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## Linowitz Says Autonomy Agreement Between Egypt, Israel Is Achievable

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Sol Linowitz, who was President Carter's special envoy to the Middle East, stressed last week that an autonomy agreement between Israel and Egypt is "achievable" because, he asserted, there are "no unsolvable problems."

Linowitz, who returned from a "private" visit to Egypt and Israel, said that both Premier Menachem Begin and President Hosni Mubarak are determined to seek an autonomy agreement because they believe there is no alternative to the Camp David process.

Answering questions from reporters at a breakfast press conference sponsored by Foreign Policy magazine, Linowitz said the Israelis "recognize" that if the Camp David process is allowed to fade and die, any other plan, such as the proposals by Crown Prince Fahd of Saudi Arabia or the initiative by the European Economic Community (EEC) countries, will not be as favorable to Israel.

### Says Mubarak Wants Peace Process To Continue

As for Mubarak, who arrives here this afternoon for talks beginning tomorrow with the Reagan Administration, he wants to prove to the Arab world that Egypt does not just want the return of Sinai but is seeking autonomy for the Palestinians of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Linowitz said.

He said that when he met with Mubarak in Cairo last month, the Egyptian President assured him that he wants to continue with the peace process. He said Mubarak stressed that Israel did not sign the Fahd plan or the European initiative but only the Camp David accords.

Linowitz said the April 25 date when Israel is scheduled to complete its withdrawal from Sinai "is a good date to shoot at" for an autonomy agreement but "not directly relevant to the autonomy negotiations." He said there is no deadline for such agreement.

At the same time, Linowitz maintained that if Israel and Egypt and the U.S. worked out an agreement, the Palestinians of the West Bank and Gaza Strip would join in. He said in that case they would inform the Palestine Liberation Organization that

they planned to participate in the autonomy, just as they did when they wanted to participate in the West Bank mayoral elections despite PLO opposition.

### Critical Of Reagan Administration

Linowitz, who said he speaks to Secretary of State Alexander Haig "from time to time," was mildly critical of the Reagan Administration for not giving major attention to the autonomy negotiations until Haig's two trips to Israel and Egypt last month. He said he had advised the Administration in January, 1981, to name a replacement for him immediately, something the Administration was reluctant to do. He said the alternative would have been for Haig to involve himself directly in the negotiations, similar to former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's shuttle diplomacy.

Linowitz reserved judgment on Haig's decision to appoint a special representative, Richard Fairbanks, who until recently was Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations and has no experience in the Middle East and would report directly to Haig. But Linowitz warned that now that the Administration has given the autonomy talks "high priority," it "cannot now relegate it to an unimportant position."

Meanwhile, Haig told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today that Reagan has approved naming Fairbanks to work full time to help Israel and Egypt move ahead on the autonomy issue.

### Cites Five Issues Involved In Autonomy Talks

Linowitz said that, as was the case when he ended his tenure as special ambassador, 80 percent of the problems have been solved for an autonomy agreement. He said the same five issues he outlined in 1980 still remained to be solved.

The first three issues are the need to protect Israel's security in the autonomous areas, water rights and the question of public lands, including Jewish settlements on the West Bank. Linowitz said that the Israelis have adhered to the assurances given him that only four more settlements

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## Winoker Leads Statewide Benefit

PROVIDENCE — The Rhode Island Friends of National Jewish Hospital/National Asthma Center (NJH/NAC) have named James R. Winoker, president of B.B. Greenberg Co. to chair their 10th annual dinner gala to benefit the world-famed Denver respiratory and immune disease hospital.

The fund-raiser, honoring Edward E. Mulligan, president and director of the Narragansett Electric Company, will be held on Wednesday, March 10 at the Biltmore Plaza Hotel.

Proceeds from the benefit will help continue the exemplary medical care provided to chronic sufferers of respiratory disease and immune disorders, to persons from Rhode Island and the rest of the state — without regard to age, race, faith or financial circumstances.

Among the many organizations with which Winoker is involved are the Providence Industrial Development Corporation, Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce, National Conference of Christian and Jews, R.I. Hospital Trust National Bank, R.I. Public Expenditure Council, R.I. Philharmonic Orchestra, and the Nicholas Brown Society of Brown University. He also serves as a trustee of Temple Emanuel and the Jewish Federation of R.I.



JAMES R. WINOKER

A graduate of Brown University and Harvard Graduate School of Business, Winoker is the founding president of the Jewelry Institute, and a director of Manufacturers Jewlers & Silversmiths of America.

For additional information about the event, call Joan Booth at (401) 331-3211.



THE NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORY Klezmer Band will perform on Sunday, Feb. 7 at 8 p.m., at the Jewish Community Center.

## The Jews Of France Who Advise Mitterrand

PARIS (JTA) — Quickly and without much fanfare, the new President of France entered the offices where the civil marriage of one of his most trusted aides was to take place. It is not everyone that has the President of the Republic attend his or her wedding ceremony. But that's what happens to Jacques Attali, special consultant to President Francois Mitterrand, with offices in the Elysee Palace.

Due to a pressing schedule, the President could not attend the synagogue service, but many high government officials did. This was, of course, their tribute to Attali — a strong supporter of Mitterrand, active in the Jewish community, a vice president of the Fonds Social Juif Unifie (similar to the Council of Jewish Federations in the United States), and who at the age of 20 graduated at the head of the class from the Ecole Polytechnique.

It is a truism in France, which was the first European country to grant Jews equality, that Jews have risen to the highest positions in government and industry. Leon Blum, Rene Mayar and Pierre Mendes-France were all Presidents of France, which today has a Jewish population of more than 700,000 and is the fourth largest Jewish community in the world.

### Active In The Jewish Community

Moreover, there are more Jewish Cabinet members in the Mitterrand Administration than in previous governments in recent years; three of the four Jews in the Cabinet have been very active in the Jewish community for many years.

Today, in the new Administration of Mitterrand, there are those who were with him in the old days — when the Socialists were in the political wilderness, so to speak; who advised him on policies, and who are now part of the entourage which already has decreed and set in motion much economic and political change in France.

But in a country which has a long tradition of secular government, it should be remembered that these men were picked not because they were Jewish but because of their ability, and their belief in the Socialist platform.

Indeed, the new French Administration's policy towards Israel has steered pretty much on the same course as the previous Administrations, although there are nuances. The new government is emotionally closer to Israel. An example of this is that Mitterrand will visit Israel in

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## Panel On Bigotry Plans Weekend

The Rhode Island Coalition Against Bigotry (RICAB) has declared the weekend of February 19 to 21, 1982, as a special time to "Expose Bigotry and Discrimination in Rhode Island." This designated weekend has been endorsed by the state's Catholic, Episcopal, Protestant, Orthodox, and Jewish religious leaders.

During the Interfaith Weekend, priests, ministers, and rabbis are being asked to insert articles into congregation newsletters, hold special religious-education classes, and/or preach special sermons on the problems of racism, anti-semitism, bigotry, and violence. RICAB has provided extensive background materials on these topics to every clergyperson in Rhode Island.

According to RICAB Chairman, the Rev. Dr. Paul G. Gillespie, "the purpose of the Interfaith Weekend is to take steps to eradicate racist, anti-semitic and violent attitudes and actions. We expect local ministers and clergy of all faiths to use the materials we have provided for them in a variety of ways to help address what has become a major problem in our community."

The Rhode Island Coalition Against Bigotry is a statewide coalition which was formed in October of 1980, in response to Nazi threats against the Jewish community and social-change activists, and Ku Klux Klan activity directed at the black community. More than 30 religious, governmental, and community groups are now a part of RICAB.



NEW YORK — Chai-lighting a 13-week celebration of Jewish Music in 1982, sponsored by the JWB Jewish Music Council, is the "dancing poster" work of a bright, new Jewish artist, it was announced this week by Leonard Kaplan, JWB Jewish Music Council president. Kaplan explained that the 14-by-21-inch bold, blue poster, conceived by former Philadelphia Dain Marcus, would be the trademark of the observance that runs from Saturday (Shabbat Shirah, Sabbath of Song), Feb. 6, 1982, through Wednesday, April 28 (Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel Independence Day).

"When the JWB Jewish Music Council invited me to submit designs for this year's poster, Marcus said, 'I decided it should convey both the activity of music and the joyful feeling of Judaism, so I selected the bold, blue hue together with the exuberant touches of color — pink, orange and yellow.' He fashioned the dancing wind instrument with the Hebrew letters for Shirah emerging as though they were musical notes.

The Music Council has prepared a mailing of some 8,000 kits that are being directed to Jewish Community Centers, YM and YWHAs and camps in the JWB North American network; to synagogues, cantors, rabbis, educators and librarians. The kits contain the Jewish Music poster and flyer.

## Sharon Assures Knesset Members That Egypt Will Not End Peace Process

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Defense Minister Ariel Sharon assured Knesset members last week that Egypt would not end the peace process with Israel after the evacuation of Sinai is completed next April 26.

Briefing the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee on his visit to Cairo, Sharon said that after the Sinai withdrawal, Egypt will press Israel for more concessions but will not launch war against Israel or break diplomatic relations. Therefore, Sharon recommended that Israel tone down its political declarations and not panic as the withdrawal date approaches.

Hawks and doves on the committee joined in a call for the immediate evacuation of the northern Sinai settlers, some of

whom are quarreling with the government over compensation while others oppose withdrawal under any circumstances.

Danny Rosolio of the Labor Alignment and Likud MKs Amnon Lin and Dror Seigerman agreed that upholding the law took precedence over any other considerations.

Sharon disagreed with former Premier Yitzhak Rabin of the Labor Party who proposed that if no autonomy agreement is reached with Egypt by the Sinai withdrawal deadline, Israel should give a "second thought" to the entire peace process. Sharon said, "I am not in favor of any second thought but had I been, it would have been a very difficult decision which should be based on a wide national consensus."

## Peres, Begin Launch War Of Words Over Soviet Jewry

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Premier Menachem Begin and Labor Party chairman Shimon Peres are engaged in a war of words over the issue of Soviet Jewry and Israel's handling of the problem.

It started with a statement by Peres last week that the Likud government was "not Zionist" because it paid insufficient attention to the plight of Soviet Jewry and that immigration to Israel had dropped to an all-time low. Instead, Peres said, the government had pushed for a pact with the U.S. to line Israel up solidly against the Soviet Union and thus reduced the chances of the USSR allowing further emigration.

Peres was referring to the memorandum of understanding on strategic cooperation that was signed by Defense Minister Ariel Sharon and U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger in Washington last November.

Begin's office responded yesterday with a statement that Peres did not know what he was talking about, but adding that the true facts were too secret to be published. "The true information cannot be divulged even to refute a false accusation," the Premier's statement said.

The Labor Party responded by describing Begin's reply as "crude. This is a wild and haughty style characteristic of Begin. He applies to the country at large the same objectionable habits with which he runs

## Myasthenia Gravis Center To Open In R.I.

The Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of Rhode Island is in the process of establishing an MG research center in Providence.

This new center will be run in the same manner as other existing centers throughout the country.

The hospital's director, where the center will be located, will select a graduate student physician to take charge and work full time to try to discover new methods in MG research and all other problems connected with the disease.

Currently the R.I. chapter is looking for a fund-raiser for this project. If you are interested please contact Irving D. Paster, R.I. Chapter Chairman, 210 Regency West, Providence, RI 02903.

Herut."

The Herut leadership thereupon denounced the Labor Party's "abusive style," saying that when it had nothing of substance to say it resorted to mud-slinging and personal abuse.

Sources in the Premier's office said the drop in emigration from the Soviet Union was due to the "tragic shortcomings of the Labor government during the Yom Kippur War days."

## Diabetes Association To Meet

Dr. Charles Kahn, a well-known diabetes specialist will speak on diabetic neuropathy, a complication of diabetes that affects the nervous system.

The discussion, on Thursday, Feb. 18 at 7:30 p.m. will be held at the Sopkin Auditorium of the Miriam Hospital. For more information call 331-0099.

A previously scheduled program, "Stress and Diabetes," has been rescheduled for March.

## Newman To Speak At URI Hillel

Hillel's Lunch Program at the University of Rhode Island will present Frank Newman, president of URI on Thursday, Feb. 4 at 12:15 p.m.

The discussion, "URI in an Era of Reaganomics" will take place at the Hillel House, 34 Lower College Road. Lunch fee is \$2.50 and the lecture is free.

For more information and reservations call 789-1922.

## Beth-El Winter Study Group To Meet

Temple Beth-El Sisterhood Winter Study Group will meet at the Temple, Thursday, Feb. 11 at 10 a.m. Mrs. Claire Berk will be the speaker for the session discussing "Women Trailblazers in the World of Theatre." Everyone is welcome to attend.

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## Timerman Decries Lack Of Jewish Response To Rising Anti-Semitism

NEW YORK (JTA) — Jacobo Timerman, the Argentine publisher who was imprisoned without charges for more than two years, warned this week that the danger of rising anti-Semitism all over the world represents a situation similar to the one Jews faced in the 1930's and that now, as then, the Jewish response has been passivity and silence.

Timerman voiced this concern at a luncheon in his honor at which he was presented the 1982 Human Rights Award of Americans for Progressive Israel-Hashomer Hatzair, the American affiliate of Mapam, and its sister organizations, the Givat Haviva Educational Foundation and Kibbutz Artzi. Timerman also received a Proclamation of the New York State Legislature honoring him for his defense of human rights.

### Repeating Mistakes Of The 1930's

Timerman, a member of Hashomer Hatzair since his youth, told the audience of over 400 people, including many union representatives, that the "Jewish establishment" leaders are repeating the same mistakes of the 1930's in not speaking out forcefully against anti-Semitism everywhere.

"The Jewish establishment does not want to accept the existence of anti-Semitism — criminal aggression against the Jewish people — unless it coincides with its needs for an anti-Communist campaign," he said. "They do not denounce anti-Semitism occurring in fascist countries, only in Communist countries."

The former publisher and editor of La Opinion of Buenos Aires, now a resident of Tel Aviv, said that, in the case of Argentina, the Jewish establishment "does not say a word about Jews in prison" because Argentina is a "client" of Israel's armaments industry. Timerman also said that Israel's armaments industry is "working against the people of Latin America," particularly El Salvador and Guatemala, in selling arms to these governments.

### Union Leader Warns Of New Holocaust

David Livingston, president of District

## Role Of Prayer, Topic At Assembly

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Rabbi William Frankel of Am Yisrael Conservative Congregation of North Shore, Northfield, Illinois, will serve as the Chairman for the 1982 Convention of the Rabbinical Assembly, the association of 1200 Conservative Rabbis in the U.S. and Canada, from Sunday, April 25-April 29 at the Concord Hotel, Kiamesha Lake, N.Y.

Rabbi Frankel announced that a major topic of discussion will be the role of prayer in contemporary life, particularly changes that have taken place resulting from varying life styles and population shifts.

Some sessions at the Convention will review new aspects and trends in Jewish education, the theology of education and problems of the practical rabbinat.

Since the Convention dates coincide with Yom Haatzmaut, special programs will be devoted to Israel's Independence celebration and a complete review of current Middle East problems.

Rabbi Frankel currently serves as President of the Chicago Zionist Federation.

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65 of the AFL-CIO, told the audience that Timerman's book, "Prisoner Without a Name, Cell Without a Number," "reminds us what it means to be a Jew in a world which does not have a place for Jews." Timerman, he continued, "has reminded us that the Holocaust could happen momentarily — and anywhere."

The luncheon also featured the announcement that the sponsoring organizations' 1982 Human Rights Award was also being given to Helen Suzman, a member of the South African Parliament for 28 years, for her work against apartheid there. Moshe Kagan, chairman of the API's policy committee, said Suzman has fought valiantly for human rights in South Africa. The award was accepted for Suzman, who could not attend the luncheon, by Leo Nevas, vice president of the International League for Human Rights.

## Reagan To Receive Gold Medal

NEW YORK — President Ronald Reagan has been selected as the recipient of the 17th Charles Evans Hughes Gold Medal of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the organization's highest award, it was announced by Irving Mitchell Felt, national chairman of NCCJ's Executive Board.

Reagan will be presented with the gold medal at the Charles Evans Hughes Gold Medal dinner on Mar. 23, in the Grand Ballroom of the New York Hilton.

Felt, who will chair the dinner, said that the Hughes Gold Medal is given "for courageous leadership in governmental, civic and humanitarian affairs." It is named for Chief Justice Hughes, one of the founders of the NCCJ.

Felt noted that, "although three Presidents of the United States have received the gold medal, this is the first time that an incumbent President will receive our Charles Evans Hughes Gold Medal."

Two Supreme Court Justices and two Secretaries of State are among the other gold medal recipients in the 16-year history of this award.

Founded in 1928 the NCCJ is a non-profit human relations organization engaged in a nationwide program of intergroup education to eliminate prejudice and discrimination.

## Religious Councils In Row Concerning Kosher Brisket

LOS ANGELES — Two rabbinical groups in this city are arguing whether or not a brisket of beef is kosher, according to the Wall Street Journal.

The dispute involves the Rabbinical Council of California, the United Orthodox Rabbinate of Los Angeles and the Acme Meat Co.

Acme Meat Co. and the United Orthodox Rabbinical Council filed a suit this month against the Rabbinical Council. The Council has been accused of antitrust violations, price fixing, restraint of trade and slander for withholding certification from Acme's kosher slaughtering operation.

The suit makes the following charges: Acme was forced to close its kosher operation because lack of certification by the Rabbinical Council made it impossible to sell Acme products to Los Angeles's 17 or 18 kosher butchers.

The Rabbinical Council offered to reinstate the certification if Acme Meat agreed to pay Rabbi Solomon Spitz who is an inspecting rabbi and council member, \$400 a month.

## Minister Approves Limited Use Of Anti-Cancer Drug

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Health Minister Eliezer Shostak has announced that he is giving the green light to the medical profession for the controlled use of the Israeli-developed anti-cancer drug, DMBG, denied to Reuven Maayan, a terminal cancer patient, because of legal complications.

Maayan died Saturday, a day after the Supreme Court, to which he had appealed for permission to be given the drug, issued its decision upholding the ban on legal grounds.

Shostak said he was giving the go-ahead order at the express request of Premier Menachem Begin, who was reportedly deeply moved by dramatic and emotional radio and television interviews with Maayan only days before his death.

But the Weizmann Institute of Science, where the drug is being tested, said yesterday its researchers thought it was still too early to license the drug for human use.

The Rabbinical Council has not yet responded to these charges.

The two religious leaders, Rabbi Yale Butler and Rabbi Melvin Teitelbaum claim that Acme, when owned by a different contractor was labeling meats as kosher when those meats were not kosher. Acme denies this charge, but rabbis claim that Acme has hired the two employees who were once employed by the parent company that Acme contracted with. When with that company, these employees were said to have labeled non-kosher meat as kosher.

The two rabbis claim that Acme will not allow them on the premises to inspect the meat, a claim that Paul Blackman, one of Acme's owners denies. Blackman calls the charges leveled by the two rabbis, "a bunch of baloney."

The entire affair has the religious groups so angry with each other that they have resorted to questioning the credentials of each other's organization. It has also caused troubles for some of the small kosher markets in the Los Angeles area, who are faced with the threat of having their certification revoked by the Rabbinical Council if they purchase products from Acme.

