond the Camp David process between Israel and Egypt and to mount "a parallel campaign" that would involve other Mideastern states such as Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Syria in peace talks with Israel.

Klutznick, a former member of the U.S. delegation to the United Nations with the rank of Ambassador, was president of the World Jewish Congress from 1977 to 1979 when he took a leave of absence to become Secretary of Commerce in the Carter Administration. He is present honorary president of the WJC and honorary international president of B'nai B'rith.

Previous View By Klutznick

He expressed views similar to those contained in the report in an article published on the Op-Ed page of the Washington Post last month favoring Saudi Arabia's eight-point peace plan for the Middle East.

He wrote: "The acceptance by Jordan, the PLO and others of the overall approach embodied in the Saudi eight-point 'peace plan' may be a crucial turning point. . . For the first time, even if indirectly, important Arab parties have turned away from 'outlawing' Israel as an illegitimate entity and have looked to negotiations with recognition and 'co-existence' as the eventual goal."

Since Klutznick's article appeared, the Arab states and the PLO flatly rejected the Saudi plan at the Arab summit meeting in Fez, Morocco. Israel denounced it as an instrument for its annihilation.

U.S. Should Not Avoid Contact With The PLO

Saunders, who served as Assistant Secretary of State for Near East and South Asian Affairs in the Carter Administration,

explained to reporters after the four-man report was released that it was not necessary for the U.S. to avoid all contacts with the PLO.

The U.S. had promised Israel in 1975 that it would not recognize the PLO or negotiate with it until the latter recognized Israel's

right to exist and accepted Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338. Saunders said that pledge was interpreted to foreclose even exchanges of views with the PLO until the conditions were met.

The report said the U.S. "would be violating no formal agreement if it explored the PLO's readiness to negotiate peace. The objective is to negotiate peace among the parties to the conflict, and the PLO will have an important influence on that process."

WASHINGTON (JTA) — A four-man private study group that includes Philip Klutznick, a prominent American Jewish leader and former Assistant Secretary of State Harold Saunders, has warned the Reagan Administration that hopes for a negotiated peace in the Middle East "are fading" and urged the U.S. to broaden and intensify its role as an impartial mediator in that region.

The report, released last week by the Seven Springs Center of Mt. Kisco, N.Y., an organization specializing in scholarly studies, stressed that Palestinian national aspirations, including the desire for an independent state "must be fairly faced and dealt with in negotiations in ways consistent with the rights and security of their neighbors and the prospect for peace will be radically diminished."

No Peace Without PLO Involvement

The report also stated that "no peace will be possible without the Palestine Liberation Organization being involved in the process." Its conclusions were based on a visit to the Middle East last summer by the four co-authors. In addition to Klutznick and Saunders, they are Merle Thorpe Jr., president of the Foundation for Middle East Peace, and John Greene Jr., president of the Seven Springs Center.

According to their report "Hopes for a negotiated peace are fading just at a moment when acceptance of Palestinian national identity in the Arab world and beyond and growing Arab willingness to accept the Israeli state have created the best possibility of an Arab-Palestinian-Israeli negotiation since Israel was established."

The report said further that there was "widespread conviction in the Middle East that only the United States can effectively help to achieve peace but there is deep doubt that the United States is prepared to play a role as a just mediator and to work actively for a negotiated peace." It called

Cheysson Moderates View On PLO

PARIS (JTA) — Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson said last week that France recognized the Palestine Liberation Organization as "one of the Palestinian representative forces" but is adamantly refusing, in spite of various pressures, to recognize it as "the representative of the Palestinian people."

Cheysson, who arrived in Israel Monday for a two-day official visit said, however, that the PLO's lack of official representation is such "that one can not ask it to recognize the State of Israel."

In an interview with the French Jewish weekly, La Tribune Juive, the Minister said that mutual recognition between Israel and the Palestinians must be the result of negotiations. He stressed that he understands Israel's position of refusing to negotiate with someone who plots its destruction. He drew a clear difference between non-recognition and aiming at a country's destruction, such as the Palestinian Charter does.

During his visit to Beirut last August, Cheysson called for PLO participation in future Mideast peace talks and affirmed that the Palestinians should be given the opportunity for self-determination. Also during his visit, Cheysson met with PLO chief Yasir Arafat.

Palestinian Youth Killed By Israelis

JERUSALEM — A Palestinian teen-ager was shot and killed this week by Israeli troops in Rafa, at the southern end of the Gaza Strip. The shooting was described by military officials as a case of self-defense. Hundreds of Palestinian students were burning tires during a violent demonstration. Two others were wounded and one soldier was reportedly injured.

The protest occurred over the installation of an Israeli civilian to conduct the affairs of the military Government, which Palestinian nationalists say is intended to pave the way for a system of Palestinian autonomy, as called for by the Camp David accords, within a framework of continued Israeli occupation.

A series of disorders have been set off since Defense Minister Ariel Sharon appointed the civilians.

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Lori Surdut Weds Marc Weinberg



MRS. MARCS. WEINBERG

Lori Rose Surdut, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert M. Surdut, of 222 Garden City Drive, Cranston, was married to Dr. Marc S. Weinberg, of Newtonville, Mass., son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Weinberg, of 17 Tulip Circle, Cranston, on Saturday, Dec. 5. The 6:30 p.m. ceremony took place at Temple Emanu-El, Providence, with Rabbi Wayne Franklin and Cantor Ivan Perlman officiating. A reception took place at the Alperin Meeting Hall at the Temple.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an ivory satin and lace gown with an imported lace bodice, long sleeves and matching lace motifs, embroidered in seed pearls, with a full skirt ending in a long train. Her fingertip veil of English illusion fell from a Juliet cap trimmed with lace and seed pearls. She carried a bouquet of lavender stephanotis phalaehopsis,

freesia, and baby's breath.

Susanne Henry was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were: Ms. Rachel Leonard, Ms. Cindy Potter, and Mrs. Cheryl Weinberg, who wore raspberry silk gowns, and carried bouquets of freesia, tulips and irises.

Carl Weinberg, brother of the groom was best man. Ushers were Dr. Scott H. Surdut, brother of the bride, Dr. James Popkin, and Thomas Miles. Jill Weinberg and Dean Weinberg, niece and nephew of the groom participated in the processional.

The brides grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Harold Alberts, Molly Surdut and the late Samuel Surdut. The grooms grandparents are Mr. Issadore Shechtman and the late Ida Shechtman and the late Mr. and Mrs. Max Weinberg.

Beth Davis Weds Earle Ziff



MRS. EARLE ZIFF

Beth Melanie Davis, daughter of Minnie Davis of Providence and the late Phillip Davis, was married to Earle Barry Ziff of Marblehead, Mass., son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry R. Ziff, on Nov. 7. The 6:30 p.m. candlelight ceremony took place at Temple Emanu-El, Providence, with Rabbi Wayne Franklin and Cantor Ivan Perlman officiating.

A reception was held at the temple following the ceremony. Guests from California, New York, Penn., and Mass. attended the wedding.

Given in marriage by her brother-in-law, Stuart D. Sclarow, the bride wore her sister's silk illusion veil and gown, accent-

ed with alencon lace and seed pearls. She carried her mother's prayerbook.

Audrey Sclarow, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Ellen Ziff, sister of the groom, Helene Davis and Jacqueline Temkin.

David Ziff, brother of the groom, was best man. Ushers were Scott Bazer, Terry Allen and Jack Kratonville.

The groom is a television on WQTV, Boston, and music theatre critic. The bride is a special feature reporter for WQTV, Boston.

Following a cruise to the Caribbean, the couple made their home in Allston, Mass.

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Notices

Sinai Plans Annual New Year's Eve Gala

Temple Sinai's annual New Year's Eve Gala will be held Thursday, Dec. 31, at 8 p.m. With the annual two thousand dollar grand drawing and New Year's Eve Dinner Party. Reservations will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis by Susan Vederman of Temple Sinai. Contact the Temple for details. At least 50 percent of the tables reserved must consist of Temple members.

For further information contact Temple Sinai at 942-8350.

Temple Habonim Resets Sally Caswell Exhibit

The third in a series of art shows at Temple Habonim, 165 New Meadow Rd., Barrington, has been rescheduled for Sunday, Dec. 13 from 4 to 7 p.m.

Sally Caswell-Linhares, an artist of local renown, will exhibit watercolor paintings of landscapes and floral studies.