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## Leading Bible Interpreter A Modest Humble Woman, Nehama Leibowitz

by Carl Alpert

HAIFA — On a cold, rainy night some 500 Haifa residents crowded into the Pevsner auditorium on Hadar Hacarmel, took their seats, quietly exchanged greetings with friends, and waited. On the platform was a table, a chair and a blackboard.

One of the last arrivals, an elderly woman, shook the rain drops off her brief case and peered about apprehensively. Few paid any attention to her. Eager eyes looked out from under the brown beret; wisps of short gray hair were visible. Was she looking for a seat? She edged forward slowly, approached the front of the hall and then quietly mounted the platform. Dr. Nehama Leibowitz, whom the crowd had come to hear, had arrived!

She is almost never interviewed. Her name does not appear in any of the Jewish or Israel Who's Who volumes. Yet in 1956 she was awarded the prestigious Israel Prize for her contributions to education and at a reputed age of 78 is still going strong as Israel's most famous teacher of Bible. Biographical notes about her are sparse. She was born in Riga, educated in Berlin and in 1926 came to Jerusalem where she has made her home ever since.

From the earliest years her personal commentaries on the Bible attracted attention and friends asked her to set her notes down on paper. Her weekly sheets, Gilyonot, were much in demand and for some 30 years they enjoyed a world-wide circulation. Each week she dealt with the Bible portion of that week and for 30 years seldom repeated herself. Kibbutz members, soldiers, farmers, young people, educators, all begged to be on her mailing list.

Nehama Leibowitz's hour and a half

## Editor's Mailbox

### EDITOR

I think you will be interested to hear the reaction of myself and some of my friends to the marked improvement of your paper in recent months. News coverage of Jewish current events has broadened, feature articles of Jewish personalities have been more interesting and, in general, your paper has been more enjoyable to read. Keep up the good work.

Gloria Jarcho  
Providence, R.I. 02906

## Ayatollah Denounces Fahd Peace Plan

GENEVA (JTA) — The Iranian delegation to the United Nations issued a scathing denunciation last week of the plan proposed by Crown Prince Fahd of Saudi Arabia last August. The statement, by the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, declared: "It is a disgrace for Arabs who rule because of their own interests to accept this plan. If all of us die, it is better than to be displaced at the hands of Zionists and Americans."

Although the Fahd plan no more than implied acceptance of Israel by the Arab world if it withdraws from all occupied Arab territories, including East Jerusalem, and allows the establishment of a Palestinian state, the Iranian statement asserted that "One of the points of the plan is that Israel should be recognized." The statement added, "If all the points were positive, this point in itself would be enough to negate the whole plan."

The Iranian statement interpreted "peace with Israel" as meaning "that should any country or man decide to do anything against these plunderers, then all Moslems in the region must attack other Moslems to preserve Israel."

According to the Iranians, even if Israel would withdraw from some of the land it occupies it "can keep what it got as if it belongs to itself. The plan provides that the rest of the land will remain under the sovereignty of Israel. It seeks the domination of Israel over the Arab and Islamic armies." The statement concluded with a warning to "the Moslem people that if this plan is accepted, tomorrow Israel will annex even Mecca and Medina."

presentation in Haifa took on the format of one of her Gilyonot. To say that she lectured would not be an accurate description of what she did. True, she talked, but the questions she hurled at the audience were almost as many as her declarative sentences. She encouraged replies, made provocative statements, encouraged more response from the huge crowd, but was every moment in complete command: the master teacher.

She needed no words of introduction, no light anecdote or joke to "warm up" the audience. She began with the business at hand. If she drew liberally on quotations from Rashi, the Ramban, Abarbanel, Radak, Ibn Ezra, the Kabbala and the Talmud, she also knew how to get her audience to relate to things immediately familiar to them and names and phrases like James Bond, Teddy Kolek, Bialik, the stock exchange, protectzia and mosquito bites peppered her presentation.

Her lined face beamed with a warm smile when she extracted a clever reply from her auditors. There was repartee between platform and audience. Her voice was female, but deep and penetrating. She analyzed passages — literary, religious dialectic analysis. She played on words. She contrasted rational and irrational approaches. She was never at a loss for words, for ideas, for fresh approaches. She demonstrated very clearly that the Bible is indeed an inexhaustible source of wisdom and knowledge; we can turn it this way and turn it that way and always find something new.

Jerusalem and Tel Aviv audiences get to hear her more often, though she reaches the whole country by her periodic radio broadcasts. For the Haifa audience this was an unusual exposition of brilliance and personal charm — from a slight and modest woman approaching her 80s.

Which portion of the week did she discuss? It makes no difference. Nehama Leibowitz transforms each of them into a fascinating exercise of study in Jewish history, human nature and G-d's will.

## Jewish Leaders Fear That Soviet Jews Will Once Again Become 'Silent Jewry'

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The presidium of the World Conference on Soviet Jewry, comprising 65 Jewish leaders from 14 countries, began a three-day meeting here last week overshadowed by the concern that the Soviet government is cutting off emigration by Jews from the Soviet Union.

There is a fear that the Soviet Jews will once again become the "silent Jewry," Leon Dulzin, chairman of the World Conference, said in an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Jewish emigration, which rose to more than 51,000 in 1979, trickled down to only 9,447 last year. Dulzin noted that at the same time, there has been a sharp increase in the

## Govt. Survives No-Confidence Vote On Sinai

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Premier Menachem Begin's government narrowly survived a no-confidence vote last week in a Knesset angered by what it declared to be excessive compensation payments to the settlers in northern Sinai.

The 55-52 vote against the no-confidence motion followed the adoption of a resolution by the Knesset last night describing as "scandalous waste" the government's offer to pay the settlers over a quarter billion dollars. The money is to compensate them for the homes, farms and businesses they will have to leave behind when Israel completes its final withdrawal from Sinai next April 25.

The sum, proposed by Deputy Premier and Agriculture Minister Simcha Ehrlich and endorsed by Begin, split the Cabinet. Ministers supporting the deal argued that the high price was necessary to assure a peaceful evacuation of Sinai. But others, notably Finance Minister Yoram Aridor, warned that the payment would touch off a new round of inflation.

The settlers themselves have not yet accepted the offer. Businessmen in the Yamit region have called it unfair because they would receive less than farmers.

## Agudath Israel Says Rabbi Shach's Address On Golan Distorted In Media

Agudath Israel of America issued the following statement in connection with recent published reports and comments on an address delivered in Jerusalem by Rabbi Eliezer Shach:

Agudath Israel of America views with shock and dismay the distortion in the media of the address held in Jerusalem at the opening session of the international executive meeting of the Agudath Israel World Organization by the presidium — member of the Moetzes Gedolei HaTorah (Council of Torah Sages) in Israel, Rabbi Eliezer Shach, the venerable Rosh Yeshiva of the Ponoviez Yeshiva. The false perception of Rabbi Shach's address has resulted in an unprecedented number of brazen and scurrilous attacks against the universally respected Rosh Yeshiva, which cannot be permitted to pass by in silence.

Rabbi Shach's remarks were part of an address delineating the classical Torah approach to the relations of Jews with other nations, which calls for extreme caution when one realistically assesses the vulnerability of Jews the world over.

Rabbi Shach's critique of Prime Minister Begin, whom he parenthetically lauded as having a positive attitude towards religion, dealt solely with the demonstrative act of rushing through the Knesset the political annexation of the Golan Heights area, a step which in no way enhanced the military security position of Israel. The stance of Rabbi Shach in opposing such a provocative act which had no substantive meaning for Israel's safety was publicly shared by many veterans of Israel's military and diplomatic service.

In no way and at no time did the Rosh Yeshiva suggest that Israel give up its hold on the Golan Heights as some of the media imply; he referred only to the new Golan Law which he called a blunder and harmful to Jewish interests.

Moreover, it is reprehensible that part of this campaign of "disinformation" includes foisting an image on the public as if there are differences of opinion on this subject between Rav Shach and the revered Gerer

Rebbe Rabbi Simcha Bunim Alter and other members of the Moetzes Gedolei HaTorah. Nothing could be further from the truth. The instructions to the Agudist members of Knesset to abstain from voting for the Golan Law came from the Gerer Rebbe as well as from Rabbi Shach.

In accordance with the dictates of Halacha, we vigorously protest the shameful disrespect expressed towards one of the greatest Roshei Yeshiva of our generation, a giant in Torah study who heads the largest Yeshiva in Eretz Israel, in total disregard of the principle of Kovod HaTorah which is a basic tenet of our faith.

## Germany Bans Neo-Nazi Party

BONN (JTA) — West German authorities banned a neo-Nazi party because it aimed in "a conscious and desired effort" to revive Hitler's program. The crackdown on the People's Socialist Movement of Germany-Labor Party and its youth section, the Young Front, came in a series of raids last week in West Berlin, Bavaria, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Hesse and Loer Saxony, the authorities said.

Hundreds of rounds of ammunition, Nazi-like flags, swastikas, portraits of Hitler and neo-Nazi material were seized. Some of the literature was thought to have been sent here from American neo-Nazi Gary Lauck, who operates from Lincoln, Nebraska.

PARIS (JTA) — The Palestine Liberation Organization office in Budapest has been granted diplomatic status, according to the official Hungarian news agency, MTI.

News reports from Budapest said that PLO chief Yasir Arafat, who is on an official visit to Hungary, held talks with Prime Minister Gyorgy Lazar and Foreign Minister Frigyes Pula. Last October the Soviet Union announced it was giving official diplomatic status to the PLO office in Moscow.

number of "hardcore" refuseniks, Jews who have been denied exit visas more than once and who have thus suffered the loss of jobs and have been subject to harassment of various kinds.

In January 1980, there were 2,984 refuseniks, Dulzin said. The number rose to 4,741 by January 1981 and 5,798 by last September. At the same time, he pointed out, the Soviet government is not allowing the necessary affidavits from Israel to reach Soviet Jews who want to apply for exit visas.

### Aim Of The Meeting

Dulzin, who is also chairman of the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency Executives, said that the meeting here last week was aimed at arousing public opinion again for the cause of Soviet Jewry. It is also to demonstrate to Soviet Jewry that "we are not neglecting them and will continue the struggle," he said.

One decision that is expected to come out of the meeting is to hold a third Brussels conference on Soviet Jewry either this year or early next year, Dulzin said. At the first conference in 1971, world public opinion on Soviet Jewry was coordinated. The second in 1976, was held after the Soviet government placed an "education tax" on emigrants. It was repealed later.

Dulzin said that since the first Brussels conference, some 260,000 Jews have emigrated from the USSR, 185,000 of them settling in Israel. But, he said, since 1979, the peak year for emigration, there has been a problem of Noshrim ("dropouts"). Last year 85 percent of the Jews who left the Soviet Union went to some other country than Israel, Dulzin said. He blamed the dropout problem in part for the Soviet clampdown on emigration since, he said, the USSR did not want the Jews to go to the United States.

Other Countries Where Jews Are In Danger  
Beside the Soviet Union, Dulzin said there were three other countries where Jews were in danger — Iran, Ethiopia and Syria. In Ethiopia, Dulzin said "we are doing everything possible to save" the Falashas who face extermination, and bring them to Israel.

In the other countries, there was little that could be done now, he said. He said the Iranian Jews were suffering along with the rest of the population of Iran. There is concern for the suffering of the 4,000 Jews left in Syria, Dulzin said, but the government there would not allow them to leave.

Dulzin said there was no Jewish problem in Poland despite the anti-Semitic attitude of the government because there were so few Jews left in the country. He said the Polish government's charges that Zionists were behind the opposition to the Communist rulers is proof that anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism are the same thing. He said the Polish government was still using anti-Semitism "even if you don't have Jew there."

As for South America, Dulzin said that he did not believe that Jews there were in danger, at least in the short term. Of course, he added, "we would like the Jew of South America to come to Israel."

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## Israel Takes Grave View Of Terrorist Infiltration

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel is using diplomatic channels to convey to the United States and other Western powers the very grave view it takes of the terrorist infiltration of the West Bank from Jordan last week. It has also indicated to Jordan, through Western diplomats, that it regards Jordanian measures to prevent such infiltration to be inadequate or ineffective.

A band of three El Fatah terrorist was captured by Israeli forces Saturday after a two-day manhunt. Two and possibly three others escaped. Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Moshe Arens, Israel's Ambassador-designate to the U.S., are insisting that the infiltration represents a serious breach of the cease-fire which the U.S. arranged last summer.

Chief of Staff Gen. Rafael Eitan said virtually the same thing at a press conference Saturday night at which he announced the capture of three terrorists, two of them wounded in a clash with Israeli forces.

The severity of Israel's reaction to what was an aborted incursion with no casualties or damage inflicted on Israel has given rise to speculation that Israel might be planning a strike at PLO targets in Lebanon. The Jerusalem Post reported today that foreign diplomatic sources in Israel hold that view and believe Israel is trying to prepare world opinion.

### Latest Of A Series Of Violations

According to government sources, the infiltration attempt last week was the latest of a series of cease-fire violations by the PLO. The sources claim there have been about 60 acts of sabotage and sabotage attempts since the agreement took effect last July 1, three of them in south Lebanon, more than 20 from Jordan and ten terrorist acts of attempts in Europe.

Shamir and Arens insisted this week that the cease-fire, worked out by U.S. special envoy Philip Habib required the Palestine Liberation Organization to cease all activity on all fronts with Israel and anywhere else in the world. But American and United Nations sources in Lebanon have expressed surprise at that interpretation. They say the cease-fire applied only to hostile activity across the Lebanese border.

Meanwhile, the Government Press Office and Army spokesmen have released a great deal of "background information" on the situation in south Lebanon, including allegations of a terrorist military buildup there.

## Haig Talks To Gromyko About Emigration Of Jews

GENEVA (JTA) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig, who held talks here last week with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he had raised the issue of Soviet Jewish Prisoner of Conscience, Anatoly Shcharansky just as he had promised to do when he met with Shcharansky's wife, Avital, in Jerusalem two weeks ago.

Haig also told the JTA that he also discussed the issue of human rights in the Soviet Union and the emigration of Jews who wanted to leave the USSR but were prevented from doing so. The Secretary indicated that he raised the issue of emigration and the plight of the refuseniks in the context of reunification of families. In addition, Haig said that among the topics he and Gromyko discussed was the situation in the Middle East. He did not elaborate on this point.

## Mitterrand Urged To Help In Release Of Shcharansky

PARIS (JTA) — President Francois Mitterrand was asked last week for the support of France and his own personal influence to help secure the release of imprisoned Soviet Jewish activist Anatoly Shcharansky.

The appeal came from Soviet human rights leader Andrei Sakharov, a Nobel Laureate who is himself in exile in the closed town of Gorky. His message to Mitterrand, brought to France by Western news media correspondents, stressed that Shcharansky's health has been seriously affected by the six months he spent in solitary confinement in Chistopol prison.

Shcharansky, 33, was sentenced in 1978 to 13 years imprisonment for alleged treason, espionage and anti-Soviet activity. He has since been confined to prisons and strict regime labor camps. Sakharov said in his letter to Mitterrand that the harsh treatment of Shcharansky was intended by the Soviet authorities to frighten other Jews seeking to emigrate. He described Shcharansky's present condition as grave.

## Congressmen Tell Brezhnev Stop Campaign Against Jews

NEW YORK (JTA) — A total of 109 key members of the House of Representatives have sent an urgent letter to Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev, protesting the "extraordinary acceleration" of the Kremlin's campaign against the Jewish cultural movement in the Soviet Union as well as the 90 percent slash in the rate of Jewish emigration in recent months, according to the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry (SSSJ).

The legislators said they were "greatly troubled by reports of a systematic campaign of harassment and intimidation directed against Jewish culturalists, with the apparent intention of destroying the Jewish culture movement," including "arrests, interrogations and imprisonments. Many Jewish study groups and seminars have been closed down." The signers also declared that they were "deeply disturbed by the steep decline of exit visas."

The letter was initiated by Rep. Stephen Solarz (D. N.Y.), chairman of the Asian and Pacific Affairs Committee, in cooperation with the Center for Russian and East European Jewry and the SSSJ, the SSSJ reported. Copies of the letter were sent to President Reagan and Secretary of State Alexander Haig.

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Nikki was one of 177 high school students who entered a statewide High School Peace Essay Contest.

The question was: "Given the present climate of world tension, what steps can we, as individuals or as a nation, take to reduce the possibility of nuclear war involving the United States and the Soviet Union?"

Nikki's essay won't be released until after the awards dinner on Sunday, Feb. 28 at Beneficent Church in Providence.

But the first-prize winner provided a few thoughts about her ideas and discussed how high school students and young people should get involved to reduce the possibility of nuclear war.

# Around Town

by Dorothy Snyder



"Teen-agers feel they're useless in doing anything about the problem," she said. "Older people do, too, but younger people more so."

Nikki believes that "High school students should organize in groups at their high schools and form a network."

"With each group corresponding to other high school groups nation-wide," she said, "a network would be formed, creating an entire chain of students sharing similar beliefs and following similar courses of action."

The 15-year-old Classical sophomore

feels strongly that "all the nuclear powers should have a 'first' no-use policy."

Nikki emphasized a "nuclear freeze campaign" as one means. "This is important to disarmament, and it's done by having a national petition signed by citizens to freeze all production of nuclear arms."

"At present, there are over 7,000 Rhode Islanders who have signed petition to ban nuclear arms production," she said. "Petitions are also circulating throughout other states."

"These petitions are good public educational tools on disarmament," she added.

Nikki commented on the state legislature initiating referenda. She said "there are two types: non-binding and binding."

"A non-binding referendum just takes a stand, but a binding referendum would ban all planning, production and testing of nuclear weapons in the state," she stressed.

Nikki wants more wide-spread support for disarmament.

"Nuclear weapons are an extreme threat," she said. "It's world-wide suicide and a waste of human and natural resources."

Nikki's concern for nuclear disarmament stems from her mother, Hilary Salk.

"My mother got me interested in the nuclear problem, and that it was an important involvement. I was stimulated by her convictions and beliefs."

She went on to say that "My mother influenced me about peace in general and the importance of disarmament. That's how I got involved and what led me to writing the essay."

"I'm a member of Women for Non-Nuclear Future, and my mother is active on the organization's education, support and development committee."

The contest, initiated by Women For a Non-Nuclear Future, was co-sponsored by 49 individuals and organizations, plus all four members of the Rhode Island Congressional Delegation.

Judges were: Gloria Barone, assistant editor of THE VISITOR, the Providence Diocesan newspaper; Deborah Boedeker, assistant professor of Classics, Holy Cross College in Worcester, Mass.; Hadassah Davis, a writer and local historian; Rabbi Cathy Felix, a chaplain at Brown University; and sister Elizabeth Morancy, a Religious Sister of Mercy and a Rhode Island state representative.

When Nikki travels to Geneva, she will spend a week absorbing and observing disarmament talks under the auspices of the Committee on disarmament.

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The Quaker United Nations office in Geneva is handling arrangements for her time there.

Nikki's extra-curricular activities at Classical are varied. She is a lobbyist for the Rhode Island Model Legislature this year.

She is adept in the spoken word as well as the written word.

Nikki is a novice on Classical's debating team and she serves on the editorial staff of the school's newspaper The Review.

In between her hectic schedule, she hunts for props to complete stage settings for classical's drama group, The Theatre Company.

After school hours, she studies ballet weekly with Dorothy Jungles.

When most young people are enjoying summers at camp or on the beach, Nikki has spent one month of the past two summers studying English and Social Studies at Brown University's summer high school.

With all that Nikki does and has accomplished, her primary goal is "to have a disarmed world."

The daughter of Hilary and Steven Salk of Providence, Nikki has a 12-year-old brother Reid who is a seventh-grader at Nathan Bishop.

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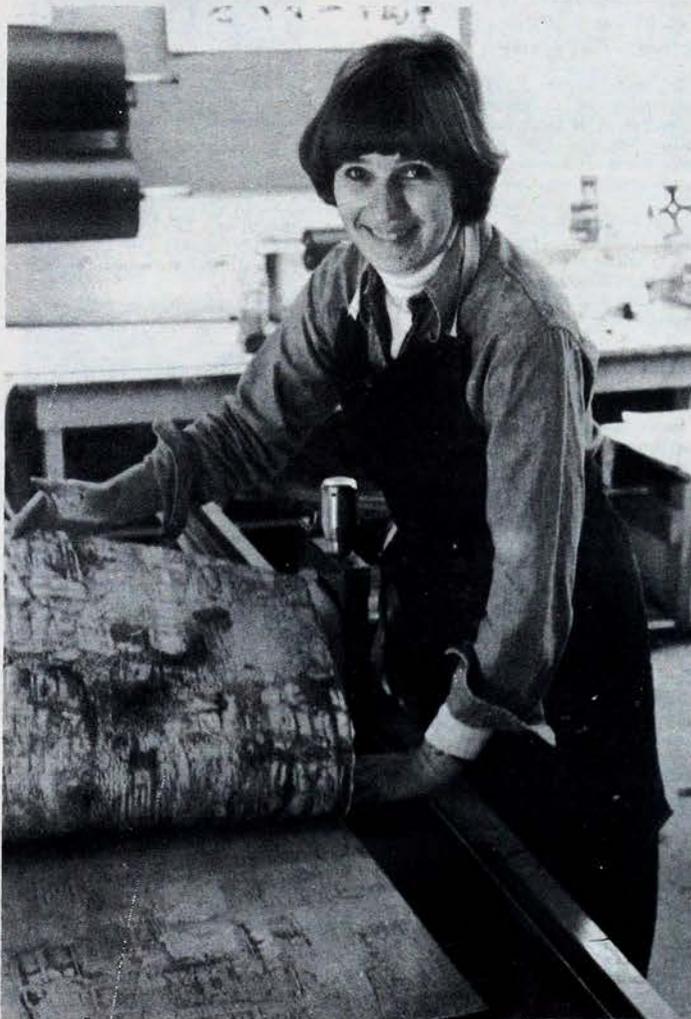
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The Gym and Swim sponsored by the Rhode Island Jewish Youth Council has been rescheduled for Saturday night Feb. 6, 7 p.m. at the JCC, 401 Elm Grove Avenue.

The event is open to any Jewish youth. For more information call 861-8800.





GRAPHIC ARTIST Jan Baker Swearer will exhibit her works at a showing to be held Feb. 7 through March 1 at Gallery 401 at the Jewish Community Center.

### Bet Talmud Offering Courses

Bet Talmud, the Academy of Jewish Learning and Living, has announced it will begin its spring semester on Monday evening, March 15, 1982. Classes in Jewish history, genealogy, Bible and Talmud, Jewish literature and in the Jewish life cycle will be offered through April 5, 1982, by an eminently qualified faculty selected from the Rhode Island rabbinical, professional, and educational community.

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### Krasner Receives Ph.D. From Univ. of California

Gary N. Krasner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Krasner of Cranston, has received his Ph.D. in the biological sciences from the University of California at Irvine. He is currently involved with cancer research at the university. Gary is married and has two children. He is the grandson of Mrs. Annie Katz of Providence and David Krasner of Cranston.

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### Broomfield Named Rhodes Scholar

Daniel M. Bloomfield, a senior at Haverford College on Philadelphia's Main Line has been named one of 32 U.S. college students to receive a coveted Rhodes Scholarship for postgraduate studies at Oxford University in England.

Bloomfield, of Englewood Cliffs, N.J. will receive an annual stipend for two years of study toward a M.Phil. or second B.A. degree.

He is the son of Drs. Martin and Judith Bloomfield of Englewood Cliffs, and a 1978 graduate of Dwight-Englewood School in Englewood.

He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Siegal of New York, and Betty Bloomfield, Cranston, and the late Joseph Bloomfield.

A premedical student and a chemistry major, Bloomfield is the 20th Haverford student to be named a Rhodes scholar since the program was instituted in 1902.

He plans to use the grant to study psychological anthropology, an area of social science concerned with cultural factors in the development of human personalities and individual experiences in different socio-cultural settings.

Bloomfield has served as a dormitory representative, is president of the Student's Association. He is also a member of the varsity lacrosse team.

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### Klezmer Band To Perform Feb. 7

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island will present a concert of the New England Conservatory Klezmer Band on Sunday, Feb. 7, at 8 p.m. at the Center.

The Providence Hebrew Day School and the JCC are co-sponsors of this program. Tickets can be obtained from the JCC and Providence Hebrew Day School.

The Klezmer Conservatory Band is a 14 member New England Conservatory based group which performs traditional Yiddish music in a style reminiscent of the Jewish American Klezmer bands of the 1920's.

The American Klezmer music tradition has often been characterized as "Yiddish-American Jazz" because of its use of improvisation and its ties with the instrumentation and syncopation of Afro-American music.

The New York based Jewish Daily Forward has described the Klezmer Conservatory Band as "unequaled in the breadth of its sound and arrangements." Stephan Freedman of Boston's Jewish Advocate says of the band's clarinetist, "Don Byron has mastered the Klezmer style superbly, incorporating the wails, trills, and other nuances so characteristic of this music."

### SAT Review Course Offered

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# Donna Yaffe An Uncut Stone Becomes A Polished Gem

by Jeffrey Goldberg

Donna Yaffe is a 19-year-old freshman at Brown University. There are literally thousands of 19-year-old freshmen at major colleges and universities throughout the country, so what's the big deal about Donna?

This freshman plays basketball at Brown and is quickly gaining a name in the ivies

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for her talents and skills on the hardwood. It seems that Donna Yaffe hasn't skipped a beat in making the transition from High School to College ball. In fact she is leaving favorable impressions on college coaches just as she did in high school.

It is a quiet afternoon on the East Side of Providence. Practice has just ended at Marvel Gym, home of the Brown Bruins basketball teams. Coach Maureen Enos has just put her squad through the drills in preparation for upcoming games. What drives coach Enos' star pupil? — Coach Enos and player Yaffe, teacher and student, taskmaster and playmaker, winner and winner.

Basketball is not Donna's only interest. While attending Weeks Junior High in Newton, Mass. Donna was also interested in soccer and softball and had the same drive to succeed in both of those sports.

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Little did Donna know that a next door neighbor named Harriet Roosin who was the tennis coach at Newton North was noticing something about her. Maybe it was the 'one on one games' that she played with her brother that caught Harriet's eye. Something caught her interest because Maureen Enos was informed of this potential star and the story of Donna Yaffe and basketball has been on an upward swing since the season of 1978-1979.

Donna is the daughter of Monte and Judy Yaffe of Newton, Mass. Her parents have been supportive of Donna's career and she certainly has sweetened that support by guiding her Newton North High school team to a state championship in 1981 and also being named an All American that same year.

That summer when Donna was being recognized by Harriet, young Yaffe felt that she had developed one move that was going to make her a star. When she met Maureen and told her that story Maureen was so taken by Yaffe's knowledge of the game that she ended up playing backup center in her sophomore year.

That outside shot and move was erased and the learning process began. Sometimes old habits return because this season Yaffe hit a desperation 30-foot shot to beat New Haven at the buzzer.

Donna's sophomore year was one of a learning process in fundamentals, but a year in which coach Enos knew she had a

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winner. Enos saw the raw talent and it was just a matter of time before it was refined. By the time Donna was a junior Enos had started to smooth the rough edges and a potential star was being born. Ironically Maureen was not Donna's coach when Newton North captured the state title in 1981.

Coach Enos headed to Providence and perhaps subconsciously Donna and Brown sounded like a good match to Maureen. Well, the rest is history. Coach and player are reunited and this time around Yaffe will have the opportunity to be coached by Mo for four years.

Coach Enos feels Donna is a leader by example. Her playing is contagious to other teammates and Enos is not far away from



DONNA YAFFE

having her Lady Bruins sharing the spotlight with the other well-publicized schools in this state. With all of Donna's personal achievement in the game, she still remains a bona fide good person with strong ideals and serious convictions about her future.

Attending an Ivy League school where athletes are not given any special privileges is demanding. Being a student athlete means tremendous sacrifice but long range goals and the desire to get the most out of any given situation makes the price worth paying.

Technically Donna possesses a strong inside game with better than average

rebounding ability. Coach Enos feels that Donna must gain a step to become really devastating. Defense is an area that must come from within but Coach Enos feels in time that that area of her game can be as awesome as her offense. With that skill she will become a complete player.

At the current pace, by her senior year Donna will be in a very elite class, possibly breaking all major basketball scoring records at Brown — men included. Right now basketball-wise Donna is one of the best attractions in town. You can catch the Lady Bruins at home against Clark on February 8, Monday evening 7 p.m. Tap off.

## DEA Seeking 100-year olds

The state Department of Elderly Affairs has begun its annual search for Rhode Island's centenarians, department director Anna M. Tucker announced today.

"Last year we located 80 centenarians, 23 of whom had living arrangements other than in nursing homes," Tucker reported. "We have written to all nursing homes in the state, and we are intensifying our efforts to locate those who are not in nursing homes."

Anyone who knows of a 100-year-old or someone who will become 100 years old sometime in 1982 is requested to contact Terri Pare of the Department of Elderly Affairs, telephone 277-6880, by April 1st. All centenarians will receive gubernatorial proclamations plus an invitation to attend a May Breakfast with Governor J. Joseph Garrahy and his wife at the State House.

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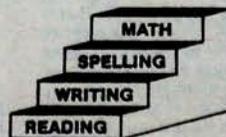
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## Your Money's Worth

CONDOMINIUM  
TIMESHARING AS AN  
INVESTMENT

by Sylvia Porter

Of the 50 million American workers who became eligible as of Jan. 1, 1982, to invest in an Individual Retirement Account (IRA), the vast majority of you are still holding off. You're confused by the advertising blitz that has been launched at you by competing institutions — banks, insurance companies, mutual funds, thrift institutions, brokerage firms, etc.

By this time, you cannot help being aware that the IRA has superb tax advantages (and at a 12 percent to 15 percent annual interest rate, a 25-year-old could indeed build up an estate worth \$1 million by age 65). By this time, you surely would like to start making annual contributions — up to \$2,000 maximum as an individual, \$4,000 maximum as a working couple, \$2,250 maximum as a couple with a non-working spouse.

But you can't afford to put that much money aside in a single chunk. You don't know which medium of investment to choose. Now what?

The answer is to invest in your IRA through a program established by your own employer. Then you can buy via periodic payroll deductions. It's by far the easiest way to do it. Your contributions are withheld from your paycheck, just like other deductions such as taxes, say, savings bonds, union dues. You alone decide just how much you want deducted.

Payroll savings deduction programs may ultimately be the biggest recipient of IRA funds. It's a "can't lose" proposition for the taxpayer — saving money, saving taxes. It's an impressive way of enhancing a firm's employee benefits package without any investment on the part of the company. Also a "can't lose" deal.

I put the questions you probably would ask to two outstanding sources: Lord, Abbett & Co., a New York City-based "family" of mutual funds, and Scudder, Stevens & Clark, the nation's largest independent mutual funds manager. Both organizations are making a major commitment to IRAs in the payroll deduction plan

area.

Q. What function does my employer perform in this program?

A. All your employer does is establish automatic payroll deduction IRAs for you, an employee, as an additional package to existing retirement plans, or as a separate "perk." No matter which of 500 IRA-qualified mutual funds you select to buy, all administrative and record-keeping chores are handled directly by the outside investment manager. This is a bonanza, especially for large companies that have hundreds of employees who will want to participate.

Lord, Abbett emphasized to me that with recent Labor Department interpretations, fiduciary responsibility as it relates to payroll deduction IRAs can be avoided. Unlike other company-sponsored plans, the employer doesn't act as the trustee of an IRA.

A Scudder, Stevens & Clark spokesman emphasized that the IRA manager does all the administrative, accounting and reporting work. The participating company does not act as a sponsor of the program in any way. It merely withholds the agreed-upon funds and forwards the dollars.

Q. Can I actually have small deductions from my paycheck?

A. Yes, and this is a major "plus." It's much easier to stash away money in small amounts regularly than in one lump sum. As an individual worker, you can have as little as \$20 a month deducted from your pay, or as much as \$2,000 per year maximum, and another \$250 deducted for a non-working spouse, says Lord, Abbett.

"In holding employee information seminars around the country," adds Scudder, Stevens & Clark, "we found employees particularly like the opportunity of being able to own shares in a mutual fund for as little as \$20 a month. Many have never made an investment of any type before."

Tomorrow: More key questions on IRA payroll deduction plans.

## Successful Investing

Hold Exxon  
For Income

by David R. Sargent



Q — I am concerned about the recent decision in Congress allowing natural gas companies to bill gas customers in advance for part of the costs of building the Alaskan pipeline across Canada. If the bill does not go through, the companies would have to pay, as I understand it. How do you think this will affect Exxon's gas interests? I recently bought some Exxon stock. — H.T., Kansas.

A — The bill to which you refer, passed by both the Senate and the House in December, is a positive step toward the building of a natural gas pipeline from Alaska to the lower 48 states. Actually, this bill is simply a waiver of certain restrictions in the original 1977 law, which authorized construction of the pipeline and set up the group of sponsoring companies (including Northwest Energy and eight other gas companies), called the Alaskan Natural Gas Transportation System (ANGTS). The new bill allows Exxon — along with the two other major Alaskan gas producers involved, Atlantic Richfield and Sohio — to own up to 30 percent of the project. It also authorized construction of a gas plant at the Alaska end of the line, and it arranged for future natural gas recipients to share part of the costs — which are estimated at \$30 billion to \$40 billion — of the project.

These changes in the law were intended to help make the project more attractive to financiers, and at least allow negotiations with banks to begin, but there is no assurance that the pipeline will ever be built. Naturally, consumer advocates in and outside of Congress objected to the whole idea, and a second vote has been called for, preventing the bill from being sent to the President. It may well turn out

that the Alaska pipeline is neither financially feasible nor necessary. Opponents of the project point out that there are plenty of natural gas reserves in the lower states, and gas piped in from Alaska would be much too expensive to compete. Then again, the bill may have enough supporters in Congress to pass the second vote. It would be a landmark piece of legislation in terms of consumers shouldering part of the increasing costs of energy along with the utility companies.

Your concern — both as an investor and a gas customer — is unwarranted. The earliest date customers could be billed is 1986, and only if the Alaskan and Canadian sections of the pipeline are completed. As for Exxon, it is simply too big to be affected significantly by either the costs or the benefits of ANGTS. It is, after all, number one among the international oil companies, with oil and gas projects all over the globe. The stock, if you notice, did not react to the news, and in fact has been a fairly stable performer lately. At a P/E of only 4 and a current yield of almost 10 percent, I would say the stock's downside risk is limited. I would advise you to continue to hold your shares for income and eventual price appreciation.

### IRS TAX TIP

On Tax Credits

Political Contribution Credit — If you contributed to help pay campaign expenses of candidates for public office during 1981, you may claim a tax credit of up to \$50 (\$100 if filing jointly) for half the contributions you made.

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A public service message from the Internal Revenue Service.

## Money Sense:

Investing In An IRA  
The Easy Way —  
By Payroll Deductions



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Resort timesharing as a real estate investment requires careful consideration.

Resort or vacation timesharing gives you the use of a vacation home or condominium unit for a designated time each year. It is an increasingly popular way for Americans to take a vacation. According to Federal Trade Commission figures, time share sales have doubled every year since 1975 and in 1980, total sales topped \$1 billion a year. While many timesharing programs are highly regarded, problems do occur, especially with regard to high-pressure promotional tactics of some sellers and developers.

### Two Types

The two main types of timesharing plans are ownership and non-ownership. An ownership plan includes title to the property and property insurance. As owner you may sell, lease, will, or otherwise transfer your share in the living unit.

Under most ownership plans you own your living unit only during the period of time you select. If, for example, you select the first two weeks of February in a Florida villa or a Colorado ski resort, you own your living unit every year for those two weeks for a specified number of years, usually the estimated useful life of a building, typically 20 to 40 years. Your equity in the building is usually proportional to the length of your time period. And like any owner of real estate, you would pay property taxes and interest also on a pro-rated basis, and get income-tax deductions on those payments.

Nonownership plans typically involve a lease, license or club membership.

### Profit Possibility

While an ownership plan lets you sell at a profit, the American Land Development Association (ALDA), a national association of recreation, resort and residential real estate developers, warns that you should be realistic about the profit possibilities of a timesharing plan.

Even if your building's value appreciates substantially, for example, your interest will only be a percentage of that increase, depending on your time period.

Also, developers sometimes exaggerate the investment potential of timesharing. Remember, resale of a timeshare may be difficult. You may face competition from the firm that sold you the timeshare, or local real estate brokers may not wish to

list your timeshare. And as in any real estate transaction, you must consider closing costs, broker commissions and financing charges. In addition, your ownership may be affected by any failure of your co-owners to pay their annual assessments.

Annual assessments or management fees usually cover property taxes, utilities, furniture, upkeep and maid service, as well as property management. The ALDA reports that annual assessments currently average from \$100 to \$150 per week of ownership. Obtain an itemized cost breakdown before buying.

If timesharing is to serve as a hedge against inflation, it is important that your annual fees not rise too rapidly. Find out if there are limits on cost increase at your project. Also, look carefully at the surrounding area and at the management company's record. Inspect the building and the facilities and talk to present owners if you can. Do not be enticed by promotional giveaways, prizes or "awards" for listening to sales presentations.

If the building is under construction, make sure you are protected against any default by builder or seller. Often an escrow account is established in these cases. And if the building is being converted to timesharing, find out why. Did an earlier development project fail? If a building has inherent problems, such as poor location or poor design or construction, conversion to timesharing will not improve matters.

### Exchange Programs

Many people feel the possibility of exchanges of time with other timeshare owners in other parts of the country or the world will enhance the value and pleasure of their timeshare. Exchange programs can be attractive, but you should make sure the exchange service is fully operating and not hedged in by too many restrictions, such as booking far in advance.

Before you sign a contract or pay any fees, you should have your attorney review the documents. Be especially wary if you feel pressure to sign without time for consultation. And finally, because of the restrictions on timeshare ownership, remember that you do not have as much liquidity as in many other investments. As a vacation plan, timesharing has certain advantages. As an investment, its growth potential may be limited.