The exhibit is open to the public Tuesday - Thursday and Sundays, 9-12 p.m.; Tuesday - Thursday, 3-6 p.m.; Sunday afternoon, 2-5 p.m.; and by appointment, which may be made by calling the Temple office.

Jewish Home Plans Book Fair Dec. 13

There will be a Book Fair and Sale at the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Avenue, on Sunday, Dec. 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Home auditorium.

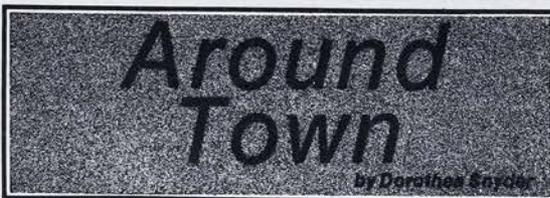
The Book Fair, which is open to the public admission free, will offer both hard cover and paperback used books for sale. A wide variety will be available with selections for both children and adults in fiction and non-fiction and with a wide choice of subject matter. Proceeds from the event, which is being sponsored and arranged by the Ladies' Association of the Home, will benefit the Home's residents.

Mrs. Roz Bolusky are co-chairing the Fair and are being assisted by Evelyn Bresnick, Beatrice Fishbein, Zelda Feldman, co-ordinators and Dorothy Scribner, publicity.

Holiday Gift Wrapping Planned By Hadassah

Pawtucket-Central Falls Chapter of Hadassah will hold their sixth annual gift wrapping service at the Warwick Mall Dec. 18 to Dec. 24, during the Mall's regular store hours.

Proceeds of this project will be used for Cancer Research. Co-ordinators of the Gift Wrapping service are Trudie S. Marks, Eve Zucker and their committee of the Pawtucket Hadassah Chapter.



A Record Roast For Ruben Zeidman

Mother Nature couldn't prevent 234 people from making their way through the season's first snowstorm to roast and toast Ruben Zeidman at Temple Beth Am-Beth David in Warwick Saturday night.

But Mother Nature did help to accent the dramatic black and white color scheme that "themeized" Ruben Zeidman's association with the record industry for 30 years.

Alternating black and white banquet tablecloths, white twigs and flowers in melted records, bread baskets shaped from LP records and record labels lettered "Roast to Ruby Zeidman" created the striking decor.

Introduced by the Temple's Men's Club president, Jerome Aron, the impressive list of roasters included Warwick Mayor Joseph Walsh, Arthur Poulten, Temple president; Rabbi Milton Kroopnick; Suzanne Glucksman, Sisterhood president; Robert Dostal, a friend from Army days; Dr. Joseph Alper, Irving Zatlhoff, Ruby's son Arthur, Seena Yamuder, Jack Mossberg, and from the record industry — Paul Wennick, Joe Agostinelli and Ray Muffs.

What followed the roast was a host of verbal tributes for Ruby who is so "universally loved" and "one in a million" according to Max Dressler, Roast chairman.

"In a world which is uncaring, where people only think of themselves, we can be thankful we have you. You care for us and we love you" . . . Dr. Joseph Alper.

"The greatest thing a man can leave behind him is a good name" . . . Jack Mossberg.

"My father always said never ask a man to do something you wouldn't do yourself" . . . Arthur Zeidman.

This "man for all seasons," the guiding force behind the new sanctuary at Temple Beth Am-Beth David, presented a bouquet of pink and red carnations to Rona Dressler and Seena Yamuder for their combined efforts.

Rona assisted husband Max with reservations and all the fine toothcomb arrangements. Seena handled catering and decorations.

Emcees were Sandy Gertz and Alan Kushner.

Proceeds from the roast will benefit completion of the Temple's new interior.

Ruby Zeidman has one son, Arthur, who lives with his wife, Patsy, and two children, Benjamin, 5, and Troy, 3, in Jackson, Mississippi.

Actor Touched Bases In Community

When Mike Kellin came to town as actor-in-residence at the Jewish Community Center last week, he really touched bases with many people in the community.

The first-time happening was the brain child of Ramon Berger, J.C.C. executive director.

During the time he spent at the Jewish Home For The Aged, Kellin involved the residents in joke-telling, relating stories of reminiscence and singing Yiddish songs to the strum of his guitar.

A top story-teller at the home, who got

right into the act, was Henry Goldblatt. And three clients in the Comprehensive Day Care Center also got equal billing.

Leah Litchman and Sally McLachlan, life-long friends, were spontaneous presenters of a sequence in nostalgia.

Jack Goldenberg delighted everyone with humorous stories about his father.

Judith Lantos, JCC adult director who developed and staffed the Actor-In-Residence project said that "we wanted very much to link Mike Kellin with other parts of the community."

A most successful and unforgettable afternoon was a combined session with students from the New England Academy of Torah and the Hope High School drama class working together with Mike.

40-Year Reunion

Mike Kellin's trip to Providence unexpectedly resulted in a reunion of two former Boston University fraternity brothers who hadn't seen each other in 40 years.

When Julius Michaelson read that Mike Kellin was coming to the JCC, he alerted Ray Berger, and the reunion took place.

Michaelson and his wife, Rita, invited the visiting actor to dinner along with Barbara and Jay Orson, and Phyllis and Milton Stanzler.

And appropriately, Julius Michaelson enjoyed the pleasure of introducing his long-ago and now renewed friend to a full-house audience on the eve of Mike Kellin's charismatic, one-man show presentation at the Jewish Community Center.

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To Ethiopian Slave

From Bar Mitzvah boy to altar boy to Ethiopian slave — How do you manage that in two years?

It's a cinch if you're Danny Ciora! The 15-year-old West Warwick youth is a student at the Young People's School of Performing Arts.

And the folks at the Providence Opera Theater sent out requests to the Seekonk school for walk-ons and extras in their latest production of Verdi's "Aida" at the Ocean State Theater.

After an hour's make-up session, Danny appeared in the back of a chariot in Act 2, Scene 2.

Actually, Danny is an old-hand at this as he was cast as an altar boy in Menotti's "The Saint of Bleeker Street" presented by the Providence Opera Theater in October.

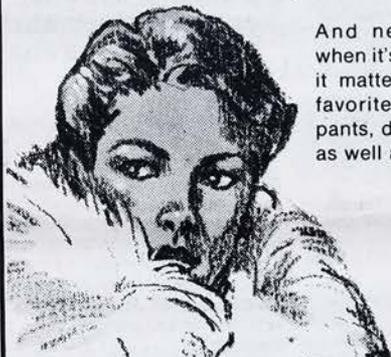
Danny, who enjoys Photography too, has been studying at the Young People's School of Performing Arts for a year and a half.

He appeared there last summer as Charlie Bates in "Oliver."

A ninth-grade student at John F. Deering Junior High in West Warwick, Danny is the son of Elliot and Lenore Ciora; brother to Marc, a Warwick High School senior; and the grandson of Israel Resnick of Pawtucket.

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The Plight Of The Ethiopian Jews:

The Lost And Forgotten People

by Linda A. Acciaro

"Unfortunately we are poor, uneducated, but at least we are Jews. We are dying everywhere. Please try to help us to die as Jews, to die as human beings, not donkeys. This is the right time to save us," said Nahum Ben Yosef, an Ethiopian Jew who escaped from his native country nine months ago. He has brought with him to the United States the message of suffering and persecution of his fellow Falashas.

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He spoke recently at the Jewish Community Center with Dr. Graenum Berger, president of the American Association for Ethiopian Jews. Yosef told of his struggle, imprisonment and torture at the hands of Major Melaku, governor of the province of Gondar. His fellow Falashas continue to endure the hardships imposed on them by the dictatorship of Melaku in this Marxist regime of Ethiopia.

Nahum speaks quietly and with an earnest love for his people. He is unable to reveal his identity for fear of retribution against his family who still remain in Ethiopia. Consequently, very little can be said of his past or plans to rescue his family members.

Since his escape, Yosef has told the story many times of the plight of the Falashas in



Ethiopian Woman Wearing The Jewish Star Of David.

Ethiopia. The plea voiced by both Yosef and Berger was directed toward the Jewish communities and the Jewish Agency to accept the responsibility of rescuing those who remain in Ethiopia; those who are dying because of inaction and apathy.

"The government and the Jewish Agency support every ethnic group, except this one," Berger said. "We've known all about this for a long time. To our shame we have permitted Jews to live in a country where they suffer persecution and even death."