## Congress To Review Sale Of Communications System

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Congress will have 30 days to review a proposal by the Reagan Administration to sell civilian communications equipment to an Arab consortium which includes the Palestine Liberation Organization and Libya, as well as Soviet client states as Syria and South Yemen but also pro-American states as Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

A detailed letter has been sent by the Administration to members of Congress assuring them that the \$79 million deal for the 22-member ARABSAT consortium did not mean that the U.S. was recognizing the PLO and that the equipment would not be

used in an Arab satellite system which might have military capabilities. The deal was pulled back last November in the face of Congressional criticism that the equipment might have military capabilities.

The Administration notified Congress of the proposed sale last October 30 to comply with the Arms Export Control Act but Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on November 3 that he was not aware of it.

Secretary of State Alexander Haig, confronted with more Congressional questions about ARABSAT, said on November 4 that the proposal was being withdrawn pending further study. A State Department spokesman said that following "our consultations with Congress, we have no reason to believe that Congress will disapprove the case."

### Will Issue License To Ford Aerospace

If Congress, after its 30-day review, approves of the sale, the Administration intends to issue an export license to Ford Aerospace, manufacturer of the communications equipment. Under the Arms Export Control Act, the license needed to ship the equipment abroad is subject to a Congressional veto. The equipment is actually being sold to the French firm Aerospatiale which is assembling three satellites for the consortium.

According to plans, the first satellite is to be launched in early 1984. It will provide the Arab world with more than 10,000 telephone circuits and a television channel. Negotiations have been under way for a second satellite to be launched by the U.S. space shuttle in mid-1984.

### Former Yale Lecturer May Face Deportation

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The Justice Department has filed a complaint in U.S. District Court in New Haven, Conn., in a move to revoke the citizenship of a former Yale University lecturer because of his alleged participation in Nazi war crimes and because he withheld his Nazi background from American authorities when he entered the U.S. in 1951 and when he obtained his citizenship in 1957.

The Department of Justice charged that Vladimir Sokolov, 68, of Milford, Conn., was a Nazi propagandist who advocated the annihilation of all Jews and called for the conquest of the United States and imposition of Nazi rule throughout the world.

According to the department's complaint, Sokolov worked for Nazi propaganda units from the end of 1942 to August 1944.

## New Research Conducted On Jewish/Christian Intermarriage

NEW YORK — Two hundred teenagers and young adults whose parents were the subjects of a landmark study on Jewish-Christian intermarriage are taking part in a follow-up study that is expected to break as much new ground as its predecessor did. The new research, which will be conducted before the end of the year, is examining the effects of intermarriage on children, and is the first full-scale survey to address its questions directly to the children of mixed marriages rather than to their parents.

The American Jewish Committee, sponsor of the current study, also initiated and financed the first one, which was published in 1979.

Both surveys were designed by Dr. Egon Mayer, Associate Professor of Sociology at Brooklyn College.

All of the respondents have one parent who was born Jewish and one who was born Gentile. Some of the born-Gentile parents converted to Judaism, either before or after they married, but most did not, and very few of the Jewish spouses converted to Christianity.

The goals of the present investigation, according to Dr. Mayer, are to assess the respondents' feelings of religious and ethnic identity and to examine the quality and quantity of their kinship ties and their general feelings of emotional well-being.

Among the questions being asked are:

- If you could be born again, would you want to be Jewish?
- Which religious group do you identify with? Which religious group does your (mother, father) identify with?
- How much time do you spend with your (mother, father, brother, grandmother, etc.)? How much do you enjoy the time spent in (his, her) company?
- How much has your (mother, father, etc.) influenced your ideas about religion, education, politics, anti-Semitism, careers, friends?
- Are your friends and dating partners mostly Jewish, mostly non-Jewish, even mixed?
- Do you attend synagogue services? Church services?
- Do you find family occasions a source of warmth?
- Do you feel well-liked by those you really care about?
- Do you have confidence about your own future?
- Do you have a sense of being at peace?

The first AJC intermarriage study, which focused on the intermarried

### Betar-North America Offering Summer Tours

Betar-North America will lead a group of about 300 teenagers, from the United States and Canada on a six week Summer Camp tour of Israel.

Betar, with more than 25 years of experience in leading youth groups to Israel, announced the following cities will be included in the tour: Moshav Nordia, Galil, the Negev region, Jerusalem as well as Judea, Samaria, the Jordan valley and a visit to the ancient fortress Massada.

For more information write to: Betar, 41 East 42nd St., Suite 617, New York, NY, 10017 or by calling (212) 687-4502.

### Member Of The Joint Israel Program Speaks

Shelly Goodman from the Joint Israel Program of Boston will speak on Summer programs to Israel for youth on Tuesday, Feb. 9, 7 p.m., at the Jewish Community Center.

The program is free.

spouses, was widely hailed for its insights by social scientists, family counselors, and intergroup relations specialists. Among its major findings were that:

- (1) Most of the born-Jewish spouses affirmed a Jewish identity, but did little to act on this affirmation.
- (2) Families in which the born-Christian spouse had converted to Judaism had a higher degree of Jewishness than did other intermarried families — and seemed to be more consciously Jewish in terms of religious practices and affiliation than most families in which both spouses had been born Jewish.
- (3) Most born-Gentile spouses did not identify strongly with the religion of their birth and did not place any religious pressure on the Jewish spouse.
- (4) Differences of religious background did not seem to contribute to estrangement from parents or to conflicts in family decision-making.

Explaining AJC's reasons for conducting the new study, Yehuda Rosenman, Director of the AJC Jewish Communal Affairs Department, said:

"A very large proportion of American Jews — approximately one third of them, according to the best available data — are now marrying non-Jews. Consequently, the impact of intermarriage on the religious and cultural identity of the children is of the utmost importance, since the children will determine Jewish continuity or discontinuity.

"There has been much heated debate," continued Mr. Rosenman, "on this very question: whether intermarriage will lead ultimately to the assimilation and disappearance of the Jewish people. We therefore think that studying the actual attitudes and behaviors of children of intermarriage — which has never been done before — is a most tangible and scientific way of trying to bring light to this debate instead of heat."

### Hadassah Announces Jewish IQ Program

Jewish leaders should be knowledgeable about their Jewish culture and religion, history and life that comprises "Jewishness," Professor Kimelman, Professor of Near East and Judaic Studies at Brandeis University, told the top leaders of America's largest Jewish organization.

He spoke at the annual Midwinter meeting of Hadassah's National Board at the Concord Hotel. He is chairman of an advisory board of experts to the Jewish Education Department of Hadassah.

"Jewish leadership entails growing Jewishly," Professor Kimelman told close to 200 women who represented over 370,000 members from every State and Puerto Rico. To implement this "plan" the National Board has approved a "Jewish Self-Appraisal and Enrichment Program" that will be launched as a pilot project and given to the national and local officers and chapter chairmen of this American women's volunteer organization.

#### Rate Your Jewish IQ

There will be six units: The result will indicate the person's strengths and weaknesses in that area and will be keyed to a study guide that includes a bibliography of reading material and other educational resources. The course is non-compulsory.

Frieda S. Lewis, of Great Neck, N.Y., national president of Hadassah, has personally promoted this program because she sees a need to encourage Jews of the Diaspora to grow more Jewishly.

## 'A Flea In Her Ear' A Well-Done Feydeau Is Ageless

by Lois D. Atwood

"A Flea in Her Ear," by Georges Feydeau, presented by Trinity Square Repertory Company through February 21; directed by George Martin. Design of scenery by Robert D. Soule; lighting, John F. Custer; costumes, William Lane.

"A Flea in Her Ear" is a happy romp of a farce, proving that a well-done Feydeau is ageless. The colorful, frivolous costumes

worried that her husband is unfaithful and trying to find out by devious methods only a French playwright would have dreamed up. Margot Dionne is a lively foil, unable to set an elegant foot wrong in her role as wife of the jealous Spaniard, whom Richard Kneeland plays in an outfit reminiscent of bullfighting; he signals his approach by a peculiar rattle of the heels — the equivalent of castanets in women, perhaps? Richard Jenkins is Monsieur Chandebeise, the insurance executive with a problem that might be cured by an assignation, and he has some of the funniest business I've seen in a long while.

Melanie Jones is a delightfully flirtatious maid, with Keith Jochim as her poseur husband; Tom Griffin is an outdated would-be Don Juan; David Jones, the worldly, smooth Dr. Finache; David Kennett, the single-minded Herr Schwarz; and Howard London, old Baptistin, constantly deprived of sleep by fleeing lovers. Anne Scurria plays Eugenie, Barbara Orson the madam, Peter Gerety the hotel proprietor. Richard Ferrone's tongue-tied Camille rapidly disables anyone of the idea that to laugh at him is wrong, whether he's eagerly explaining something or trying to head off a catastrophe. Everybody is always in dead earnest (except when Kneeland broke up a fellow actor) and the result is irresistible entertainment.

This is the most satisfactory "Flea" I've ever seen, even though some of the casting is eccentric. The various characters are all old friends to be enjoyed, as Feydeau wrote it and as it is played. I always thought you had to be in the right mood for Feydeau, but this production can produce the right mood as its doors fly open, beds revolve, men and women pursue one another ridiculously, and hilarity reigns.

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and carefully mannered settings are designed for the maximum in entertainment value. Martin, who directed it once before at Trinity, keeps the play well paced, moving it along even when his cast is almost milking a scene.

The farce is primarily concerned with adventures in bed — in prospect, in actuality, and in retrospect. Its many characters dive from frying pan into fire as they move between the drawing room of the Chandebeise house in Paris and the Hotel Coq d'Or, scene of amorous pursuit. The plot is not designed for careful scrutiny, just for amicable speed, and the stock characters are very amusing.

It begins with Madame Chandebeise (earnestly played by Amy Van Nostrand)



TRINITY SQUARE REPERTORY COMPANY production of "A Flea In Her Ear." (From left) Peter Gerety, Barbara Orson and Anne Scurria.

### Providence Hadassah To Meet

The Providence Chapter of Hadassah will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, Feb. 8 at 12:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence.

Norman Tilles, past National Commander of the Jewish American War Veterans and presently Vice-Chairman of the Jewish Committee of Rhode Island will speak on

the topic, "Israel Update" giving an extensive overview of the current situation in Israel.

Members and friends are invited.

### Pioneer Woman To Hold Dinner-Dance

The Pioneer Women Shalom Chapter is having a Valentine's Day Dinner/Dance at El Marocco, Johnston, R.I. For more information, call Ellyn Kaplan, 944-1979.

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# Plan To Destabilize Italy Reported To Involve Palestinian Terror Gang

ROME (JTA) — The Italian press featured reports last week of a sinister plan to destabilize Italy with terrorism and drugs, masterminded by the Communist bloc and employing Italian and Palestinian terrorist gangs, "Mideastern agents" from Syria and Lebanon, Libya and "the Egyptian faction which killed President Sadat." The plot is also said to involve the Mafia which controls the narcotics traffic and the kidnapping racket.

Corriere Della Sera reported that a Syrian agent of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, arrested in Rome, came to Italy to "establish contacts with Italian terrorist groups, furnish arms and explosives, with the aim of creating uncontrollable chaos."

The police in fact disclosed that the Syrian, identified as Nasry el-Tamj and a 25-year-old German woman, Brigitte Bagenoam, were apprehended at Fiumicino Airport on January 5 in possession of concealed explosives and false passports.

### Investigating Possible Links

The police said news of the arrest was withheld until now to give West German authorities time to investigate a possible link between the pair and German neo-Nazis who may have been responsible for the bombing of an Israeli-owned restaurant in West Berlin on January 15. The suspects, Klaus Hubel and Franz-Joachim Bojarski, were arrested by Italian police in Avezano.

Corriere Della Sera reported that another agent, Chady Ross Darviche, of Egyptian origin, is wanted for financing and arming leftist and neo-fascist extremists in Italy on orders "from a foreign power." Darviche's whereabouts are unknown.

Six Arabs, posing as students were expelled from Italy several days ago after they were discovered in Perugia with manuals on guerrilla warfare and the use of firearms and missiles. Although they

had registered at the university, they attended no classes.

One of the six was identified as Mustafa Nasser, the official Palestine Liberation Organization representative in Perugia. Another, Mohammed Fuad, had been expelled from Italy last June but returned with a visa stamped by the Italian Embassy in Amman, Jordan.

### Judge Tries To Implicate Israel

Ironically, the cases of Italian terrorist links with Palestinian and other Arab terrorists are being investigated by an Italian Magistrate, Ferdinando Imposimato, who was quoted in an interview in Il Messaggero as saying that Israel was trying to destabilize Italy so that the United States would have to rely on Israel as its only stable ally in the Mediterranean area.

Imposimato claimed that Israeli agents had offered to collaborate with the terrorist Red Brigade for that purpose. He said he had his information from two Red Brigade defectors who turned informers. Israel government sources dismissed the story as "too ridiculous to bear comment," and an angry editorial in the Israeli daily Maariv was quoted by the Italian media. The judge's allegations subsequently disappeared from the press.

### Summer Camp Directory Offered

The 1982-83 version of the Directory of Jewish Resident Summer Camps has been published by the Jewish Welfare Board.

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# Bridge

by Robert E. Starr



Today's hand was played at the home of one of my friends. A friendly (for blood) team of four match was nearing its end when this deal came up. It had already been played at the other table, of course. The players were all quite good and although no World's Championship was at stake, bragging rights definitely were. You must realize the North-South pair here had been behind at the halfway point and felt they had not gained very much by the time they picked up these cards.

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

Both sides vulnerable, North was Dealer with this bidding:

N	E	S	W
1C	P	1H	P
1S	P	2D	P
3H	P	4NT	P
5H	P	6H	End

The bidding was normal through North's bid of three Hearts. That sounds like a jump but isn't. Two would simply be a preference for Hearts as opposed to Diamonds. Certainly three to the King is much more than that. The three Heart bid is really a raise.

I am sure that under normal circumstances South would have settled happily for a game with the cards he held but remember this was nearing the end of the match and he felt he needed to make up points desperately. This might be his last chance.

West, on lead, took an extremely long time to select a card and he certainly does have a dilemma. He can't lead a Trump, the Queen is too vital. He feels the same about Diamonds for that would be right into a suit bid to his right and also a lead from four to the Jack is bad. And he had Kings in both black suits bid to his left. Finally he led a low Spade and now it was Declarer's turn to stop and think.

Any other lead and he would have had time to take the Club finesse and, win or lose, be able to discard his Spade loser. He still had a Diamond to lose plus a possible

loser in Trumps. His prospects didn't look good but in this game down one or two more tricks were not important. So he called for Dummy's Queen at trick one and his first sigh was heard. Before touching Trumps he led the Diamond to see what would happen but East grabbed his Ace and returned a Diamond won by Declarer. Meanwhile Declarer was thinking how to make the hand. He felt he would postpone Trumps and try the Club finesse which he really thought would win or West might have led Clubs not Spades. When it did he now had to face his last problem, the Heart Queen.

Normally, with five out to that Queen the odds say finesse. But this Declarer wasn't about to do that yet. He was considering West's lead from a King. Why not a Trump lead quite normal unless there was a reason not to. With only small ones West would have so Declarer finally decided West must have the Queen. He played accordingly and dropped it on the second lead. This made his Slam and the comments were quite interesting depending on whose side one was on. His partner said, "Nice guess." The opponents said he was lucky to have played badly and gotten away with it. He never told them why he had figured the right way so they might be more apt to help him again.

Moral: Because most players are ethical, every pause, gesture or breath change can help if utilized correctly at the right time.

### Adler To Receive Yom Hamoreh Award

Ethan Adler, principal of the Bernard H. Ziskind School of Judaism will receive the Yom Hamoreh Award on Feb. 8 at the Annual Sisterhood Torah Fund Luncheon at Tifereth Israel Synagogue. The award, translated from the Hebrew to mean, "Day of the Teacher," honors an outstanding educator.

Adler has been at the School of Judaism for 11 years; 2 as a teacher, 6 years as the educational assistant to Rabbi Bernard Glassman and 3 years as the principal.

It has been Adler's goal to provide many opportunities for students to learn about their Jewishness through participating in various formal and informal activities. He has tried to provide a close abridge between the school and the home environment.

Adler and his wife Wendy have two children and live in Warwick.

Adler received his B.A. from the University of Rhode Island, and his Masters in Education from Rhode Island College. His Hebrew Teacher's Certification is from the Bureau of Jewish Education in Providence. He also attended the Boston Hebrew Teacher's College in Brookline, Mass.

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## Yamit Resident Reveals Anger And Frustration

by Elli Galed

An interview in Yediot Aharonot with a Yamit resident reveals a sense of frustration and bitterness in this desert town four months before homes and businesses are to be evacuated as part of Israel's final withdrawal from the Sinai.

The anger is directed at the Israeli government for what townspeople charge is the mishandling of negotiations on proper compensation for the loss of their livelihood.

The last week of 1981 was marked in Israel by violence in Yamit, where settlers fortified the town with sandbags, trenches and barbed wire, set fire to an empty house and threatened to fight the government until the bitter end. But by week's end, a Yamit "action committee" representing the town's merchants and businessmen went to Tel Aviv and agreed to open negotiations with Deputy Prime Minister Simcha Ehrlich. The businessmen's original demand was for I.S. 5 million (Israeli shekels) in compensation.

But the real issue is not money, according to Micha Pinto, a partner in a locksmith shop.

"I am not prepared to remain silent when someone tries to humiliate me, and I feel that the government has humiliated me for the last three years," Pinto told Yediot Aharonot. The 46-year-old Sabra criticized the government for not giving the Yamit residents the opportunity to leave town "with our heads up high."

### Opened a Locksmith Shop

Pinto learned the skills of a locksmith in a vocational school in his home town of Safed. After serving in a unit that carried out anti-terrorist campaigns, he left military service to open a successful locksmith shop in Safed where he got married. The 1973 Yom Kippur War interrupted the success of his business.

After the war, Pinto decided to try his luck in South Africa but returned to Israel following a short stay overseas. He told his wife he had to return to Israel and start a new life "even if we have to live only on

bread and olives."

Upon his return, Pinto decided to take a look at Yamit. "When I saw the breathtaking view, the blue sea, and the palm trees, I decided to come to live here," Pinto recalled.

In 1976 he sold his home and bought a new one in Yamit. Together with a relative, he opened a locksmith business. Frustration set in when orders failed to come in. Despite government promises, most building contracts in the Yamit region went to big contractors in southern Israel and not to Yamit's small merchants.

Nevertheless, by 1978 his business started to grow. Then, in August 1978, the Camp David accords were signed. Pinto was ordered by the military governor to refuse to accept new orders for his business. As the area began preparing for the evacuation, Pinto's locksmith shop began to close its doors.

Pinto became unemployed and sold all his equipment. He was also forced to sell his car to get some money in his bank ac-

count where he accumulated I.S. 70,000 a month in overdraft.

Despite these difficulties, Pinto has so far refused to sign a compensation agreement with the government because of "principles," he told Yediot Aharonot.

He blames the government for hurting him morally and emotionally. When Pinto came to Yamit six years ago, the government called him a pioneer, a Zionist. "Now I became a hated extortionist, an enemy of peace," he said.

### "Millionaire From Yamit"

Pinto told Yediot Aharonot that his son is called by classmates "the millionaire from Yamit." Pinto himself has been derogatorily nicknamed a "Yamitnick."

To allow his children to continue their education, Pinto himself and children moved to Haifa, while he remained in Yamit.

"I felt terrible when my daughter, who I see only on weekends, started to cry every time I held her in my arms," Pinto said. "The entire affair is humiliating and depressing. And then they expect me to be understanding and cool-minded."

Pinto is especially angry at the way the government has handled the settlers. "They don't try to negotiate but to give me orders. They come and tell me: You have to leave your home. You deserve a certain amount of money. Sign and leave."

In Pinto's view, the government is imposing solutions on him. For that reason, he refused to sign the government's offer. "They dictate conditions, and when I protest, they call me bad names, demand that I apologize and sit to negotiate. How can I accept this and remain calm?"

The only solution, Pinto said, was for the government to listen to his demands and arrive at a satisfactory agreement. "My only wish is to rehabilitate my family, to have a warm house and a decent income. I would not like to start my struggle for survival again at age 46."

### Warned About Frightening Acts

Pinto would not speculate on his future actions at the time of the final withdrawal. But he warned that the pressure and the bitterness might lead him and his friends to commit frightening acts.

The impression of reporter Zvi Alush was that the residents' committee enjoys the full backing of most of the townspeople. There are residents in Yamit, however, who want to fight the government without resorting to violence. A minority of the residents appears willing to accept the government's offer, Alush reported.

For its part, the government claims that the residents' demands are excessive.

Haaretz reported that Deputy Prime Minister Ehrlich informed the cabinet that the treasury simply cannot afford to pay I.S. 2.2 million for each merchant. He accused the residents' committee of not being willing to find a reasonable solution.

Defense Minister Sharon was more conciliatory. He advocated treating the residents with gloves, not with arms. He spoke against using the army to force the settlers out of their homes. Telling the cabinet that some people in Yamit are starving, Sharon urged patience and restraint.

Although other cabinet ministers advocated using a strong hand, the Sharon approach was adopted. Thus, it appears that Israel will eventually complete the withdrawal on schedule, and will reach some sort of a compromise with Yamit's settlers.

## Moshe Arens Ponders His Future

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Prof. Moshe Arens (Likud-Herut MK), Israel's new Ambassador to Washington, quotes Samuel Goldwyn when asked how his diplomatic assignment will affect his political future. "Forecasting is very difficult," the legendary movie maker is reported to have said, "especially about the future..."

A still rising star in the Herut firmament, Arens, 56, says he cannot now speculate how his career will shape up in the years ahead. He stresses though that he certainly does not look upon the Ambassadorship as a sort of stepping-stone to higher political office.

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What he will look for in the Ambassadorship is "satisfaction in a good job well done" — just as he achieved satisfaction from chairing the powerful and prestigious Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee over the past five years.

### Expresses Self-Confidence

"Not that I'm a man lacking in ambition," Arens continues. As an aeronautical engineer he was driven with the urge to get to the top — and indeed by the time he left that field for politics he was director of projects for the Israel Aircraft Industries.

"I have great confidence in my ability to design planes and missiles," Arens still says of himself today. He keeps fully in touch with professional developments and

still dreams of returning to the drawing-board "before I'm too old."

In fact, says Arens, had the Israel government made a firm decision to build the second generation "Lavie" warplane a few months ago, he (Arens) would have eagerly given up his political career and lobbied to get the job of director of that project "because I see it as the most important contribution I could make."

In the U.S., Arens intends to keep his hand in still — especially by urging American high-technology industries (including aerospace industries) to seriously investigate investment opportunities in Israel. This, he says, is a vital part of the Ambassador's role.

### Views Role Of Ambassador

Being an active (and powerful) politician in Israel's ruling party will positively help him in his work as Ambassador, Arens says with conviction. His American interlocutors will know "that I have many contacts and a certain degree of influence" back in Jerusalem, that he has a following within Herut, that he has "a close relationship" both with Premier Menachem Begin and with Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

Sometimes, Arens notes, countries send special high-level emissaries to foreign capitals to take care of specific problems. "In many ways I shall be like a special

He is acutely aware, and does not attempt to minimize, the extent of dissent within the American Jewish community over aspects of Israel's policy. In this respect, he says, the American community reflects Israel itself where the same differences over the same issues rend the political community asunder.

### U.S., Israeli Interests Converge

Arens is not daunted, however. His basic approach, he says, is that American and Israeli interests in the Mideast largely converge: the problems arise only over "perceptions" of how to further those interests.

Thus, he lists the U.S. strategic goals in the area as: stemming Soviet advances, maintaining peace, ensuring Western oil supplies, and keeping oil prices stable. "These are all Israeli interests, too, every one of them," the future envoy observes.

There was dramatic proof, he says, of

this convergence of interests during the AWACS debate, when it was clear that many American opponents of the sale opposed it for purely American reasons.

Arens is treading carefully in everything to do with his concrete plans as Ambassador. He will take over in less than a month, but says he has so far made no specific requests for staff changes.

### A Remarkable Success Story

Last Tuesday night, his last evening of membership of the Knesset, Arens was seen sitting long and late in the members dining room, chatting with all and sundry. "He's having a tough time leaving this place," an observer commented.

For, despite his diffidence and talk of himself as something less than a "successful politician," Arens in fact is a remarkable success story in Israeli politics. A relative late-comer, he has already made it to the next-to-top level of policy making. He was seriously considered as a candidate for Defense Minister when Ezer Weizman resigned in 1980. And, his career, which now takes a diplomatic turn, is still in full flush. Emissary — only I'll be there permanently," he states.

He scoffs at the predictions of some Israeli pundits that the Administration will seek to deliberately "bypass" him and deal with Israel through U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis in Tel Aviv because of his well-known hardline views. That would be, Arens says, for the U.S. to cut off its nose to spite its face — and therefore Washington is very unlikely to act that way. The American interest, like the Israeli interest, is to keep both channels of communication — the Tel Aviv Embassy and the Washington Embassy — open and operating.

Arens sees the primary task of an Ambassador as being a channel of consistent and accurate communication — in order to ensure that the host government and his own government never misunderstand one another. If he can bring about a situation of positive understanding, whereby each understands the other's motives — that is a higher step, Arens muses. If he can produce agreement on issues — that is the highest goal.

## How to Advertise in a Recessionary Period.

In a recessionary period, advertising must pass the most critical test of all, the cash register. Here are some fine points to remember when planning your advertising.

1. **Somebody is buying.** If "Nobody's buying," is your battle cry, guess again. Somebody is buying. Even at 7% unemployment, 93% of the workable population is still employed. That 93% still must purchase goods and materials.
2. **Know Your Customers.** Not just by name and address, but by what they like to buy. Effective merchandising meets the needs and wants of your clientele.
3. **Do your customer's name and address.** It takes less than a minute to fill out a sales slip. That sales slip, plus the credit card slips are your tickets to activating your customer list throughout the year by using direct mail.

4. **Track your sales by zip code.** Tracking sales by zips shows you what areas prefer what merchandise, and it also provides you with a way of evaluating your newspaper purchases. Always seek to match circulation and sales.

5. **Understand how consumers reprioritize their needs.** In a recessionary period, psychological necessities become luxuries. Evaluate your stock. How much of it is psychological necessities? And who's continuing to purchase those products as opposed to who isn't?

6. **Give a reason to buy from you.** This is more important than you can know. 15 stores may carry the same item. Why should someone buy it from you as opposed to Ann & Hope?

7. **Don't stop advertising.** This bit of advice comes from the research department of McGraw-Hill. Their findings: companies that

continued advertising during the recession gained substantial business from competition who stopped advertising.

8. **Advertise smarter.** Make every dollar count. Throw out traditional media usage patterns and experiment. For example, one company cut down the size of their weekly ad. To get more for their money they had the reduced ad broken into 4 smaller versions run on 4 separate pages. Result: multiple exposure within one issue increased recognition and did not hurt cash register sales.

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# Obituaries

## MANIA PICK

**PROVIDENCE** — Mania Pick, 14 Whiting Street, died Sunday, Jan. 31. She leaves her husband Haskell Pick. Funeral services were held Monday, Feb. 1 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to a favorite charity. Shiva will be held at her late residence.

## NAOMI MARCUS

**BARRINGTON** — Naomi Marcus, 1580 Wampanoag Trail, died Tuesday, Feb. 2. The wife of Morris Marcus, she leaves a daughter, Mrs. Barbara Kass, Barrington, two sisters, Mrs. Sylvia Yoken, Fall River and Mrs. Miriam Kagan, Pembroke, Mass., and a brother Mr. Leonard White, Hollywood, Fla., and three grandchildren. A funeral was held Friday, Feb. 8, at the Mt. Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Memorial week was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Kass, 15 Robbins Dr., Barrington. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to a favorite charity.

## IDA KAPLAN-STONE

**WEST YARMOUTH** — Ida Kaplan-Stone of 4 C Halcyon Dr., West Yarmouth, died Jan. 29. She was the beloved wife of Jacob Kaplan and the late Richard S. Stone. She leaves a daughter, Brenda Whitt of Cranston and a son, David L. Stone of Greenfield, Mass.; a sister, Anna Housen of Holyoke, Mass.; and a brother, Bernard S. Housen of South Carolina and eight grandchildren. A funeral service was held at the Cape Cod Synagogue, 145 Sinter St., Hyannis on Sunday Jan. 31. Burial was at the Chevra Kadusha Cemetery, Montvale Ave., Woburn, Mass. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Hospice Care of Cape Cod, Osterville, Mass. 02655.

## KATE SHAPIRO

**BOCA RATON, Fla.** — Kate Shapiro of Boca Raton died on Friday Jan. 22. She was the wife of the late Jack Shapiro. Funeral services were held in Miami, Fla. Contributions may be made to a favorite charity.

## FANNIE NEMTZOW

**MIAMI BEACH, FLA.** — Fannie Nemtsov, 87, of 21 Ayrault St., Newport, while vacationing in Florida, died Saturday, Feb. 5. Born in Russia, she came to this country at the age of three. She was the daughter of the late Aaron and Sarah Israel. A life member and former president of the Newport Chapter of Hadassah, she was also a member of the Touro Synagogue and the ladies auxiliary, as well as a member of Temple Shalom and the temple's sisterhood. The wife of Harry Nemtsov, she leaves three sons, Joshua Nemtsov of Newport, Irving Nemtsov of California, Bernard Nemtsov of Short Hills, Cal., two daughters, Mrs. Matilda Woiler of Cranston, Mrs. Phyllis Dreyfus of Los Angeles, and two sisters, Mrs. Celia Berenson of Miami Beach, and Raye Israel of Cherry Hill, N.J., five grandchildren and a great-grandchild. The funeral was held Monday, Feb. 1, at the Hoffman Memorial Chapel, Newport. Burial was in the Beth Shalom Cemetery, Middletown. Donations may be sent to Temple Shalom.

# The Jews Of France Who Advise Mitterrand

(Continued from page 1)

March, the first French President to visit the Jewish State.

## Example Of Jewish Personalities

Attali, of course, is only one example of the galaxy of prominent Jewish personalities who dot the political map of France. Among other examples, there is Eric Berezgoy, who led Mitterrand's transition team and who is now Secretary General of the Elysee, a post comparable to Edwin Meese in the White House. Active in the Jewish community, Berezgoy worked with Mendes-France for many years on social issues.

Another Jew in the Cabinet is Charles Fiterman, a Communist, who is Minister of Transportation and who is one of the five ministers who hold the rank of "Minister of State." Although he is known to speak fluent Yiddish, he has not shown "the slightest interest in Jewish or Israel affairs," according to those knowledgeable about Fiterman.

Not far from the Elysee Palace is the Ministry of Justice, today headed by another active Jewish community person, Robert Badinter, whose name is inseparably linked with the fight to abolish capital punishment.

Pierre Dreyfus, Minister of Industry, has the distinction in France of making Renault, the renowned automobile manufacturer, France's leading business enterprise after the two oil companies, Elf and Total. Dreyfus, 73, also has been president of French ORT since 1975.

A "man of the theater" is what they call Jack Lang who has led parallel lives in the world of politics and the university. Lang has been described as "a proud Jew," who openly and sometimes energetically asserts his Jewishness.

## Loyalty And Acumen

Looking over the background of these high-level and accomplished men, one cannot but notice their loyalty for many years to Mitterrand and the Socialist Party, as well as their acumen in last year's hard-fought and close French electoral campaign.

It was Badinter who arranged the television debate between President Valery Giscard d'Estaing and Mitterrand. And Mitterrand's press campaign was directed by Jacques Sequela, a Jewish owner of a large ad agency (Roux and Sequela) who volunteered personally and without charge to run the campaign. Attali has been Mitterrand's economic advisor since 1974, and the "pocket book" and "unemployment" were big issues in the election.

The background of the Jews around President Francois Mitterrand is fascinating indeed.

Jacques Attali, 38, who manages to spend

part of almost every day offering political advice as well as intellectual stimulations, is from North Africa. He is one of the more than 300,000 Jews from that continent who infused new blood into the French Jewish community which changed from a majority of Ashkenazic Jews to a majority of Sephardic Jews.

The prestigious newspaper, Le Monde, described Attali as "an ebullient Proteus," who apparently has succeeded in cutting back on the number of hours he sleeps without noticeable effect. Otherwise, asks Le Monde, how would he have been able at the same time to take an active role in the Socialist Party; act as Mitterrand's economic adviser and then staff director — all without giving up piano, skiing or tennis?

Prolific, indeed, Attali is the author of numerous books, and his articles on economic problems have shown an "uncommon originality," according to experts in the field.

## Robert Badinter

Robert Badinter is a member of the board of The Fonds Social Juif Unifie and also has been active on behalf of Soviet Jewry. He was born in 1929, into a family of East European immigrants and has been a lawyer at the Paris Court of Appeals since 1951. Along with Jean Denis Bredin, he heads one of the largest law firms in Paris.

What makes Badinter so intriguing is that he has led a public campaign against capital punishment and his appointment as Minister of Justice indicated that the government intended to outlaw the death penalty. This bill recently became law. In fact, Badinter was "a sort of last resort" for those who faced the death penalty.

(Another Jewish Cabinet minister, in the former Administration, Simone Veil, led the fight to legalize abortion in France. She became one of France's most popular ministers and subsequently was elected President of the European Parliament, a post she held until earlier this month.)

Badinter, who has an "agregation," most advanced law degree in France, is a member of the steering committee of the League for the Rights of Man and is active in Amnesty International. He still manages to teach law at the Sorbonne and is married to the daughter of advertising tycoon, Marcel Bleustein-Blanchet.

## Pierre Dreyfus

As Minister of Industry, Pierre Dreyfus will be on familiar territory. He first joined the ministry back in 1935 as inspector general of industry.

Dreyfus is known to be particularly sensitive to the situation of North African Jews. He himself was raised in a relatively assimilated French Jewish family. In fact, it was reported, at the age of 13 he sur-

prised his family with a request for a Bar Mitzvah, to which they agreed.

Since that time he has firmly identified himself with the French Jewish community. He was instrumental in negotiations with French national schools, such as the L'Ecole Normale and L'Ecole Nationale d'Administration, which led to the schools agreeing not to hold examinations on Jewish holidays.

Dreyfus holds the honors of Grand Officer of the Legion of Honor and Commander of the National Order of Merit. He began his career as a member of the corps of technical advisors in the French Ministry of Commerce in Paris before World War II. During the war, he served as an infantry sergeant until the fall of France and then joined the Resistance.

## Jack Lang

It was to Jack Lang that Mitterrand gave the task to organize the inaugural ceremonies held at the Pantheon on May 21.

All his life Lang has led parallel lives in the world of politics, theater and university. First active in the ranks of the young radicals who supported President Pierre Mendes-France, he joined the Socialists in 1965. It was Lang's organizational genius which was responsible for setting up the Festival of Nancy; he was its guiding force and it became an important center of creativity. In 1978, Lang became an advisor to Mitterrand.

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## Linowitz Says Autonomy Agreement Between Egypt, Israel Is Achievable

would be established on the West Bank. He said that while there has been a "thickening" of existing settlements, the population of those settlements has not increased as much as some people believe.

The fourth issue is the powers of the self-governing authority, with Israel insisting that it have only administrative powers while Egypt is asking for it to have legislative authority. Linowitz said a way to get around this was not to attach any adjective to the description of the authority. The fifth problem, which Linowitz called the most difficult, is over Egypt's demand that East Jerusalem Arabs be allowed to vote for the self-governing authority.

Israel rejects this because it fears the voting rights could challenge its sovereignty over Jerusalem. Linowitz has

proposed that East Jerusalem Arabs vote in Bethlehem. Begin has rejected that proposal.

Linowitz had some advice for the Israeli Premier based on the inscription at the Museum of the Diaspora in Tel Aviv: "Remember the past, live in the present, trust the future." He said Begin fears the future because he sees change as endangering Israel's security. "If you are going to have peace, you have to have trust," Linowitz said. He said Israel should learn from the changes it has already experienced in its relations with Egypt that change is the only way to bring about peace.

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# Do You Want Your Daughter To Marry One?

by Irving Greenberg

The "Who is a Jew" controversy was an "early warning system" of a coming social crisis in Jewry. Some American Jews thought that under the amendment that Agudat Israel sought to the Israeli Law of Return, Conservative and Reform Jews would not be considered Jews. This was a misunderstanding. Gentiles converted to Judaism by those movements would be excludable under the amendment. But the denial of the authority of non-Orthodox rabbis to convert Jews (on the grounds that the rabbis' procedures do not meet halachic requirements) opened the eyes of many Conservative and Reform Jews to the fact that Orthodoxy basically assumes that other forms of Judaism are not valid. Some individuals and rabbis in communities pressured federations to dissuade Israel from this rejection of Reform and Conservative practice by threatening to withhold money and support for Israel. The angry flareups seem to be subsiding because the amendment appears stalled — but to go back to business as usual would be a serious mistake.

We are sitting on a keg of social dynamite in Jewish life. About 140 years ago, as Jews became legally integrated into the new nation states, the Reform rabbinate decided that civil divorce would be deemed an adequate termination of marriage for Jews. However, a parallel suggestion by the French Orthodox rabbinate was overruled. Orthodox and halachic Jews decided that only a get (Jewish divorce) could legally end a Jewish marriage and that giving equivalent legal force to general divorce would be a radical act of assimilation. At that time, the attraction of modernity and full legal citizenship was at its peak — Reform Judaism has since attained a more balanced attitude toward modern culture. Many Orthodox Jews believed that Reform Judaism was a temporary phenomenon that would soon disappear. Many Reform Jews assumed the same about Orthodoxy. None of the Jews anticipated the incredible assimilation, or destruction or rebirth of Israel and Jewish renewal that was to come in the next century. No one could have thought through the full consequences of the two decisions to drop the get and not to change the procedures for halachic termination of marriage. In the next two decades, the historical chickens will come home to roost unless major steps are taken soon.

## Surge of Divorce

In the past few years there has been a surge of divorce among American Jews. Jews became fully integrated into American life while America became a "divorce culture." However, family values are still strong among Jews. Therefore, they have the highest remarriage rate in American society. (Or, as one observer put it: Jews never learn!) Divorce is higher among non-Orthodox Jews; Orthodox Jews on average are less acculturated. It is obvious, then, that a large and growing number of women are entering second marriages with Jewish husbands without benefit of a get. Not all will have children but many will. Under halachic rules, a woman without a get is considered to be still married to her first

husband; her children by another man are deemed to be children of an adulterous union and therefore are mamzerim (illegitimate by halacha). By traditional Jewish law, mamzerim may not marry into the Jewish community at all. If they marry a Jew, the children of such a union are legally ineligible for marriage as well. It is obvious that in 15 to 20 years we face a major wave of mamzerim in the Jewish marriageable generation.