There are an estimated 20,000 Falashas in Ethiopia and about 1,500 now living in Israel, recognized as Jews under the Law of Return.

The counter-revolutionary Ethiopian Democratic Union (EDU) has been the main element responsible for persecution of Ethiopian Jews, according to the American Association for Ethiopian Jews. Although the EDU has engaged in several

bloody pogroms against Falashas in the Gondar area, it has been virtually wiped out by the government of Mengistu Haile Mariam. Yet, the central government has not exercised its authority in the area and Major Melaku has been able to rule the region mercilessly without interference, the association contends.

"In every Falashas village there are terrorists. Melaku is anti-Falasha and anti-Semitic," Yosef said.

Because of persecution in the Gondar region, where 85 percent of the Falashas live, Yosef was imprisoned seven months and tortured. Upon hearing that he was to be caught again, Yosef escaped. "It was a very terrible condition so I escaped on foot 880 kilometers through high mountain and semi-desert region." It was difficult for Yosef to travel during daylight because of the checkpoints manned by Cuban and Ethiopian soldiers.

After 14 days, "Thank God, I happened to cross the border. I couldn't find anybody to help me."

There was no Jewish Agency representative to assist Yosef and the other 2,700

"It's not a pretty story. It's not a story published for reasons of state. I hope it disturbs you. I hope you won't sleep well," said Dr. Graenum Berger, President of the American Association for Ethiopian Jews.

Falashas he found living in a refugee camp in a bordering country, "demoralized and helpless, without money and suffering from malaria, measles and dehydration."

"The children — their color had completely changed to yellow from dehydration." During the four months he stayed in the refugee camp, 80 children died from malnutrition and dehydration. "Kids especially cannot resist the conditions."

Yosef expected officials from the Jewish Agency to ask him about his experience. They didn't. He, however, refused to be silent and informed them of the conditions Falashas were forced to endure.

"Go back to your absorption center and study your Hebrew," he was told.

Yosef found his way to Israel from the refugee camp, but only because he says, "maybe I was helped because of writing to my personal friends in Cairo and Paris and I was lucky because I was educated."

"Because of bureaucratic bungling our fellow Falashas are dying," Yosef says. "The American Association for Ethiopian Jews is most important. Get organized under the umbrella of this association and you will do much better than an individual."

"They can kill them, torture them, cut off women's breasts, castrate them and you can't get a line on them," Berger said of the difficulties involved in finding the perpetrators.

"It's not a pretty story. It's not a story published for reason of state. I hope it disturbs you. I hope you won't sleep well," Berger told the audience.

"These people are suffering in a way no other Jewish group in history has suffered, other than the Holocaust and they died eventually.

"I'm angry with American Jews that haven't helped," he added.

Berger said that the question of whether Falashas are really Jews is just an excuse used by Jewish agencies not to assist them. "The Chief Rabbis have made declarations that they are Jews. They circumcize their sons on the eighth day, they celebrate Shabbat, mark the festival of Pesah, Shavuot, Rosh Hashanna and Yom Kippur. They don't eat meat unless it is slaughtered by a Holy Man." The Falashas, Berger says, with the observance they find are disappointed when they come to Israel. At the same time Ethiopian Jews want to preserve their own culture.

In the early 1800's Falashas, which means "stranger" i.e. landless one, were barred from owning land and dispersed. They were forced to assume professions associated with smithing and pottery, jobs disdained by other Ethiopians.

"They can kill them, torture them, cut off women's breasts, castrate them and you can't get a line on them."

The history of the Ethiopian Jew is encompassed by theory and speculation as to their origin. But in the late 1800's when Dr. Jacques Faitlovitch visited Ethiopia he found that "The Falashas are really Jews. They have the same aspirations that we do. They believe, like us, that they are the future of Israel. They are an active, intelligent, moral people with a thirst for learning."

Berger says that of the Falashas who have made it to Israel, "not a single one has constituted a personal problem. There are no prostitutes or criminals among them. Due to a program instituted in Israel, the Falashas have become nurses, bookkeepers, seamstresses, auto mechanics and midwives.

"Somebody is worried about the non-Jews," Berger says, "HIAS brought out 100 Ethiopians — but no Jews. Write to them and ask them why?" Berger says that although Israel denies bringing any Falashas out of Ethiopia, "Israel has been involved."

The association itself has worked to rescue Falashas and take them out of the country, but it cannot continue with the burden alone. Berger said the association "thought it could approach the Jewish agencies to assist in the rescuing of the Falashas, so they would not have to go to the outside world." But Berger and the other members of the association are facing the possibility of having to elicit help from outside organizations.

"It is one of the most important issues facing the Jewish community," Berger said.

"They suffer not only because they are poor, but because they are Jews."



Nahum Ben Yosef, a Falasha from Ethiopia, is unable to reveal his identity because of his family who still remain in Ethiopia. He is pictured here with Dr. Graenum Berger.

Sandy Afsai, chairman of Friends for Falashas in Rhode Island, has made this issue her main concern for the past year. She has devoted much time and energy to awaken the Jewish community to the plight of the Falashas and her own husband is prepared to fly to Ethiopia to bring them out. A petition is currently being distributed which urges the members of the Jewish community to encourage the agencies to take some form of action to rescue Ethiopian Jews.

Wiesenthal Center Bestows Coveted Humanitarian Laureate On Wallenberg

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age of G-d."

Robert Clary, Robert Culp, William Katt, and Merrie Lynn Ross, re-created the historic evening when Wallenberg came face-to-face with the architect of the "Final Solution," Adolph Eichmann.

Following this dramatic presentation, Dinah Shore introduced "a man who, like Raoul Wallenberg, stood alone and fought for the dignity of his people all these years." Referring to the legendary Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal, Shore remarked, "Seeking not revenge but justice, not to reclaim the past but to secure the future, he became the voice of the victims, talking about them with a reverence as if they were still present, guests at his table. . . . If the pulse of the victims of the Holocaust is still alive, it is because Simon Wiesenthal gave them a life of their own."

Wiesenthal described Wallenberg as "one of the 36 Righteous," those, "who by their deeds and way of life unknown help mankind not to despair of man and the world. They shine as the light in the darkness, they guard the world against doom."

Recalling his own efforts to discover the whereabouts of Raoul Wallenberg, Wiesenthal said he "managed to find witnesses for Raoul's presence in Soviet prison camps. And this search for witnesses is not finished yet." He continued, "We succeeded in directing worldwide interest to the Wallenberg case — something nobody would have thought possible a dozen years ago."

Noting that he was often asked why he continued to search for a man who might be dead, Wiesenthal declared, "My answer, whose deeper significance has increasingly

influenced me over the years, has always been this: only he who is forgotten is really dead."

And, added the legendary fighter for justice, "I want to express our hope that G-d may still grant us all the joy to live to see Raoul Wallenberg return to his family. . . . I am a realist — so I believe this miracle will come true."

Nina Lagergren, Wallenberg's sister, then stepped forward to receive the Center's coveted Simon Wiesenthal Humanitarian Award on her brother's behalf. "I am greatly touched by the recognition given Raoul and the honor bestowed upon our family this evening," Mrs. Lagergren began. "But I must tell you that tonight, whereas my heart is overwhelmed with emotion it is also laden with trouble and bitter disappointment. For my own country — the land where Raoul Wallenberg was born, the nation which he so nobly served, has once again as recently as three weeks ago, forsaken a golden opportunity to bring him home."

"My brother is not a saint," Mrs. Lagergren continued, "not merely a symbol and certainly not another case number in the archives of governments, yet his legacy of heroism seems to inspire a sense of awe and nostalgia in those who recall him. But somehow, some way we must alert our friends and demand that they translate their welcomed concern into practical action."

"If each of us here tonight," she said, "along with the President of the United States whose moving words we heard earlier, will do our share then it still may be possible that a time will soon come when Raoul himself will stand before you and respond to your outpouring of love."

Calendar

Mishkon Tfiloh Elects Officers

Election of officers for Mishkon Tfiloh Congregation will take place on Tuesday evening, Dec. 15, at the synagogue on Summit Avenue, Providence.

Also plans will be finalized for the Sit-Down Dinner celebrating the Twentieth Anniversary of the Congregation, at which time the officers will be installed and the First Chanukah Candle Lighting will take place.