The Talmud itself was deeply disturbed by the harsh effects of the law of mamzer and the innocent suffering of the children. However, in the upcoming situation, the suffering is totally unjustified. The parents are not committing adulterous acts. These are law-abiding mothers divorced by law whose decision to remarry reflects a commitment to family and marriage and quite possibly to Jewish survival. Because they live in Reform or non-observant or secular Jewish life they may neither know about a get nor understand the seriousness of not obtaining one.

Furthermore, the situation can only weaken the chances for Jewish survival by reducing the Jewish marriage options of those who observe halacha and those who do not. It is hard enough to find a Jewish mate as it is — consider the soaring intermarriage rates.

We can project the levels of anger when unaffiliated or Reform Jews discover that they are placed in the category of legal bastardy — with even harsher penalties than that status ever had in general American society. The resentment will be compounded by their sense of the lack of any moral justification for this status. Such fundamental rejection can only breed hostility and fury and social warfare. The fallout in divisiveness and consequent split in support for Israel will be hair-raising.

Since most Jews are not observant, we can expect that they will marry each other freely, using Reform rabbis or Justices of the Peace. Their children will not be marriageable by halachic standards. There is a real risk of Jewry's being divided into two separate people unable to marry with each other. After the Holocaust, such a development is an outrage, a sin against history and fate as well as against law and tradition.

The obvious response is: do something! Reform and secular Jews should move toward providing a get for all divorces. Orthodoxy and halachic Conservative Jews should move to develop other forms of ending marriage that reduce this terrible threat of bastardy. The possibilities exist within the halacha as well as the movements for such moves. But at the present time there is no mechanism nor process whereby the groups can get together to draw up a common agenda and work out forms of cooperation. There are strong forces in each group who place denominational considerations ahead of any possible program to stop the problem. There are strong ideological/halachic obstacles to any positive cooperation on the part of Orthodoxy. Reform ideological obstacles are reinforced by Orthodoxy's rejection of Reform legitimacy. And many non-observant Jews simply go their own way anyway.

There is no systematic program of theological/halachic dialogue and common learning in the Jewish community. The Synagogue Council of America which represents all three groups was established on the condition that it not deal with theological/halachic issues. The National Jewish Resource Center started such a program but it is still a modest project which cannot yet cope with the dimensions of this problem. The Resource Center is still dwarfed by the forces making for polarization and denominational separatism. Many secular Jews or Federation supporters still consider religion or theology and halacha none of their business.

The Talmud said that the Second Temple was destroyed because of *sinat chinam* — ceaseless, unjustified hatred between Jews. The possibilities of gratuitous hatred in this situation are staggering.

This article is a plea for action. Unless we act strongly and soon, the day will yet come when Jews will sit around a table and say: "Sure (Reform) (Secular) (Conservative) (Orthodox) Jews are OK and some of my best friends are (— — —) Jews — but would you want your daughter to marry one?"

Dr. Irving Greenberg is director of the National Jewish Resource Center in New York. (c)NJRC.

## 60,000 People Sign Petitions Asking Brezhnev To Let Soviet Jews Emigrate

PHILADELPHIA (JTA) — "Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev has been told by close to 60,000 people in the Delaware Valley to let the Jews in the Soviet Union go," reported Lana Dishler and Harold Levine, co-chairpersons of the Soviet Jewry petition campaign.

"It was just two months ago that the 'Tell Brezhnev' petition campaign got underway in the Greater Philadelphia area as part of an intensive international effort to collect one million signatures," Mrs. Dishler and Levine said.

The petitions collected locally have been sent to the presidium of the World Conference on Soviet Jewry which is meeting in Washington. At the meeting a determination is to be made as to how they should be presented to Brezhnev. With Jewish emigration from the USSR at its lowest point in 10 years, the petitions call for the release of Jews who want to leave the Soviet Union, the end of harassment of Jews who have applied to emigrate, and the

release of Prisoners of Conscience sent to labor camps, prisons and exile solely because of their desire to emigrate.

The nearly 60,000 petitions forwarded to Washington include the signatures of governor and Mrs. Dick Thornburgh, Rep. Lawrence Coughlin (R. Pa.), the members of the Philadelphia City Council, and Philadelphia District Attorney Edward Rendell and his staff.

Theodore Mann, chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, acknowledge the Greater Philadelphia total saying, "The generous support of the people of Philadelphia for this crucial, life-saving campaign is extremely gratifying and a significant step towards our goal of one million signatures. Once again this community has demonstrated its deep concern for the suppressed Jews in the Soviet Union, and it is our hope that these petitions, combined with others from all parts of the world, will influence the fate of Soviet Jewry."

## Man Faces Trial For Impersonating Ritual Slaughterer

NEW YORK (JTA) — A spokesman for the New York State Attorney General's office reported last week that Abraham Novitzky, 48, of Brooklyn, charged with impersonating a ritual slaughterer (*shochet*) and misbranding as kosher non-kosher meat, is free on \$5,000 bail after being arrested in Hoboken, N.J. He faces trial in a Brooklyn, N.Y. criminal court February 25. If convicted, he could be fined \$200 and sentenced to six months in jail.

Nathan Riley, the spokesman, said Novitzky was arrested in a Hoboken telephone booth on January 20 while talking to New York State Assistant Attorney General John Ryan about the charges.

Riley said that, on January 22, Novitzky pleaded guilty to charges of failure to pay bills against him of \$1,000. Novitzky ended the case by pleading guilty in a Flemington, N.J. court to a specific disorderly persons charge and paying the \$1,000.

At that time, Riley told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Novitzky surrendered to New York authorities and was returned to a Brooklyn criminal court to face charges of mislabeling as kosher veal that was not kosher. Criminal court Judge Jerome Becker offered Novitzky 30 days in jail in return for a guilty plea. Novitzky refused and Becker put him on bail for \$5,000. He was released on bail to face trial February 25. Riley said it is not yet known which judge will hear the case.

## Temple Shalom To Honor Scouts

The Congregation of Temple Shalom, Middletown will pay tribute to several young scouts at the Temple's annual Scout Sabbath which will take place on Friday, Feb. 5 at 7 p.m.

Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer will lead the service in the Main Sanctuary.

Scouts participating in the service will be: Joshua Blumen, Matthew Berman, Eric Goldstein, Lisa Kuzminsky, Kristie Mayes, Keith Mayes, William Hackett, Debbie Hackett, Karen Hackett, and Tracy Soforenko.

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## Police Chief Rebuked For Releasing Unsubstantiated Terrorist Report

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — Police Chief Daryl Gates has been sharply rebuked by the President of the Los Angeles Police Commission, Reva Tooley, for releasing a report suggesting that the Soviet Union is sending criminals into the Los Angeles area, posing as Russian Jewish emigres, with the intention to increase crime and disrupt the 1984 Olympic Games.

Tooley said that on the basis of a briefing by Assistant Police Chief Marvin Iannone she found "no basis for such speculation" and accused Gates of "unnecessarily whipping up fear." Los Angeles Times staff writers Kenneth Reich and Joel Sappell reported.

The Soviet Jewish emigre community here has already demanded that Gates apologize to the Jewish community for releasing a 42-page pamphlet prepared by his detectives which alleged among other things that 20 Soviet emigres in the Los Angeles area are involved in criminal activities and that this could be part of a plot engineered by the KGB.

The pamphlet was given to a group of media and business executives at a briefing

by Gates. The Police Chief subsequently acknowledged that the allegations were "speculations" and "suppositions" but maintained that "worst case" scenarios had to be anticipated. He added that if there is a threat, it comes from Soviet emigrants posing as Jews, not from Jews.

Si Frumkin, chairman of the Southern California Council for Soviet Jews, observed that Soviet Jewish emigrants here are "a well adjusted community of good Americans who do not cooperate with the KGB." He noted that more than 20 police officers have been indicted for various offenses, yet no one linked them to an international plot.

The report by Gates' detectives contained a section titled "Soviet Emigre Mafia" which claimed that about 20 emigres have been involved in "murder, theft, fraud, forgery, counterfeiting, extortion, receiving stolen property and various vice activities."

It added: "It is readily foreseeable that the crime problem involving Soviets will increase in size and severity as the Soviet emigrant population increases."

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## No Danger Of An Increase In Unemployment In Near Future

JERUSALEM (JTA) — According to the latest figures released by the Ministry of Social Betterment, there is no danger of an increase in the unemployment rate in the foreseeable future.

The number of job seekers last December reached 34,328, with 20,032 job offers. About 33,500 persons were looking for work last month, with 18,800 openings. Some 14,296 were registered in December as unemployed for a period of six days or more. A similar number of unemployed in the same status is expected to be recorded for January. At certain times last year, the unemployment rate was more than 15,000.

According to the Employment Service, the employment agencies are still unable to fill job openings for lack of suitable workers.

### Working In Israel

Last December, some 5,523 job offers remained unfilled. Last month the number of unfilled job offers was 3,876. Some of these offers were referred to the employment agencies in the administered territories. Arab workers from the territories were in greatest demand during December for seasonal work such as citrus picking.

This caused an increase in the number of

## Tombstones Desecrated

AMSTERDAM (JTA) — Anti-Semitic daubings were found on nine tombstones in the ancient Jewish cemetery at Middleburg in Southwest Holland. Although the vandalism was discovered last week, the incident was not reported until yesterday. The Middleburg public works department has cleaned the defaced stones and the local Jewish congregation has filed a criminal complaint against parties unknown.

One stone bore the inscription, "Jews stink." Another was painted with the letters, AJB, believed to stand for "Anarchistische Jeugd Beweging" (Anarchistic Youth Movement). Middleburg had a large Jewish community dating from the 17th Century before World War II, but only a few Jews live there now.

Arabs from the territories working in Israel. There are presently some 50,000 Arab workers from the territories employed in Israel through the employment service. Another 25,000-30,000 are believed to be employed in Israel outside of the official channels.

Despite the general positive employment scene, in some areas, especially in development towns as Upper Nazareth and Carmiel, unemployment is growing at a faster rate. Some 12 percent of the population living in such towns account for one-third of the unemployment in the country.

## Cohen Foundation Announces Summer In Israel Program

The Eli and Bessie Cohen Foundation Camps sponsors of Camps Pembroke, Tel Noar and Tevya announce that plans have been completed for the fifth Summer in Israel program. A total of 40 senior campers from the three camps will participate in the program. The participants will spend one month in Israel and then return to their respective camp for the second month of the camp season.

Heading the group this summer for the second year will be Marcia and Marc Cohen. The Cohens have had extensive experience working with youth groups presently serve as Co-Directors of the Temple Beth Shalom youth group in Needham. Marcia and Marc will be joined in Israel by two additional Israeli counselors who work together in supervising the group.

The Israel program includes a stay in Jerusalem which combines touring the city along with a complete educational program dealing with all aspects of Israel. There will also be a field school experience at Sde Boker located 35 miles south of Beersheva. There the group will be involved in working with aspects of archaeology ecology and biology. Other highlights of the trip will include visits to Eilat, Tel Aviv, Haifa, Masada, Safed, the Golan Heights and Kibbutz Kfar Blum.

## Navone Deplores Low Jewish Birthrate In The Diaspora

JERUSALEM (JTA) — President Yitzhak Navon deplored the low Jewish birth rate in the diaspora and told a group of visiting leaders of the Israel Bond Organization that it was only marginally better in Israel.

Navon addressed 200 Bond leaders from the U.S. and Canada at a dinner marking the close of their five-day mission to Israel in connection with the projected Mediterranean-Dead Sea Canal. Fifty of them announced they would each purchase a minimum of \$100,000 in Israel Bonds, thus making them canal "founders." The Bond Organization has set a target of 1000 such "founders."

Navon said the present trend of Jewish families in the diaspora to have no more than two children must be changed. He lamented the disappearance of "the traditional Jewish family," even in Israel. He said the proper reaction after the Holocaust should have been for Jewish families to have larger numbers of children.

Over the weekend the Bond delegates were briefed by Defense Minister Ariel Sharon who told them that the government's settlement plan for the West Bank, initiated four years ago, has "changed the security situation for the State of Israel in the present time and for the future."

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## The Beginning Of A Lifetime Commitment

"I do" — two words which, as frequently as they are repeated, signify at the same time, a beginning and an end. In front of the couple being married, a wedded life looms not unnaturally large.

For, implicit in the two simple words both have repeated, is a world of commitments, decisions and promises — two lives have joined, a truly momentous occasion.

And, behind the newlyweds, lie not only the path of their courtship and their own formative years and experiences, but aggregated centuries of traditions and customs, years fraught with hope and thought for the future that have led to the moment of joining — for every couple the world over who meet, fall in love, and marry.

Falling in love seems such a simple thing — we have developed a picture of it, thanks to an endless sequence of books, movies and songs, in which all of the complications have been romanticized out.

The actuality, as young people meeting with it for the first time discover over and over again as one generation succeeds the next, is far richer and far more complicated, liberally endowed with all the ambiguities in which life delights.

Interestingly enough, all the people who have painted love in such vivid and simple colors, do not attempt to "fool" their public on the subject of weddings.

With all the planning that goes into them, all the celebration they occasion and all the people they involve, it is to be expected that they should be as convoluted and complicated as life itself.

Right off the bat, centuries of tradition present themselves for reckoning and must be observed, as age-old Superstition rears its head.

And, indeed, these customs give a tone to the wedding, a sense of continuity that young and old alike find satisfying.

Many of the complications arise during the planning stage, which often lasts several months.

The trick, and it is a trick, is to arrive at a game plan for The Wedding which takes into account the likes, dislikes, whims and prejudices of everyone involved, not only bride and groom but their immediate families, as well.

First, decisions must be made as to where and when the wedding will be held: how large the guest list will be and who will be invited; whether it is to be an afternoon or an evening event, and how formal it will be; what colors the bridal party will wear.

As the big day approaches, other questions arise: from who will sit with whom to what tunes the organist will play during the procession.

It is a tribute to the strong bonds of love which unite the various individuals involved, that ultimately all is accomplished in a spirit of good will and harmony.

The wedding itself is as joyous as it is solemn, an event truly befitting the months of planning and concern. As well it should be, since it contains within itself the twin virtues of reverence for the past and hope for the future. It is, truly, a celebration of life.

## The Customs And Rituals Of The Uniquely Jewish Wedding

NOTE: The following outline is full of information about the uniquely Jewish wedding customs and rituals.

The Jewish wedding customs that make a ceremony so memorable to bride, groom, family and friends have very special meanings, all recalling a past long gone, established for a very specific purpose.

And as each family has its own special traditions, rabbis offer various interpretations for the uniquely Jewish customs. Here's an outline:

**Ketubah:** This is the traditional marriage contract, bereft of legal significance these days but once upon a time the only protection a wife had in case of divorce or widowhood.

The Ketubah specifies the groom's responsibilities toward his bride, including that he "honor and cherish" her.

Used mostly in Orthodox and Conservative ceremonies, the Ketubah is signed by two witnesses, as well as by the bride and groom. Witnesses are often chosen as a special honor.

The Ketubah may be read aloud by the rabbi during the ceremony before being handed to the bride, or the father of the bride, for safekeeping.

It may be written in ancient Aramaic, Hebrew, or English and beautifully illustrated. After the wedding, some couples frame the Ketubah and hang it as decoration.

In Reform Judaism, a Certificate of Marriage, signed by the rabbi and two witnesses, is presented to the couple but not read at the ceremony.

**Badeken:** An old and beautiful custom is the ceremony of veiling the bride by the groom (in Yiddish, badeken, meaning "to cover"). This takes place before the wedding service, sometimes in conjunction with the signing of the Ketubah, usually at Orthodox and Conservative ceremonies.

A number of reasons are advanced for this practice. It is often traced to the experience of Rebecca in the Bible, who veiled herself when she first beheld the presence of her future husband, Isaac, coming across the field to meet her. Others say this procedure was meant to prevent other men from casting a lustful look at her.

The veil also announces to the public that the bride is special and reserved for her intended husband on this wedding day.

The badeken may take place privately, with only immediate families present, or it may be an elaborate ceremony accompanied by singing and dancing.

In some Orthodox ceremonies, the bride

is seated on a throne-like chair, surrounded by women in the wedding party, and the groom is brought to her in a dancing procession of men. The veiling is accompanied by prayer and blessings.

**Tena'im:** Among many Orthodox Jews, a formal ceremony of betrothal is still practiced. Called tena'im, meaning "conditions" or "terms," it symbolizes a preliminary marriage agreement drawn up by the parents of the couple. The ceremony includes the breaking of a plate, which, like the breaking of a glass at the wedding ceremony, reminds those present that Jews still mourn the destruction of the temples in Jerusalem.

**Aufruf:** Although the bride is usually the center of attention in all the fuss leading up to a wedding and at the wedding itself, Judaism reserves a special moment, a special ritual, for the groom alone.

The Aufruf, or Ufruf (meaning "calling up"), is when the groom is called to the reading of the Torah and recites the same blessings he first recited when he was Bar Mitzvah. The practice is followed by Orthodox and Conservative Jews.

The Aufruf may take place at any service at which the Torah is read, usually on the Sabbath or a Monday or Thursday morning. Most often, the Aufruf is scheduled for the Sabbath immediately before the wedding.

The groom chants customary blessings when called to the Torah, and, if he is sufficiently learned, may chant the Haftarah. In some synagogues, the rabbi then asks the bride to join the groom on the pulpit, and he recites a special prayer blessing their forthcoming marriage.

**Mikvah:** The mikvah, or ritual bath, occupied a place of prominence in the Jewish community of old. It was particularly important for the woman, who was required to cleanse herself of what was considered periodic impurity resulting from her menstrual flow before resuming sexual relations with her husband. The woman about to be married was introduced to the mikvah and to the ceremony of immersion prior to her wedding so that she entered marriage in a pure state.

The laws of family purity are observed by Orthodox and some Conservative Jews. The bride who plans to observe these laws should visit the mikvah before her wedding. Because the laws governing ritual purification are so complex, she should consult a rabbi for specific guidance and instruction.

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# The Customs And Rituals Of The Uniquely Jewish Wedding

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**Fasting On The Wedding Day:** Among Orthodox and some Conservative Jews, the bride and groom fast on the wedding day until after the ceremony. The wedding day is considered a day of atonement, like Yom Kippur. The bride and groom fast as a means of purification, so they may enter their new life cleansed of past sins, and, in fact, reborn.

**Yichud:** This term refers to a private meeting of the bride and groom immediately following the ceremony.

In the past, the engaged couple was not permitted to be alone together, and Yichud was the first time together alone, as a married couple. It was actually a symbolic reminder that the marriage would not be consummated until the couple had been together in sexual union. In a much earlier period, Yichud in fact was the sex-

ual union.

Yichud is still considered the true sign that the marriage rites have been completed properly, and it is a lovely way for bride and groom to breathe that sigh of relief that the ceremony is over! If they have fasted, the couple can then break their fast; it also enables the couple to rest a bit and refresh themselves before joining their guests for the reception.

**Chuppah:** The chuppah, which means "covering," is the wedding canopy under which the ceremony is performed, and symbolized the new home which will be created by the bride and groom.

The chuppah is often a silk or velvet cloth with gold fringes and embroidery, supported on four poles. Sometimes it is decorated with or made completely from flowers. In the synagogue, the chuppah is placed on the pulpit.

Parents of the bride and groom stand with the couple under the chuppah, as do the rabbi and cantor, and sometimes the wedding attendants.

**Vows:** The vows that are exchanged between bride and groom include the promise to love, honor and cherish. As the groom slips the wedding ring on his bride's finger, he says: "Behold thou art consecrated unto me with this ring according to the laws of Moses and of Israel." This part of the ceremony is necessary to legalize the marriage according to Jewish laws.

**The Ring:** The requirement that the wedding band be of plain metal is maintained by most Orthodox and by many Conservative rabbis, though an engraved ring is sometimes permitted.

The plain band of unbroken metal, taking the place of the gold coin that was given in ancient times, represents the hope that the marriage will be similarly unbroken, and its plainness symbolizes that marriage is sacred for both rich and poor.

The ring, which must be the groom's own property, is placed on the bride's right forefinger because that finger points easily, because it can be readily displayed to witnesses, and because it is the finger used for pointing when studying Jewish holy books (and therefore is a sign that the marriage is an intelligent choice).

After the ceremony the rabbi may say a blessing as the groom places the ring on the customary left ring finger.

A double-ring ceremony is sometimes performed at Conservative and Reform ceremonies. The bride need not recite anything as she places the ring on the groom's finger, but many rabbis use a special declaration for the bride to recite.

The giving and acceptance of the ring knowingly and of one's own free will in the presence of witnesses makes the wedding valid and binding in the eyes of Jewish religious law. All the rest of the ceremony enhances and reinforces this mutual commitment.

**Breaking The Glass:** At the conclusion of the ceremony, it is traditional for the groom to break a thin wineglass by stamping upon it with his foot. Wrapping the wine glass in linen or a handkerchief prevents splinters of glass from flying about and hurting anyone.

The act has been linked to several ex-

planations: It is intended to temper the joy of the occasion by reminding those present of the destruction of the Temples in Jerusalem and of other calamities that befell the Jewish people. In Talmudic times, the glass was broken to temper uncontrolled levity. The loss of a glass was a burden, since glass was quite expensive.

The breaking of the glass also may be a symbol of the frailty of life and the irrevocability of marriage.

**Circling The Groom:** At some Orthodox ceremonies, the bride is required to walk around the bridegroom when she comes under the canopy, often in a procession with her mother and the mother of the groom. The bride circles the groom seven times, corresponding to the seven different verses in the bible which state, "and when a man takes a wife."

The practice also recalls a superstition: The bride walked around the groom to protect him from evil spirits.

**Hamotzi:** Traditionally, a Jewish meal begins with "hamotzi," the blessing recited over bread. At a wedding, the bread is usually a large, braided challah, placed on the bridal table.

## A Royal Week

The newlyweds' faces shine. Their appearance suits the royal treatment they are to receive for the next seven days, for in the week of their wedding, Chosson and Kallah are considered a "king" and "queen." They are not permitted to do any work, neither at jobs nor in their new home. Dinners called *Sheva Brochos* are usually given by close friends and relatives or the parents of the couple on each of the seven days following the wedding. Each is a *Seudas Mitzvah*, at which the same seven blessings that were recited under the Chupah are said after the Blessings-After-A-Meal. At each *Sheva Brochos*, in addition to the regular guests, there is one man who is invited as a "new face" (not having been at the wedding or to any of the previous *Sheva Brochos* in honor of this couple), except on Shabbos, for the Shabbos itself is a "new face."

If you are making a *Sheva Brochos*, plan your menu as you would when inviting special guests for dinner. The type of

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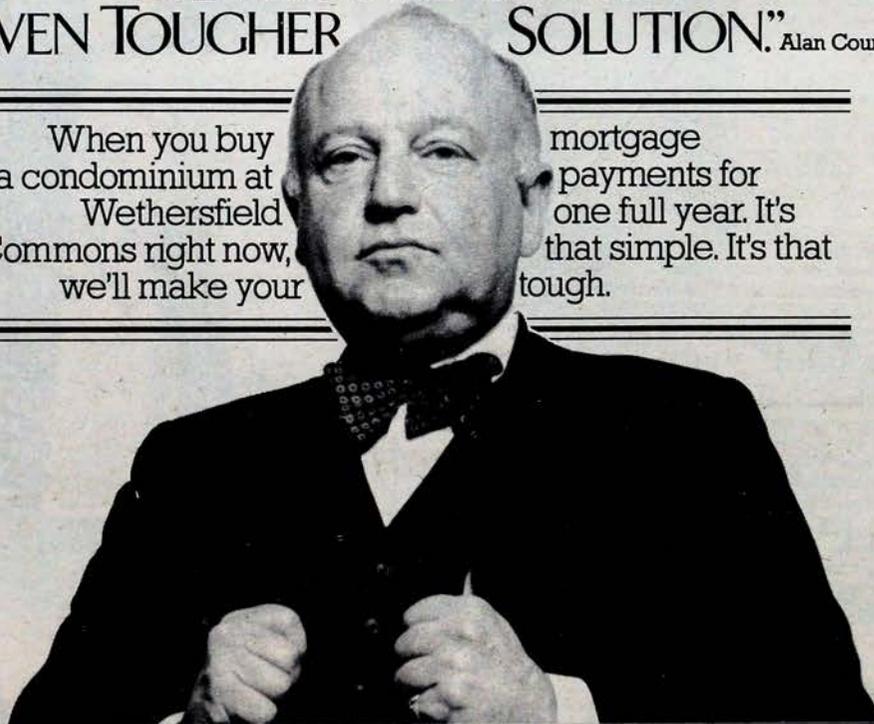
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# A Royal Week

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 menus to serve are manifold. Sometimes the meals can be quite elaborate, which is appropriate when you are preparing the royal meal for a newly coronated king and queen!

### Suggested Serving Style and Foods

**Dinner:** A festive chicken or meat meal is usually served. The hostess will usually select from her fancy favorite recipes to serve for this occasion. A complete dinner is served from challah to dessert.

**Friday Night:** The Friday-night Sheva Brochos are usually given by the parents of the bride or groom. The immediate family will join together for the complete Friday-night meal, whereas friends are invited to come join the celebration after the meal, and are served assorted fancy cakes, dessert and tea.

### Sheva Brochos — Seven Blessings

\* The meal concludes with the Blessings-After-A-Meal said over a cup of wine,

followed by *Sheva Brochos* (seven special blessings), which are said by seven honored guests over another cup of wine. The wine remaining in the two cups is mixed together and then the Chosson and Kallah each sip from one of the cups and pass it around to the men and women guests, respectively. Before they leave, all the guests make sure to bless the Chosson and Kallah for a long life of happiness, health, and genuine "Yiddishe Nachas," and a beautiful Jewish home based on a foundation of Torah and Mitzvoth.

### Suggested Serving Style and Foods

**Dinner:** A complete and elaborate dinner meal is prepared for all guests. Your caterer will have a large variety of menus to choose from. Choose a menu according to your taste and within your financial means. Also, plan what to serve for the reception (Kabbalas Panim).

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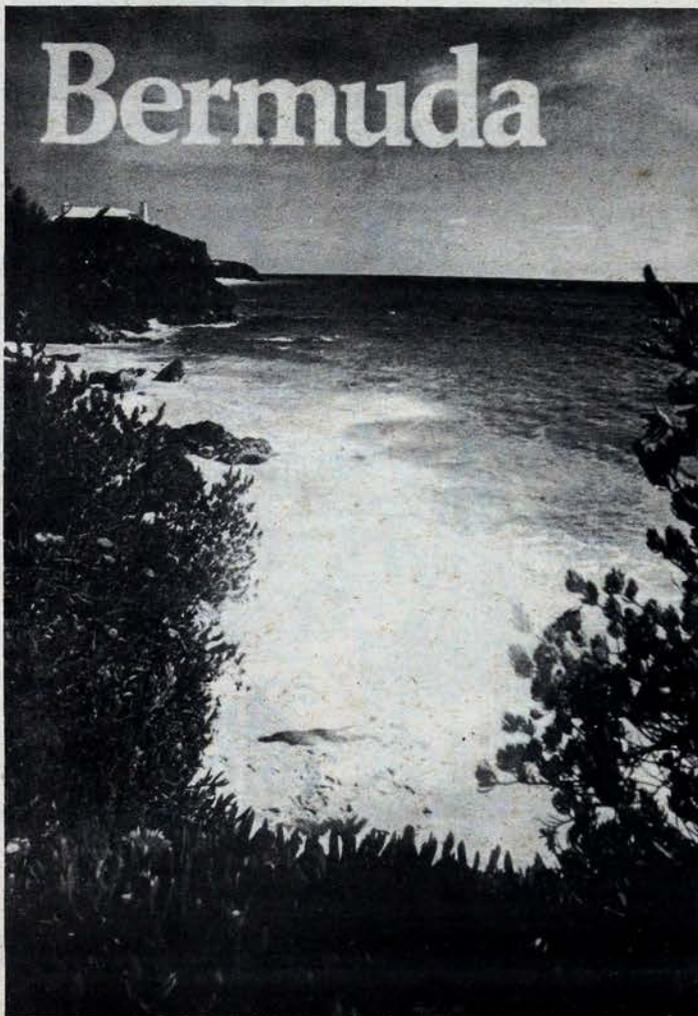


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## The Honeymoon: A Time And Place For Everyone's Budget And Taste



by Linda A. Acciaro

The honeymoon is a time set aside for the newly married couple to get better acquainted, escape from everyday pressures and simply enjoy the new relationship they have just entered into. But, the planning stages can be confusing, filled with a multitude of questions and possibilities.

Few couples are such travel connoisseurs that they can roam about Europe or Hawaii without the advice and recommendations that an expert travel consultant can provide.

Gail Rubenstein, a travel consultant with AAA World-Wide Travel Service in Cranston, has observed recent trends in the way many newlywed couples choose to spend the week following their wedding. There is a time and place for everyone's budget and taste.

Despite the economic crunch, "you wouldn't think there was a recession," Gail says. People are travelling more and more these days and "they look at the

honeymoon as a one-time thing." The economy is not affecting anyone, she adds.

Cruises are more popular these days for honeymooners than any other type of vacation, Gail says. The prices vary greatly depending on the cruise ship, itinerary and cabin location.

"It's a self-contained hotel," Gail says. Everything is provided including entertainment, meals, accommodations, recreation, shopping and gambling — and of course, each cruise plans a special schedule of ports so the couple is not confined to the ship the entire vacation.

One cruise to Mexico has as part of its itinerary an entire day on shore with a regular fiesta. "They're nice — they really are," Gail says.

When most people think of taking a cruise they plan in terms of three weeks in the Caribbean. But, there are three- and four-day cruises to Bermuda that are ideal for couples with a limited amount of time

for a honeymoon.

Most cruises arrange a different theme in terms of the meal and entertainment for each night. It could be an Italian theme one night and a Caribbean theme the next. If the food is a bit too spicy or not to your liking — the staff on the cruise ship is very accommodating. "They will fill any special requests," Gail says.

"The Norway," the largest cruise ship in the world, is the size of three football fields. "It's like walking through an underground mall with ice cream shops, a couple of different restaurants, salons, a gym, barber shops and much more.

Although most of this may sound as though it will set the newly married couple back in terms of finances, Gail says, there are many cruises which are very affordable. Some companies will even provide free fare to pick up a cruise from Florida, New York or the West Coast.

The most popular vacation places, other than cruises, are Bermuda, Hawaii, and Disney World. Some honeymoon couples are showing an interest in Europe, but most are looking for one-week packages and a warm climate.

Bermuda's 'on season' is between April and October and is one of Gail's most favorite vacation spots. "Bermuda is absolutely beautiful, quiet, peaceful, colorful and romantic. They cater to honeymooners. In addition to the beauty of the landscape, Bermuda offers the same as most other places in the line of discos and clubs.

World Wide Travel is currently booking a charter to Bermuda for May 27, lasting six nights and seven days and everything is included in the package.

Couples are already signing up for a cruise to Bermuda on May 30 which offers a 10 percent discount on the cabin and a free bus to New York to pick up the cruise. The one-week cruise ranges from about \$850 to \$1800 per person.

Hawaii, on the other hand, is 'on season' year around. Seven nights in this vacation spot amounts to about \$499 per person and will include air fare from New York to Hawaii, hotel accommodations, transportation from the airport to the hotel and a flower lei greeting with a welcome cocktail. Some of the sites Gail recommends while in Hawaii are the Polynesian Cultural Center, Pearl Harbor and a tour of Honolulu.

For some of the younger honeymooners, Gail suggests a trip to Disney World for a week. There is a great deal more than an amusement park as the attraction, such as the Cyprus Gardens, Sea World, Orlando, Cape Canaveral and Disney World itself is less than two hours from Tampa. "For young couples getting married fresh out of high school, it's an affordable honeymoon," Gail says.

For the more sophisticated traveler who is planning a honeymoon in Europe, Gail points out that "some people don't realize how small Europe really is in size." You don't have to choose one country over another. It's possible to plan an itinerary from London to France, down the Rhine and back up through France. There is no one particular area that is most popular — Italy, Switzerland, France and Eng-

land are all equally attractive, Gail says.

"Actually Europe can be done inexpensively," Gail says. But, prior planning and frugality are necessary. There are plenty of materials available for a couple to plan their own itinerary and reservations. Of course, a travel consultant can make the task a little easier.

Through AAA World-Wide Travel, a couple can make arrangements for one of the "Donna Franca Tours" to Italy. For 1982, the tours offered are "Italian Fever," "Sicilian Fever," and "Mediterranean Triangle." They are priced \$1498, \$1498 and \$1898 respectively. The "Italian Fever" features three nights in Rome, two nights in Florence, two nights in Venice, two nights in Stresa, one night in Siena, two nights in Sorrento and back to Rome for one night.

All packages are two-week vacations, and according to Gail, Donna Franca tours are one of the most popular and reliable tour companies available. All three tours feature first class and deluxe hotels, sightseeing and admission fees, fully escorted tours, local guides all taxes and tips and more. In addition, Donna Franca herself plans an evening at her villa for a special dinner.



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The most important factors to consider when planning a honeymoon are what time of year it will take place, which location is at the peak of its 'on season' and how far in advance reservations should be made.

"As soon as they know when they are getting married, the sooner they book the flight the better off they will be." If the air fare is increased, between the time you buy the tickets and the time the flight will be taken, there is no increase in the ticket price. If the fare is reduced you will receive a refund. "It's not enough just to have the reservation," Gail says.

If you're still deliberating about which travel agency to seek out for advice, remember that AAA World-Wide Travel, offers at no extra cost, an automatic air travel accident insurance coverage of \$100,000. You don't have to be a AAA member to take advantage of this coverage or any of the other services offered by World-Wide Travel. In addition, the agency also provides free traveler's checks.

No matter where you plan to spend your honeymoon, Gail recommends that you "listen to your travel agent. They really are the authorities." If they haven't been to the country you'd like to visit or taken the cruise you plan to sail, they will know someone who has. There is no substitute for first-hand knowledge of a country or vacation spot — especially when it's that one-time honeymoon escape.



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# The Bride's Calendar

To help you organize the details of your wedding, particularly if you are planning the kind that every girl dreams of, here is a check list of things to do. Since four months is bare minimum for a large wedding, we have allowed that amount of time. Naturally, if you have more time, you should begin to make your arrangements even further in advance. Your preference for a particular place to hold the reception may make it necessary to start planning as much as twelve months in advance.

**Four To Twelve Months Before Your Wedding:** decide whether your wedding will be formal or informal and where the ceremony will take place. Your family should help you to decide where your wedding is to be and just how much money is to be spent, since all your wedding expenses must be paid for by your parents. The gown you wear, the men's attire, number of attendants and time of day determine the degree of formality for the

wedding party.

**Set the wedding date.** Reserve the place where you will have the reception, then call on your rabbi with your fiancé. Many rabbis insist upon talking with couples before the wedding about their plans for their life together, their aims and aspirations. Check with appropriate synagogue personnel about seating capacity and special arrangements.

**Decide on how many attendants you will have and invite the friends you choose.** No matter how small the wedding, you will each have at least one attendant. Your maid or matron of honor will hold your bouquet during the ring ceremony and adjust your veil. You may choose your sister, your best friend or the groom's sister. In addition you may have bridesmaids, flower girls, a ring bearer. Your groom, in addition to the best man (usually his brother, brother-in-law, best friend), may have as many ushers as he likes.

**Draw up your guest list.** If invitations to a wedding must be limited, you must tell the groom and his family how many guests they may invite. (Since your family bears the financial responsibility for both wedding and reception, they are entitled to a larger proportion of the guests list if necessary).

**Plan the reception.** If it is to be held at any place other than a private home, you will have made an early reservation. Check on the number of guests they can handle and begin to plan decorations, menu, etc. If you are having a reception at home, get estimates from your florist, caterer, musicians, extra help. Engage a photographer as early as possible.

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you with specific shopping problems. Incidentally, your groom can get advice from an experienced Groom's Consultant.

**Choose your wedding dress.** Before you decide on your wedding dress, consult your bridal magazine to see what styles are being worn. The choice should be made early as possible.

**Choose your bridesmaids' dresses.** Rely on your Bridal Consultant to help you coordinate your wedding party.

**See your florist.** It is traditional for your fiancé to buy your bouquet, boutonnières for the men and corsages for your mother and his. Usually you and your mother order these while planning the entire floral scheme. Tell your florist of any special flower preferences, describe your gown and your attendants' or, if possible, show him swatches of the gowns. He should visit the site with you to decide what flowers and decorations best suit your color scheme and the location.

**Plan your music.** Confirm the time and

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## Real, Regal Weddings Are Back

Real, regal weddings are back, elegance, splendour and formal beauty are the hallmarks of the weddings of 1982. Whether women have been influenced by the pure romance of Princess Diana's wedding or have just begun to return to the lovely traditions of the past, formal weddings are alive and well. The Spring '82 collection from Priscilla of Boston is aglow with special details, exquisite touches that will enhance any bride who wants to be the "Great Lady" of her own royal wedding.

Whether the silhouettes feature tiny hour-glass waists or handsome dropped waists, or delightful little peplums of lace, all of Priscilla's gowns are lavished with touches of fantasy. Fairytale gowns for magical weddings are frosted with yards of lovely laces, crystals, pearls, dimensional embroidered flowers. Colors are rich and luminescent with the new look of contrasting finishes of satin and organza. Layers upon layers of daintily lace-finished skirts, neckline that frame the neck and shoulders with garlands of lace points, rainbows of crystal, dew drops of pearls, bouquets of appliqued flowers are all part of 1982.

Sleeve details are particularly beautiful and important for '82. New touches garnish sleeves as petal pointed English net, trimmed in fine galoons of lace, gathered organza with lace ruching for a lattern effect. Delicate puffed sleeves that often complement a bateau neckline.