Dorothy Berry, president of the Sisterhood is chairman of the evening. Rachel Rotkopf, is reservations chairman and Jeannette E. Resnick, is publicity coordinator.

Gallery 401 Reschedules Ruth Rodman Exhibit

Gallery 401 of the Jewish Community Center will host artist Ruth Rodman on Saturday, Dec. 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. The exhibit of collagraphic images will be on display at the gallery through Dec. 26.

All are invited to attend. Gallery hours are Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed Saturday; Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This exhibition is courtesy of Rose Sagan, Reflections, 7 Glen Ave., Barrington.

Bay Island ORT Holds Board Meeting

The Bay Island Chapter of ORT will hold an "Open Board" meeting Wednesday evening Dec. 16 at 93 Crestwood Road, Cranston.

For further information please call 942-5735.

Hebrew Day School Holds Successful Bookfair Project

Over 200 people of all ages participated in the 2nd annual "People of the Book" project sponsored by the Parents, Teachers, and Friends Association of the Providence Hebrew Day School on Nov. 22 and 23 in the school's Korn Auditorium.

The book fair committee, consisting of Grace Beiser, Liliana Fijman, and Eva Gutman, coordinated the project which featured hundreds of books for purchase. Titles ranged from cookbooks to Jewish holiday series, from scholarly works to novels, from reference texts to children's books.

The fair also featured "The Five Books Each Rhode Island Jewish Family Should Have" with this information provided by Rhode Island's congregational rabbis; a children's story hour by Debra Schiavo and Gila Reinstein; "Meet the Author" featuring Dr. Jacob Neusner; "Used Books Corner;" and a Jewish library information sheet. Plans are already being made for next year's fair.

CORRECTION

An article in the Dec. 3 issue of The Rhode Island Herald about Somebody New incorrectly stated that balloon deliveries outside the Providence area cost an additional \$7 charge. Somebody New will deliver 1/2 doz. balloons for \$7 and one doz. balloons for \$14. There is a minimal charge for deliveries outside the Providence area, depending on the distance.

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Money Sense: The Pros And Cons Of Speculating On Takeovers

By Bill Waters,
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Hardly a week passes lately, without the news of yet another merger or acquisition. And no one welcomes this news as much as an investor who sees a merger as a way to make a quick profit.

The strategy that leads to the big merger payoff is simple: You buy shares in an acquisition candidate — before or after an actual bid is made — and then "ride the stock up" if the merger proceeds to culmination. The rewards, of course, can be substantial; yet the risks are equally large, especially for investors unaware of the fickle nature of corporate matchmaking.

The Current Boom

A number of factors fuel the latest surge in acquisitions and mergers. Continuing inflation, more than anything, has convinced many corporate executives that buying assets, such as other companies, is more profitable than other kinds of investment. The real bargains are companies whose assets have soared along with inflation, but whose value is not reflected in their stock prices.

Then, too, federal regulators are frowning less upon large corporate marriages, which is inducing more corporations to consider the takeover route.

Also, to many corporations, acquisitions represent a good way to solidify their own basic business, to increase their market share or to move into other business areas with good growth potential. And they are willing to pay handsomely — typically 50 percent or even more over market price — for the company shares they want to acquire. Such large premiums have not escaped the attention of many aggressive investors with the means and the inclination to speculate on takeovers.

Risks, Rewards

Even rumors of a possible takeover can send a stock price soaring, especially if the prospective acquirer buys a stake in the target company as a prelude to an offer. The biggest gains, however, usually come after the intent to merge is officially announced. Prices often jump immediately, upon the announcement. But there may be further increases because the acquiring company is usually offering much more than the stock's market price. Also, other corporations might see the company's potential and step in with even higher bids. If a bidding war ensues, stock prices gains

can be substantial.

Accompanying these potentially large gains, of course, is the very real risk that the merger will not go through. And, once the word is out that a merger or takeover is off, share prices may fall dramatically. The risk is especially great if no other company has made more or makes an offer for the shares.

Takeover attempts can fail for a number of reasons. The target company may oppose the bid and win. Or the prospective buyer might change its mind because of reversals in its own operations or those of the company it wanted to buy. Government regulators might also block the transaction. Evaluating all the factors that can spell success or failure for a particular offer calls for considerable expertise, which is what makes speculating on mergers so tricky for the average investor.

Shaky Ground

The risks are even greater when buying stock on rumors that another corporation will move to acquire the shares. Even professionals who regularly speculate on price fluctuations in merger and acquisition situations rarely invest on the basis of rumors.

There are literally thousands of publicly traded companies, while the number of mergers proposed each year amounts to fewer than several hundred. So, buying stock in a company you think is a likely takeover target can mean accepting great risk. If you are wrong about the stock, you can lose a lot, particularly when you have not sufficiently investigated its underlying merits.

Some aggressive investors reduce the guesswork by buying shares in companies in which other companies already own a significant stake. These investors reason that some ownership indicates a corporation might one day want to increase their position, and some brokerage firms publish lists of companies that are already partly owned by others.

As a general rule, however, experts advise against trading stocks merely on the basis of whether the company is a takeover candidate. If you buy attractively priced stocks of good companies with promising futures, it is always possible that other corporations might make a bid for the shares, of course, and that could make your investment all the more rewarding.

Dr. Borenstein To Lecture At JCC Health Management Series

The fourth and final lecture in the Jewish Community Center is Island's Health Management lecture series, "Everything You Ever Wanted To Know About A Healthy Body But Were Afraid To Ask," will be held on Thursday, Dec. 17 at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Dr. Bruno Borenstein, Oncologist.

Dr. Borenstein graduated from Downstate Medical School — State University of New York. He finished his Oncology training at Brown University and has been in practice in Providence since 1976. Dr. Borenstein is a clinical instructor at Brown University, and serves as Medical Director of Hospice care of Rhode Island. His topic for the fourth lecture will be: Current Issues In Cancer Treatment.

The series has featured four participating physicians who talked about managing and maintaining good health. The series is free and open to the public. The JCC is located at 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence, RI.



DR. BRUNO BORENSTEIN

Successful Investing The New Sears, Roebuck

by David R. Sargent



Q — I am a participant in a profit-sharing plan for Sears' employees and retirees. What do you foresee for the company over the immediate and long term in view of recent acquisitions of Coldwell Banker and Dean Witter Reynolds? — A.K., Missouri.

A — Sears' recent acquisitions of the nation's number one real estate broker and a top ranking stock brokerage firm are part of its long-range plan to become a leading factor in consumer finance — which will embrace insurance, real estate, stock brokerage, and money market fund services. Sears' Allstate insurance division has been the company's major bread winner for years. One-stop consumer financial services is a hot new area of growth now — although Sears will have plenty of company (Shearson American Express, for instance). This new thrust into a more dynamic enterprise goes a long way toward revitalizing the lumbering giant retailer, or at least its image. But the near-term and future outlook for Sears depends on management's success at turning around the merchandising operations. An improving housing and auto industry climate in 1982 may help, but the new strategies in both retail and finance areas may take

years to have an impact on earnings. Nevertheless, the stock's recovery potential is much improved and I would rate it a hold for patient growth and income (8%) investors.

Q — Is it fact or fiction that Emerson Radio Corp. has a "heart machine" that will accurately diagnose any heart disease? — R.S., Florida.

A — Cardiac Resuscitator Corp. became an 80 percent-owned affiliate of Emerson Radio (NYSE) in September, 1979. CRC does make a portable, automatic resuscitator for emergency use on heart attack victims. CRC's "Heart-Aid" and "Pace-Aid" devices not only diagnose the heart rhythm during a cardiac treatment. It is hoped that some time in the near future emergency vehicles equipped with the CRC devices could save perhaps one in 10 of the many heart attack victims who now die before reaching the hospital. At any rate, CRC adds an attractive dimension to Emerson operations. Emerson is the maker of popularly priced radios, modular stereo systems, and other electronic audio products.

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Your Money's Worth

Getting The Most From Giving

by Sylvia Porter

You have only a few weeks left to make your charitable donations for 1981 — and this is the year to bunch as many donations as you can. Tax rates go down as of Jan. 1, 1982; thus channeling your donations into '81 automatically reduces your '81 tax bill. Also, this is the last year in which you must itemize your contributions in order to take an income tax deduction. There are many restrictions and pitfalls; an impartial guide can be of unusual help as '81's end nears.

For instance, a contribution is deductible only if there's no consideration of economic benefit to you, the donor. While a charitable intent need not be your sole motive, says Prentice-Hall's tax editors, it must be the dominant motive if you ask a deduction.

Buying tickets for benefits, "gifts" to a school attended by your child, which are really for tuition, or payments to an old-age home for admission and maintenance costs of an elderly relative are non-deductible personal expenses to the extent that you receive value in exchange for your gift.

Another pitfall: a deduction is available only for gifts actually paid during the tax year, regardless of when pledged or the method of accounting you use.

Say you make a charitable pledge in the next few weeks but pay the pledge in 1982. You claim a deduction for 1981 — and when questioned by the IRS, you say you gave your personal demand promissory note for the pledged amount.

But there must be an actual payment before you can properly take the deduction. A demand note isn't enough. That you had sufficient cash in the bank to satisfy the note on delivery is irrelevant.

But let's say you gave \$100 to XYZ Charity and charged the amount on your bank credit card. The XYZ Charity then

deposited the charge statement with its bank and immediately got the money (less a service charge). Do you deduct the contribution when you charge it or when you pay the bill in 1982? The full amount contributed is deductible in 1981, the year the contribution is charged, reports Prentice-Hall. (The pitfalls obviously are all around you!)

Payment by check is considered made when delivered. A check for a gift you give on Dec. 31 is deductible on Dec. 31, although the check is not cashed until 1982. But when a gift by check is subject to certain conditions, and XYZ Charity doesn't agree to the conditions but still doesn't cash the check until 1982, the deduction is disallowed on the ground that the gift wasn't yet completed.

The after-tax cost for each \$100 of deductible if you are single and your taxable income before the deduction is \$10,000 is a mere \$79; if filing a joint return, it's \$82.

If your taxable income before the deduction is \$20,000 and you're single, the after-tax cost is \$66; filing a joint return, it's \$76.

If your income level is \$30,000 and you're single, the after-tax cost is \$56; filing a joint return, \$63.

If at the \$50,000 level, and you're single, the after-tax cost is \$45; filing a joint return, it's \$51.

And at the \$100,000 mark, and if you're single, the after-tax cost is \$32; and filing a joint return, it's \$41.

What's more, the above figures do not take into account any tax savings you might have on the state and local level.

I have only touched the surface, for the tax deductibility aspects of charitable giving are among the most complex in 1981's hideously complicated law. If you are contemplating a major donation — in life insurance, property, household goods — get professional tax advice!

Most Israelis Favor Strategic Cooperation

TEL AVIV (JTA) — A public opinion poll published in last week's Jerusalem Post says that some 70 percent of the public favors strategic cooperation with the U.S. and about 46 percent would be in favor of Israeli soldiers fighting alongside American soldiers to keep the Soviets out of the Middle East, even if it involved defending Saudi Arabia.

Answering if they were for or against strategic cooperation with the U.S., 70.6 percent said yes, 24.3 percent said no and 4.3 percent were undecided.

Those replying affirmatively were then asked whether they thought Israeli soldiers should fight alongside Americans, to defend Saudi Arabia against the USSR if necessary, and 64.4 percent said yes, with 32.9 percent saying no and 2.7 percent undecided. Support for strategic cooperation cut across all sections of the public, of both sexes, all ages and all ethnic backgrounds and economic and social strata.

Diamond Workers Stage Violent Protest

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Some 8,000 diamond workers staged a violent demonstration last week at the Histadrut building in Tel Aviv. The demonstrators, demanding higher wages, broke windows in the first floor of the building and threw rocks into the office of Yeruham Meshel, the secretary general of Histadrut. Several demonstrators tried to break into the building but were prevented by police.

The demonstrators protested against Histadrut because it would not support their wage demands. They scolded Meshel and shouted that they would seek the intervention of Deputy Premier David Levy who recently solved the El Al dispute to the satisfaction of the workers.

The demonstrators were finally convinced to leave by Yisrael Keissar, a Histadrut official, who said that the employers would be the only ones to gain from the dispute with Histadrut.

U.S. Denies Understanding With Israel Bars Mediator's Position

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The State Department strongly denied last week that the memorandum of understanding the United States signed with Israel this week bars the U.S. from being either a mediator or arbitrator in the Middle East peace process.

Syrian Foreign Minister Abdel Halim Khaddam reportedly made this charge to Philip Habib, President Reagan's special envoy, after the U.S. diplomat arrived in Damascus. "The United States no longer has the right to play any mediation or arbitration role in the Arab-Israeli conflict because you have become a direct party to this conflict," Khaddam reportedly told Habib.

State Department spokesman Alan Romberg said he had no comment on the Habib mission which started in Lebanon last weekend. But he said the memorandum of understanding which implements the strategic cooperation between the United States and Israel does not "affect" the U.S. "ability to deal in the peace-making process." He noted that "we have a variety of relationships with a variety of countries in the region."

Romberg said it was "explicit" in the memorandum, signed by Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger and Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon Monday night that it was not aimed at "any state in the region." Both Sharon and U.S. officials stressed that the cooperation agreement is not against Israel's Arab enemies but only a threat to the "region" from the Soviet Union and "Soviet-supported forces outside the region."

Memo Refers To Cuba And East Germany
State Department spokesman Dean Fischer was vague about which countries fall into the latter category. But Pentagon spokesman Henry Catto said that Cuba and East Germany were among the countries Israel and the U.S. were referring to in the

memorandum.
Romberg reiterated that there are no secret annexes in the agreement. He said that Sharon made it clear before hastily returning to Israel to vote against no confidence motions that only some details which will be worked out by the working committee to implement the memorandum might be "classified."

Unaware Of Saudi Offer
Meanwhile, Romberg said he was "unaware of any such offer" by Saudi Arabia to Oman as reported in The Washington Post in which the Saudis were said to have offered Oman \$1.2 billion in aid if the Sultanate cancelled an agreement allowing the U.S. access to its military facilities.

Romberg would not say that the Post story was wrong, only that "to our knowledge it is not happening." But he added that because of the "close nature" of U.S. and Saudi relations, the Saudis were kept informed of the agreement as it was being worked out between the U.S. and Oman and the Saudis "did not object."

Oman is the only Persian Gulf state to grant the U.S. use of its military facilities. Saudi Arabia has refused to do so despite the sale of five AWACS reconnaissance planes and enhancement equipment for 62 F-15 jet warplanes previously bought by Saudi Arabia from the U.S.

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Bridge

by Robert E. Starr



Making the Game contract in today's hand was no problem and in Rubber Bridge an overtrick is no big deal unless, of course, it is a Doubled or Redoubled contract and even more so vulnerable to boot. But this was Duplicate where that extra trick is so important. And that overtrick not only could have been made but should have.

North
 ♠ A Q 10 3
 ♥ 9 8 2
 ♦ A K Q 4
 ♣ J 6

West
 ♠ 8 7
 ♥ K 7
 ♦ J 9 7
 ♣ A K Q 9 5 3

East
 ♠ 9 5 4 2
 ♥ J 10 3
 ♦ 5 3
 ♣ 10 8 7 2

South
 ♠ K J 6
 ♥ A Q 6 5 4
 ♦ 10 8 6 2
 ♣ 4

West was Dealer, both sides vulnerable with this bidding:

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P	4H	End	

First, to discuss the bidding, after West opens with One Club, North has a perfect Take-Out Double. He has more than enough strength with his 16 points and his distribution can stand any bid his partner responds with. Four-three in the Majors is ideal. South's response is the bid to talk about. Here is where so many players go wrong. They respond to a Take-Out Double with the cheapest bid they can make no matter whether they have a good hand or nothing.

Remember, when their right hand opponent passes, they have to make a bid unless they have such a strong hand in the suit that has been bid they really want to pass for penalties. Otherwise, the weaker they are the more imperative it is that they bid. Therefore, they can bid one of a suit with no points at all. How can we condone the same bid with a good hand as so many players do. At that point the Doubler has to guess what he has to do. The better way is for the responder to bid the so-called extent of his hand. In other words, bidding what he thinks he can make opposite a minimum Double.

In this hand South has ten more points than a bid of one would show and also an extra Heart. He has almost enough to jump right to game but not quite so a three Heart bid is enough. That is not forcing and the Doubler, with nothing to spare, can Pass. But North has enough to go on to game despite his poor Trump holding.

After two leads of high Clubs, the second Ruffed by Declarer, you can see that the only other losers can come from the Trump suit itself. Most of the Declarers, after ruffing, went to Dummy to take a Trump finesse. When that lost, as they should have known it would, they shrugged and settled

for their game. They were even a bit surprised when they saw that some Declarers had made an overtrick. They shouldn't have been.

West's opening the bidding should have been the clue. Think about it. There are only a total of 14 points in high cards out in the two opposing hands. But without the Heart King West wouldn't have an opening bid. Oh, sure, some players might open with 11 points but not many. At least the odds were that the Trump King was offside and the finesse would probably lose. With that in mind the better play is to eschew the finesse and play West for no more than a Doubleton King. If he happens to have three with that King nothing can be done anyhow. So at trick three play the Heart Ace and then a small one, the King comes up and the overtrick made.

Moral: Wishful thinking and really thinking are not the same in Bridge.

Sharon's African Tour Linked To Washington Visit

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Defense Minister Ariel Sharon visited several African countries before he flew to Washington last week to sign the strategic cooperation agreement with the U.S. Informed sources here linked the two visits.

They said Israel's cooperation with several African countries would increase, due partly at least to the "new and enhanced standing conferred on Israel by entering a formal strategic relationship with the U.S.

The sources said it was "no coincidence" that President Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire spoke of the possibility of resuming diplomatic ties with Israel when he was in Washington week. Mobutu said, however, that he would not act until he saw how other African countries treated the issue. Zaire broke relations with Israel after the Yom Kippur War.

Soviet Emigration Hits Bottom In Nov.

NEW YORK (JTA) — "A devastatingly low number of Soviet Jews — only 363 — were permitted to leave the Soviet Union during the month of November," reported Charlotte Jacobson, chairman of the Soviet Jewry Research bureau of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry.

"The drastic shrinking in the number of emigration visas granted," stated Jacobson, "further validates the sharp change in Soviet attitude toward Jews and leaves the Soviet minority virtually helpless against the authorities' campaign to virtually halt all emigration from the USSR. This would leave hundreds of thousands of Jews locked into a country which is increasingly hostile to them, as Jews."

The November figure fell below October's all-time low of 368, and is expected to decrease further by the year's end.

Camp David Framework Is Only Way To Solve Arab-Israeli Conflict

UNITED NATIONS (JTA) — Israeli Ambassador Yehuda Blum said, in remarks prepared for delivery to the General Assembly last week, that the Camp David framework is "the only practical way to progress towards a comprehensive solution of the Arab-Israel conflict, in all its aspects, including the question of the Palestinian Arabs."

Blum, who was scheduled to address the Assembly which opened its debate on the "Question of Palestine" last Wednesday, said the Camp David framework "invites the Palestinian Arab residents of Judeaea, Samaria and the Gaza District to play an active role in shaping their future, by calling on them to participate not only in the current negotiations, but also in the negotiations which will determine the final status of the areas they live in, as well as in the eventual negotiations on a peace treaty between Israel and Jordan, in which the delimitation of boundaries between the two countries will be agreed."

The Israeli envoy claimed that the autonomy plan "is the first practical proposal to be advanced to provide a dignified solution for the needs of the Arab population of those areas."

Blum said that the Palestinians in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip who are prepared to live in peace with Israel "have been steadily terrorized and intimidated by the PLO which has been conducting, without letup, a campaign of political assassination against them." He called on

Blum Assails UN General Assembly Pres.

UNITED NATIONS (JTA) — Israeli Ambassador Yehuda Blum sharply attacked last week the President of the General Assembly, Ismat Kittani of Iraq, charging him with "misconduct and abuse of office."

Blum leveled his charges at a press conference here. He said that during the last three months, since Kittani was elected Assembly President, the Iraqi diplomat abused his office more than once in its treatment of Israel.

The latest incident, Blum pointed out, occurred last week when Kittani refused to step down as the Assembly President at Israel's request. Israel based its request, Blum noted, on the "unprecedented step" taken by Kittani who left the General Assembly to attend the Arab summit in Fez, Morocco.

In addition, Kittani made a statement at the summit on behalf of the general assembly without authorization. Israel, therefore demanded, at the beginning of the debate on the "Question of Palestine," that Kittani not preside over the debate. According to Blum, many diplomats and UN officials feel that Kittani's attendance at the Arab summit damaged the office of the Presidency of the General Assembly.

The Israeli envoy cited two other cases of "misconduct" by Kittani: when he refused to see Blum in his capacity as the Assembly President and when he did not step down, as Israel requested, during the debate on Israel's attack on Iraq's nuclear reactor.

the United Nations to encourage the Arab states "to come to terms with Israel and to negotiate with us directly, without preconditions, seriously and in mutual respect."

At the opening of the debate, three draft resolutions were submitted to the Assembly. The resolutions call in various terms for the establishment of a Palestinian state and Palestine Liberation Organization participation in any peace negotiations.

Egypt's Ambassador to the UN, Esmet Abdel Meguid, said that the question of Palestine was at the core of the Middle East problem. He claimed that peace could not be attained without restoring the legitimate rights of Palestinian people. The envoy said that Egypt believes a solution to the Middle East conflict must include withdrawal of Israeli forces to the 1967 lines, Israel's evacuation of the settlements in those territories, equal footing for Palestinians and Israelis in negotiations for peace, and the right of the Palestinian people to a state of their own.

Haig Scheduled To Visit Israel

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Secretary of State Alexander Haig will visit Israel and five other countries after attending the meeting of the North Atlantic Council this week, the State Department announced.

Department spokesman Alan Romberg said that after attending the Brussels meeting Dec. 10-11 Haig will go to Israel, Turkey, Pakistan, India, Egypt and Morocco. He said the Secretary would meet the government leaders in each country which he visits.

Haig told reporters that he thought a visit to Israel would be "useful" although he did not know at that time if he would be going there. Originally, only Pakistan and India had been announced as countries which he would visit after the Brussels visit.

Romberg said that he could not give exact dates when Haig will visit each country except to say the secretary will return to the U.S. Dec. 20. Department sources said that one of the reasons for not giving the dates is security.

Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi has reportedly sent out Libyan "hit teams" to assassinate President Reagan, Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, Haig and other top U.S. officials.

Local Financial Advisor To Be Subject Of book

A book about financial advisor Alan Shawn Feinstein is scheduled for publication by Prentice Hall next August.

Feinstein writes a syndicated newspaper column and a private financial newsletter — The Insiders Report. He lives in Cranston with his wife and three children.

The book is being written by New York author Milton Pierce. Entitled "The Five Treasures of Alan Shawn Feinstein," the book focuses on his five most profitable discoveries and how his readers have profited from them.

His wife, Pat Feinstein, is a doctor at Bradley Hospital.

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The Board of Governors held a public hearing at Rhode Island College Dec. 2 to discuss proposed recommendations of the Law and Regulation Review Task Force. This task force was appointed by the Commissioner of Education to examine the current Rhode Island Regulations for Handicapped Children. During the hearing, two recommendations were reviewed:

— To abolish specific dates within the regulations for referral, evaluation, development of individualized educational programs, and program placement and substitute a 60 school day maximum to accomplish all of the above steps.

— To legislate an exemption provision which would permit the Commissioner of Education to allow for one year exemptions of one specific aspect of the regulations, if a community is found to be in "substantial compliance" with all aspects of the regulations.

Both recommendations appear to be innocuous enough. If the timelines for referral and evaluations, and other aspects of the current regulations are eliminated, school systems will not need to be concerned with getting the paperwork completed in five school days for this and ten school days for that as is now required. The proposed 60 school day maximum would give schools increased flexibility. The second recommendation would also appear to simply give school systems which were found to be in "substantial compliance" the flexibility to find alternative means for identifying or serving the needs of handicapped children and youth.

There were over 700 people who attended last Wednesday's hearing. More than 75 individuals spoke to Dr. Shea and other members of the Board of Governors. Of those who elected to share their thoughts, only three or four spoke in favor of these proposed recommendations.

Speakers represented such organizations as the Rhode Island Association for Children with Learning Disabilities, the Rhode Island Association for Speech and Hearing, the National Education Association, the Rhode Island School Superintendents' Association, the Association of Rhode Island Supervisors of Special Education, the Rhode Island Association for Behaviorally Disordered Children, the Rhode Island Protection and Advocacy System, the Rhode Island Association of School Psychologists, and the Rhode Island Association of School Social Workers. In addition to speakers representing organizations, parents, legislators, college professors, and others spoke against the proposed task force recommendations.

Why all the fuss? After all, these are tough economic times!

Why shouldn't the Board of Governors support these recommendations?

One concern shared by some of us who spoke involved the composition of the task



Parents Plights And Rights

by Dr. Steve Imber

force itself. It should be more than academic interest that the Task Force did not include any parents, educators, or mental health professionals who are working with handicapped children. The Task Force included no special education administrators, school psychologists or social workers, professors knowledgeable about the field of handicapped children or parents of exceptional children.

Here are some of the many reasons parents, special and regular education teachers and administrators, school psychologists, school social workers and dissenting members of the Task Force itself, cited for maintaining the present timelines described in the regulations:

1. The present timelines serve as a structure for school personnel to complete various stages of the Special Education evaluation procedures.

2. Eliminating this structure might result in increased flexibility for special education personnel, but it is very possible that referrals and evaluations will pile up.

3. The present timelines serve as an act of 'good faith' to referring teachers and parents; to alter the timeline might save dollars, but increase parental concerns.

4. Any delays in the process will mean increased burdens upon the regular classroom teacher as he or she waits for possible assistance.

5. Children with learning and behavioral problems will experience considerable frustration while waiting to be served.

6. No evidence exists which indicates that most schools have been unable to meet the present timelines; furthermore, school psychologists, educational diagnosticians, and school social workers can probably meet the present timelines if their numbers are not arbitrarily decreased.

Some reasons that were voiced for rejecting the second recommendations include:

1. An exemption clause may very well result in a 'watering down' of special education services.

2. Staff ratios may be altered for economic reasons rather than for increased or improved educational or psychological service.

3. Exemptions would most likely be based on economic reasons rather than on 'hard data'; we should use the data we have available to us before making any changes and obtain research data from studies to be conducted by the State Department of

Education and other independent sources before altering the present regulations.

4. There is very likely to be some competition and mutual expectation regarding exemptions; when exemptions are granted for one community, the State Department of Education and the Commissioner of Education will be under considerable pressure to grant them to other communities.

5. If the regulations are watered down, there will most certainly be a decrease in school support by parents; additionally, morale of regular and special education teachers will also drop as increased demands are placed upon them caused by a loss in supportive personnel and increased case loads of handicapped children.

6. Long range effects of exemptions may be more costly to handicapped children and Rhode Islanders in general if such exemptions result in significant decreases of services to handicapped children and youth.

During the past several years the Board of Governors has worked hard to achieve improved service for all handicapped children and youth. Adoption of the Task Force recommendations in the absence of a careful analysis of research, will probably result in a decrease of quality education for regular and special education students. It is hoped that the Board will continue to advocate for improved implementation of the current regulations rather than to regress to an earlier era when many handicapped students who needed timely assistance received none at all.

Sinai Honors Sandler's At Special Service

An evening service followed by a special Oneg Shabbat will be held Friday, Dec. 11 at 8:15 p.m. at Temple Sinai in honor of Nate and Belle Sandler who are moving from the community.

Nate and Belle have been Temple Sinai's philanthropists and mentors for 23 years giving of their time and love unselfishly. Nate was head of the Ritual Committee for two decades. Belle ran the Oneg Shabbat so smoothly and so long that people dubbed it Belle's job. She is one of the only two women ever to be given life time membership to the Temple's Sisterhood. Last year, the Temple held a ceremony naming Nate "Man of the Year" for his association with Israeli Bonds. No one can remember when the Saturday Morning Minyan Breakfasts were not sponsored by the Sandler's.

This couple, who have been married over fifty years, will be sorely missed; for in sickness and in health, they never passed up a chance to serve the Temple and the Jewish Community.

Dvorah-Dayan Holds December Meeting

The Dvorah-Dayan Chapter of Pioneer Women will hold its December meeting at the home of Ruth and Sheldon Blustein, 11 Ruthven Street, Providence on Monday, Dec. 21 at 8 p.m.

The program will center around the Festival of Chanukah with kindling of the Lights of Chanukah. Ruth Garber will give a book review of "The Testament" by Elie Wiesel.

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Edited by Sylvia Rothchild
 Reviewed by Dr. Robert Michael, associate professor of European History,
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Within fifty years they will all be dead. Those Jewish survivors who were there, who saw, who suffered, who experienced the Holocaust. Their anguish and their sadness, their horror and their revenge, their love will all be gone. What we will have left will be documents and data, photographs and film. We will have our memory: of the events, of those killed by the Nazis and their allies, of those who survived the world-wide war against the Jews.

Sylvia Rothchild's new book, VOICES FROM THE HOLOCAUST, is a collection of these precious documents from the past, reflecting the life of survivors before the Holocaust, during the Holocaust, and after the Holocaust in the United States.

"It is hard to find words for a book so touching, so powerful. 'Voices From The Holocaust' reminds us that we are all survivors. It reminds us that human nature may encompass both absolute evil and courageous decency."
 — Anthony Lewis, *The New York Times*.

In Europe before 1933, the Jewish survivors of the Holocaust described themselves as rich or middle-class or poor; as Orthodox or secular; as assimilated or traditional; as educated or not — the variety was astounding. And there were peaceful times and pogroms. As one survivor of a 600-year-old Jewish community in Poland put it, Jewish life was "sizzling." These testimonies help us imagine what Jewish life was like, and what was lost in the Holocaust.

During the Holocaust itself, 1933-1945, the evidence of the survivors indicates how they experienced the horror that came upon them. And the world would never be the same, neither for them nor for the Gentiles. The Jews of Germany were discriminated against, their goods confiscated. They were attacked by mobs of brutes, by the social elite, by the religious, by the government, by law. Until the war came, 50 percent of the German Jews were allowed to flee. But with the war, the Nazis, with the active and/or passive collaboration of most Europeans, set out to destroy not only the remainder of the German Jews but the millions of Eastern and Western European Jews in their hands. The rest of the world, including the governments of the Allies, supposedly fighting for the finest human ideals of the West, and most Christian Churches, the moral leaders of Christendom — all stood silent in face of the destruction of the Jews. The Jews were alone.

"These tales deserve immortality. . .astounding insight into the human heart and will. And the climax to each survival is an upsurge of joy, of triumph, of everlasting hatred of the barbarians whom we should never forget or forgive."
 — Leo Rosten.

The Jewish reactions to the terrible onslaught of the Nazis were varied. Some Jews fled, others fought, most died, a few survived. Those who fled and survived had to be helped. Whereas many Gentiles seemed happy to see the Jews suffer and die, a few of the righteous acted as their brothers' keepers and helped the Jews.

The Jews died, and yet a few lived. How did they die? How did they live? They acted out Kiddush ha Shem, Sanctification of the Name, and Kiddush ha Chaim, Sanctification of Life. They kept their faith and did what would make God proud of them. They lost their faith and yet struggled to survive with the dignity worthy of human beings, resisting the Nazi attack on their humanity. The Jewish survivors fought to keep their identity and a decent family life. They had to have faith in man. We now know how misplaced this faith was. They needed to tell the world what had happened — to commemorate those who suffered and those who died; to save others in the future from such a fate. They had to survive to prove the validity of their suffering and in the end to defeat the Nazis by their very survival.

And to what did the survivors return once the liberation had set them free? Indeed, were they really free after all? They were not wanted by the nations of their birth. Having been discriminated against, expropriated, tortured, and murdered by the Nazis during the Holocaust, the Jews had similar experiences afterward. The Poles, for example, "began killing Jews. . . the handful who had survived the Holocaust" (p. 226). And so the surviving Jews went to Israel or America.

"Fabricated tales written by those who were not there pain those who were. Each voice in 'Voices From The Holocaust' powerfully, simply, speaks the truth. New tears mix with old as I thank them all."
 — Isabella Leitner, author of *Fragments Of Isabella*.

Confusion, fear, and rage bedeviled their continued struggle to survive well in America. They were not only foreigners, they were Jewish foreigners. But they ultimately found a home in the United States. They "not only adjusted to America but fell in love with it" (p. 305). The longer they lived here, the better they liked and appreciated it. What they loved was the opportunity to be free, to be what they wanted to be, to be Jewish, to be American, to be Jewish-American. Some survivors still had trouble with German and Germans. Others had trouble with being American. Had they survived the Holocaust only to be lovingly assimilated out of existence by America? What did their Jewish identity mean now? How should they react to their American children, to Israel, to their Holocaust past, to the future? Each had his own answer. To those Americans — Jew or Gentile — who refuse to learn about the Holocaust, the survivors stand as a warning about the tragic possibilities within history for the destruction of humanness and human beings when we harm and hate and refuse to love.

It is all here, in these voices from the Holocaust. Go and study.

Sylvia Rothchild Discusses Recent Book, 'Voices From The Holocaust'

Sylvia Rothchild, novelist, essayist and short story writer will be the featured speaker during Jewish Book Month (November 20-December 20) at the Jewish Community Center. The center will bring Rothchild to Providence from Boston on Monday, Dec. 14 at 7:30 p.m. to speak on "After the Silence — Reading and Writing About the Holocaust." Rothchild will discuss her recently published book, "Voices From The Holocaust" and also other books on the subject that have appeared in the last few years.

Sylvia Rothchild's works have been published in magazines such as *Commentary*, *Hadassah Magazine*, *Midstream*, *Present Tense*, and the *Boston Globe*. Her weekly column, "Reviews and Reflections" has appeared in *The Jewish Advocate* since 1961.

Her latest book, "Voices From The Holocaust" (NAL Books), which she edited, is based on 250 interviews with Holocaust survivors. She is also the author of one novel, *Sunshine And Salt*, and of the award-winning biography of I.L. Peretz, "Keys To A Magic Door."

Her published works, manuscripts and letters are collected at Boston University's



SYLVIA ROTHCHILD

Mugar Library. The lecture at the JCC is open to the community without charge.

Artifacts Of Polish Jewish History Put On Display At Harvard Library

BOSTON (JTA) — One thousand years of Polish Jewish history was put on view last week at Harvard's Widener Library with the opening of "Jewish Art and Artifacts: Lost and Rediscovered," a loan exhibition sponsored by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC) under the terms of an unusual cultural exchange agreement with the Polish Government.

At a dinner, given by Harvard University president Derek Bok, Poland's Minister of Religious Affairs, Jerzy Kuberski, hailed the exhibition as "testifying to the creativity of Jews living in Poland" and expressing the hope that the exhibition would "mark further cooperation and serve the common need for friendship and peace."

Kuberski recalled the statute of Kalisz, which he said was one of the world's first legal documents defining the rights and privileges of the Jewish community. The statute dates back to the year 1264.

Kuberski, who is also president of the International Association for Janusz Korczak, Polish Jewish author and educator who went with 200 children to the gas chambers at Treblinka, said the exhibition demonstrated "the contribution of Polish Jews — scholars, artisans, writers, rabbis and zakdim — to the repository of human achievement."

"The thousand year history of Polish Jewry depicted in this exhibition," he said, "is testimony to the existence of Jewish and Polish lives, so tragically broken and sanctified by the death of millions."

Praises Polish Government, Catholic Church
 Rabbi Philip Hiat, assistant to Rabbi Alexander Schindler, UAHC president, praised the Polish government and Catholic church authorities in Poland for their cooperation in making available the rare examples of Jewish art for the loan exhibition. Among the items on view, which Hiat helped to choose during three visits to Poland this year, are: a silver and gilt Torah Crown inlaid with semi-precious stones; a Torah mantle of silk and metallic thread; a 13th century Codex; and a 14th Century holiday prayerbook.

The exhibition will travel across the

United States, beginning with a private showing at the Knoedler gallery in New York and including the Skirball Museum in Los Angeles, and the Spertus Museum in Chicago. A public showing at the Jewish Museum in New York will be held next May.

In his remarks, Kuberski said also that a major exhibition of Jewish contributions to Polish thought, art, literature and history would be held in Cracow and Warsaw in April 1983 to mark the 40th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising.

ORT Chapters Hold Joint Pound Auction

A pound auction will be held as a joint meeting with the Providence and Elm Grove chapters of ORT on Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 8 p.m. at 15 Alton Rd., Providence.

Those planning to attend should bring a wrapped item, weighing at least one pound. The item will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. For further information call 272-8631.

Hope Chapter Of B'nai B'rith To Meet

The next regular meeting of B'nai B'rith Women Hope Chapter will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 8 p.m. at the home of Carol Glucksman, 84 Wauregan Dr., Warwick.

The program will consist of a candy-making demonstration followed by member participation in a candy-making project.

B'nai B'rith Sponsors Terrorism Lecture

Jimmy Klaber, will speak on "Terrorism in the World, Extremism in America" on Dec. 14, at 7:15 p.m., at Spingold Theater, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA. The event will be sponsored by B'nai B'rith Family (Men, Women, and Youth) Hillel, and the Anti-defamation League.

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Dean Of Jewish Theological Seminary To Address Temple Emanu-El Meeting

Rabbi Michael B. Greenbaum, the Associate Dean of Administration of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, will speak at a breakfast meeting at Temple Emanu-El on Sunday, Dec. 13, at 9:30 a.m. This meeting, sponsored by the Seminary's Friends of Rhode Island, will honor Mrs. Benton Odessa who received the Seminary's National Community Award on Nov. 22.

Rabbi Greenbaum is also an instructor in Judaica at the Seminary. He is a member of the senior administration, and chairman of the Seminary's Budget Review Committee. Currently, he is the Seminary official in charge of building and planning the new library building.

Rabbi Greenbaum has been a member of the Board of Governors of the New York Board of Rabbis and represents the Seminary as Treasurer of the Joint Retirement Board. He serves on both the National Youth Commission of the United Synagogue of America and the Advisory Board of the Center for Constitutional Studies at the University of Notre Dame Law School.

He attended Yeshiva University in New York City and received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Florida. He holds a Master of Hebrew Literature degree from the Seminary, where he received the Lillian M. Lowenfeld Prize in Practical Theology and the Rabbi Morris Silverman Award in Liturgy. Having received a Masters of Education from Teachers College Columbia University, he is now a doctoral candidate at the institution in the field of Higher Education Administration.

Dr. Charles Kahn and Jacob N. Temkin are co-chairmen of the Rhode Island Friends of the Seminary event. Manfred Weil is chairman of major gifts; Dr. and Mrs. Joseph G. Fishbein are coordinators of publicity; Mrs. Lila Winograd and Mrs. Jeanne Weil are chairing special events.

Other committee members include: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ackerman, Dr. and Mrs. Paul Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Max Alperin, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Alperin, Dr. and Mrs. Eliot Barron, Mrs. Alden H. Blackman, Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Bolusky,



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Majestic Senior Guild Meets

The Majestic Senior Guild will hold its regular meeting on Tues., Dec. 15 at 1:30 p.m. at Temple Torat Yisrael, Park Ave., Cranston. This is the last meeting until March. Refreshments will be served.

The annual chanukah party will be held Tues., Dec. 22 at noon at Temple Torat Yisrael. A full course kosher catered dinner will be served. Professional entertainment with an Israeli husband and wife duo will be the highlight of the afternoon.

The committee consists of Etta Swerling, Sally Saltzman, Simon Chorney, Bella Mendelovitz, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Connis, and Ben Gross.

Visitation to the Medical Center will be made on Friday, Dec. 11. Services for the oncoming holidays will be officiated by Rabbi Handler. Sandwiches, pastries and gifts will be given to all. Committee includes Mr. and Mrs. Sam Goodman and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stairman.

Plans for a trip to the Catskills Mts. is scheduled in May 1982 for five nights and six days. Details will be given at the December meeting.

Ladies' Assoc. Plans Chanukah Musicales

The Ladies' Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged will extend a special welcome to its new members at an open board meeting and Chanukah Musicales on Dec. 16 at 12:30 p.m. in the Home auditorium, 99 Hillside Avenue.

The musical program will feature Shari Mandel, vocalist and folk-singer and her accompanist, Etti Merkine, an Israeli musician. Special Chanukah refreshments will precede the meeting, and new members will be honored. All are welcome.

Jeanne Weil is program chairman and hospitality is being arranged by Yetta Harrison and Sophie Cort.

Pawt. Central Falls Hadassah Meets

The Pawtucket-Central Falls Chapter of Hadassah will hold its next regular meeting at the Providence Jewish Community Center, Elm Grove Ave., on December 14 at 7:30 p.m.

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