Fabrics create their own spun sugar softness, English nets are overlaid with delicate embroideries, starched chiffons and organzas play against shimmering satin in new combinations of dropped and pointed waistline details against full-blown skirts. Bristol laces and all over embroideries are lavished from tip to toe. Handclipped Chantilly, Alencon and Venise laces capture all the storybook beauty of handmade loveliness.

Even if a bride is a petite beauty she too can have all the stately elegance of a royal wedding. Priscilla of Boston has created a totally new dimension of petite dressing for today's bride with perfectly proportioned details that have been specifically designed for the smaller woman in mind. From the use of special laces that play up the delicacy of the brides to the length of the skirt, Priscilla's petite collection is always in the best of taste.

Contemporary Romantics is the name that Priscilla has given to her special

collection of wedding dresses for the not so formal wedding. Again, Priscilla creates magic in dresses that have borrowed inspiration from several periods spanning, Empire, Victorian and Edwardian eras. Basque bodices are iced with Irish lace and graced from neckline to hemline with touches of Irish lace and Venises. This look in a new ankle length makes it perfect for the small informal wedding and can easily be worn many times after. A special jacket dress goes from wedding to honeymoon with ease. A doll-like "Newport" gown looks just correct in front of the altar as it does at a lawn party in July.

In keeping with the more formal look of today's weddings, colors remain classic, but have added depth with the illusion of color over color or deeping shades of soft white and antique ivory. New this year is Priscilla's rainbow, softly glowing petticoats of rose-yellow and rose pink layered under soft white for a moving waterfall of color.

Whether it was Lady Di's fantasy train or just the enchantment of having yards of lace flow down the aisle, veils for 1982 have become works of art, graced by tiny caps, wreaths of flowers to wear forward or headbands to sit at the back of the head to add height and majesty to any bride.

Whether the look is a formal wedding, or a small gathering, Priscilla of Boston continues her tradition of heirloom gowns that have an instilled heritage.

### Remarriage — When?

A rabbi should always be consulted when remarriage is contemplated. Questions of religious law inevitably arise, and should be dealt with as early as possible.

In general, a widower does not remarry until the minimum, thirty-day period of mourning, *Sheloshim*, has passed. It is customary, however, to wait a full year, or at least until the passage of three Festivals (Pesah, Shavuot, and Sukkot). Exceptions may be made in the case of a widower who was left with small children and who needs someone to care for them, or in the case of a widower without children, since he has not fulfilled the commandment to "be fruitful and multiply."

A widow or a divorcee is required by Jewish law to wait ninety days before marrying for a second time.



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# Why Do Jewish Brides Wear Veils At Wedding?

by Rabbi Samuel J. Fox

**QUESTION:** Why does Jewish tradition require the bride to be veiled at the wedding ceremony?

**ANSWER:** A number of reasons are advanced for this practice. It is often traced to the experience of Rebecca in the Bible (Genesis 24:65) who veiled herself when she first beheld the presence of her future husband (Isaac) coming across the field to meet her. Others say that this procedure was meant to prevent other men from casting a lustful look at her.

In this respect it may serve to announce to the public that the bride is special and reserved for her intended husband on this wedding day. It is also claimed by some that the procedure may parallel the custom of putting one's hand over one's eyes when reciting the Shema (the declaration of the faith). The practice of veiling may then be said to be a demonstration of the bride's faith in her own future or in her future husband.

There are others who connect this practice with a historic episode in the course of

which Jewish people worked out a method of protecting their brides from embarrassing traditions practiced by foreign pagans. It had been the practice of pagans in ancient times to have the bride spend her first wedding night with the official cleric of the community so as to insure the "holy" aspect of all future children. To Jews, this was most reprehensible. Since the edict only affected virgin brides, Jews at that time veiled all brides like brides of second marriages were covered. It is claimed therefore, that this practice of veiling the bride was a reminder recalling the lengths to which Jews went in order to preserve the sanctity of human privacy and the honor of their brides.

Some critics indicate that the veil was a means of identifying the bride and distinguishing her from other women in attendance at the wedding. The very act of putting the veil over the bride has become a distinctive ceremony known as the "Badeken" (i.e. covering act) of the bride and is accompanied with prayer and blessings.

## THE GROOM'S CHECKLIST

**Buy engagement ring.**  
**Draw up your wedding guest list** and see that your family makes out theirs. Check with the bride for duplications.

**Invite friends to be best man and ushers.**

**Choose gifts for best man and ushers;** to be presented at the bachelor dinner about one week before the wedding, or at the wedding re-

hearsal. The present to the best man is approximately the same as the ushers receive, but may be slightly more expensive or distinctive.

**Choose a wedding present for your bride.** This depends on the groom's circumstances, but whether it is of great or little value, something for her personal adornment is the time-honored present. Loveliest, of course, would be a gift of fine jewelry that she can cherish always.

**Select the wedding ring**

**with your bride.** On the wedding day, entrust it to your best man to give to you during the ceremony.

**Order the bride's bouquet.** Flowers for the wedding vary according to local custom. Although the groom is responsible for the bride's bouquet, she selects it to go with her wedding gown. Before ordering her going-away corsage consult her about her outfit to be sure that your flowers will go with it. You should send corsages to the two mothers

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# The Bride's Calendar

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day of wedding and rehearsal with the musicians. Go over their selections carefully and consult your fiancé for any preferences he might have.

**Begin to plan your future home and furnishings.** Choose your china, silver and glass patterns and register your choice in the Gift Registry of your store. The Gift Consultant will help you plan your tableware, linens, housewares and will show you how to guard against costly mistakes. The Registry will help your friends and family to select gifts you really want. With your groom, look over what is available in basic furniture and accessories. Get a floor plan as soon as you have chosen your apartment or house, and decide upon a mutually agreeable color scheme. Collect some swatches of fabric, carpet, paint, etc.

**Three Months Before The Wedding:** order your invitations. Consult your jeweler, engraver or Bridal Consultant about paper and style of lettering and then place your order for necessary invitations to the wedding and reception, for announcements and at-home cards. Allow ample time for delivery. If you wish, you can obtain the plain outer and inner envelopes now so that you may start addressing them ahead.

**Order your personal stationery.** After you are married you will want letter and note paper on hand, and possibly calling cards as well. You will also be writing many thank-you notes both before and after your wedding, so order an ample

supply of letter paper early.

**Make plans for your wedding trip.** Your groom is responsible for making all arrangements, getting the tickets, reservations, etc. This can be done through a travel agent with no charge. If you are planning to leave the country, check up on your passport, inoculations, etc.

**Begin to shop for your trousseau.** Remember to choose clothes in relation to where and how you are going to live. Choose your going-away outfit and honeymoon clothes after you have agreed upon plans for your honeymoon trip.

**Have both mothers choose their gowns.** Your mother has the privilege of choosing first so that she may have the color and style she prefers. The groom's mother picks a gown of the same length and a color to complement. Both should blend with your color scheme.

**Two Months Before The Wedding:** finish addressing invitations and announcements. All addressing, stuffing, stamping should be done as early as possible so that you will be free to write your thank-you notes, tend to last-minute details and go to parties in your honor.

**Select gifts for your attendants.** As a rule, the bride gives something personal and of a permanent nature to her attendants — usually the same thing to each, although the maid of honor may receive a special gift. You should also remind your groom to select presents for his best man and for his ushers.

**Go with your fiancé to get the marriage license and check on waiting periods.**



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**One Month Before The Wedding:** be sure your groom has selected the wedding ring.

**Have your hair styled and get a permanent, if necessary.**

**Attend parties in your honor.** You should write thank-you notes to each hostess who entertains you at a party or shower, and it is gracious to write thank-

you notes for shower gifts, although not necessary.

**Have the final fitting on your gown.**

**Have your wedding portrait taken.** Often the formal wedding portrait is taken at the time of your final fitting. Be sure to order glossy prints if you wish to send photographs to the newspapers with your wedding announcements.

**Check with the caterer.** Decide finally on your reception menu. You should be able to give the caterer a reliable estimate on the number of guests so that he can give you a written confirmation of cost per

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## The Groom's Checklist

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to wear to the wedding, and if you or the bride have any very close women relatives, you should also supply their corsages, as well as boutonnieres for the best man, ushers, the fathers and yourself.

**Plan the honeymoon.** This should be done with your bride, in plenty of time to be certain of getting reservations. The groom arranges for transportation and accommodations, of course. **Get the marriage license.** Check state rules about the

time required. It should be obtained several weeks before the wedding, and given to the best man of the day of the wedding ceremony.

**Check to be certain you and the bride have all necessary papers,** blood tests, birth certificates, etc. If leaving the country on the wedding trip, check on passports, inoculation certificates, letters of credit, identification and so forth two months ahead of time.

**Arrange for your correct wedding apparel.** Check your wardrobe rules and regulations for the kind of wedding you will have, give this information as well as a time schedule to the ushers, and consult them to be sure they will be correctly dressed. To be sure of having identical ties and gloves if the wedding is formal, the groom usually provides them for his ushers and best man.

**Plan the bachelor dinner,** traditionally given by the groom for his best man and ushers, although his other close friends may be invited. Sometimes the best man or the ushers may choose to give the party.

**Take part in the wedding rehearsal.** Notify your attendants of the hour and place.

**Be sure that you and your bride sign the wedding certificate** and that it is safely put away. Have it photostated as soon as you can after your return.

**Send a thank-you telegram** to the bride's parents the next day saying how lovely the wedding and reception were.

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# Who Can You Trust To Alter Mother's Wedding Gown?

by Linda A. Acciardo

One of the most expensive purchases for a wedding, because it is worn for that one special occasion and never again, is the bride's gown. The beauty of a wedding gown is remembered long after the ceremony ends, forever memorialized in photographs.

However, more and more women are climbing the stairs to the attic, sifting through the old boxes of memorabilia to find the wedding gown worn by mother or even grandmother. Some have been carefully vacuumed packed, others have been simply tucked away, while the years have faded the vibrancy of what was once a beautifully hand-sewn satin and lace trimmed wedding gown.

The person who takes this article to create a new vision of loveliness in a bride, has to be carefully selected. It's not easy to trust someone with detailed alterations for mother's wedding gown. A few minutes with Mikki of Mikki's Alterations and you know that gown, with all its deep sentimental value, is in expert hands.

Mikki's speciality is recycling — from wedding gowns to tuxedos — from dresses to suits — from coats to handbags. She is a one-woman show and everything that leaves her small alteration shop on the East Side is the result of hours of hand-sewn stitching and redesigning.

But, that's not all. The native Japanese woman can start from scratch to design, create a pattern and sew a custom-made wedding gown to individual specifications — a gown which will look and feel as though it was just taken off the rack of one of the most exclusive bridal shops on 5th Avenue.

This seamstress can even create a gown from a verbal description. "You can tell me what you want and what you are looking for and I can make the pattern," Mikki says. She once reproduced a \$1200 wedding gown for one of her customers without ever having seen the item itself.

When you walk into Mikki's shop don't be surprised if she asks that you fill out your own order form. You may be taken a bit off guard when she doesn't ask to see a license if you pay for the alteration by check.

"I train my customers to write out their own ticket and I never ask for a license. If you're honest with a person they'll be honest with you." In the year that she has operated the shop, Mikki has never received a bad check. None of the items in Mikki's shop are tagged with names. She merely glances at a dress or jacket and

recites the customer's name without hesitation.

Any bride seeking out Mikki to create her wedding gown should plan about a year in advance. Alterations alone will take upwards to four months, depending on the extent of the changes to be made. The length of time is necessary because most of the materials Mikki deals with for wedding gowns are silk Qiana, satin, lace or chiffon, difficult fabrics to work with. Most of the work is stitched by hand.

"The dress I make doesn't look like it's homemade because I work in all the finishing touches." Depending on the type of fabric, she will select special size needles and specific thread. "The little things pay off in the end and nothing goes out unless I'm satisfied with it. Mikki is her own most critical judge. The average wedding gown will cost about \$300 to \$500 to make. "Don't judge by the price," Mikki says, "Judge by the work."

If you're still not convinced that this seamstress can do the impossible and turn grandmother's 21" waistline into a 26" waistline for your wedding day — just ask her about it. Mikki won't disclose the method, but she'll assure you of the result. "I let out a gown 5" in the waist and everybody wanted to know how I did it. It's a trade secret," she says.

Before Mikki will even touch a wedding gown, she requests that it be cleaned. If there are any stains that are permanent, she may refuse the alteration. "Whatever goes out of this store is my responsibility." If Mikki plans to alter a gown — she settles for nothing less than perfect.

Mikki's busiest times during the year are season changes and especially three to four months prior to May and June, when most weddings take place. But, year round entire families will have Mikki alter their gowns or dresses for a wedding. She works diligently, sometimes until 4 or 5 a.m. to alter the gowns for the mother of the bride, mother of the groom, the bride's father's tuxedo, the groom's father's tuxedo and so on, and so on.

"There's no such thing as cutting corners. I'm meticulous and I have to keep up my reputation," Mikki says.

Part of Mikki's reputation depends on being honest with her customers. If an alteration is so intricate and involved that the cost does not justify the end result, Mikki will let the customer know exactly what the job entails. "Is it worth it? I ask them. They decide whether or not they want to have it done."

If the decision to alter the gown seems



reasonable, the actual reconstructing takes place.

At least three fittings are required for a bridal gown and Mikki even delivers. She will arrange for the fitting to take place in your own home and has many times, with no extra charge, arranged for fittings at the

Jewish Home for the Aged for those who are residents and unable to come to the shop. In addition to weddings, Mikki faithfully alters the clothing for residents of the home every other week.

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## East Side Klezmer Band Will Set The Mood For That Special Day

by Linda A. Acciaro

The music played at a wedding sets the mood and creates a spirit of celebration for one of the most important events in the life of a man and woman.

The East Side Klezmer Band, specializing in traditional Yiddish and Israeli Chassidic music, is one of the few local groups which performs suitable selections for the traditional wedding.

The four-member band, all experienced musicians, have recently combined their talents to generate a broad appeal among all branches of Judaism, according to Paul Jones, fiddler and percussionist in the group.

The tradition of the roving Klezmer musicians in Jewish communities of Eastern Europe is, according to Jones, being revitalized across the country. "Klezmer music, sometimes called Jewish Jazz, involves a lot of improvisational, energetic and happy dance music."

Their repertoire includes Freilachs — happy traditional Jewish wedding and celebration pieces, such as 'Chussen Kaleh,' a song played when the last daughter in the family marries. Many of the tunes are accompanied by the wild, pounding dances, most notably associated with the gaiety of the wedding celebration.

### Mother's Wedding Gown

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clothing, especially a wedding gown, she will many times change the entire design. She may add more material, reconstruct sleeves, replace the veil or drop the hem with material on another part of the gown. She tries to avoid having to purchase the satins and silks, but instead use what is already available on the dress because of the poor quality of materials produced today.

For Mikki alteration is creative. It's a way of expressing years of training, she has received as a seamstress, beginning as a 4th grade student in Japan. Her work reflects the experience of an expert and her attitude as a businesswoman is irreproachable. "I've never ruined anybody's clothes and had to give a refund."

"That's why I keep my customers," Mikki says. "If you do a good job people come back."

The beauty of a wedding gown, altered by Mikki, will be remembered long after the ceremony ends, forever memorialized in photographs — a new vision of loveliness in a bride.

In addition to Freilachs, the group performs upbeat tunes such as *Der Rabbi Hot Geheim*, a Yiddish melody with a long tradition of being associated with weddings. Their repertoire includes about 50-60 of these high tempo pieces.

The slower Yiddish songs, religious music of well-known prayer tunes are played as waltzes during wedding receptions. "When the guests are tired and want a break, we'll play the slower songs," Jones says. One example of this type of song is *Myzmorle David*.

The familiar songs such as *Hava Nagela*, *Rad Hataila* and *Bashana Ha'Ba'Ah* are among a large repertoire of Israeli music tunes.

The band plays about 15 to 20 Israeli Folk Dances that, of course, are accompanied by specific dances.

Few of the original Klezmer tunes were written down and the group has learned most by ear. Some of the tunes are taken off old records and tapes.

The band has a valuable resource for the music, Etti Murkine, the accordion player. She is currently on a one-year sabbatical from Israel.

"Etti brings a lot of tunes from her experience in Israel," Jones says.

Frank London, on trumpet, was with the Klezmer Conservatory Band in the Boston area and is with the New England Conservatory. Gary Pansey, bass player, was formerly with the Rhode Island Philharmonic. Jones, who originally began the group with Murkine, has worked closely with the Brown University Folkdancing Troupe as an accompanist.

The only restrictions the group has placed on itself is not to perform on the Sabbath, other than in the evening, and they would not generally play on Friday nights. In addition, Paul says, the band will not play non-Jewish music.

At this point the band members are arranging for performances in the local area. "It takes a while for a group to get off the ground and we're eager to get it going as fast as possible," Jones says.

They have already received inquiries from Jewish organizations to perform for specific events.

Anyone interested in hiring the band for weddings or any occasion, may contact Paul Jones at 274-6888, Etti Murkine at 421-6652 or Gary London at 434-7329. Tapes are available to hear the group perform their selections.



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# Catering The Affair

by Harvey Schoenberg

You and your girlfriend have decided on your wedding date and are looking for a caterer. How do you choose one?

Israel "Izzy" and Sena Yamuder, of Izzy's Catering suggest that you evaluate how much you have to spend on your wedding and take it from there.

There are various styles of affairs that can be arranged. "You should remember, that when you invite people to a wedding you are in a sense inviting them for a night

out," Izzy said adding, "to a large extent the event reflects the personality and lifestyle of the person having the wedding."

Perhaps the single most important aspect of choosing a caterer, regardless of which one you pick, is giving the caterer enough time in advance of the wedding.

Sena Yamuder, Izzy's wife said the ideal amount of advance time a caterer should have is 6 to 9 months. She added she has had some weddings booked as early as one year in advance.

From a caterer's point of view May and June are the busiest months of the year. It is for this reason most caterers like to have a date confirmed as far in advance as possible. "We (caterers) don't want to overextend ourselves by booking too many events on the same date. This same situation, she added, is also true of temples.

Another concern of the family planning a wedding is the cost. Both Izzy and Sena feel that while this is a valid concern it is possible to have "a simple but elegant affair."

"You can have a lovely meal without the fringes. You don't have to have a sweet table. There's no law that says you have to have hors d'oeuvres," Izzy said.

Speaking of hors d'oeuvres, Izzy says that to some people "they are the most important part of the meal." He added that because some people fill up on the hors d'oeuvres they don't eat the meal. "There is always waste. It's the nature of the catering business," he said.



A banquet table catered by Izzy's Kosher Catering.

Although the economy is bad and people are cutting back on some expenses, this does not seem to be true when it comes to wedding guest lists, said Sena. Most weddings now are between the 150-175 guests in attendance. Unlike Bar Mitzvahs, weddings involve inviting complete sets of families.

"New York sets the pace for weddings," said Izzy, "and it filters down to Rhode Island and Boston. They do things a bit differently in New York. New York sets the standard. They have some ostentatious weddings." He added that just because a person has something new or different at a wedding that that does not mean they will have a "high class" affair. It is possible to overdo some parts of the wedding.

Sena says that she and her husband feel that all weddings "should be within the

means of the person having the affair." She added that she and her husband will always try to give the couple the best possible wedding regardless of how little funds the family has to work with.

Izzy's Catering, which has been in business for six years, said that although they have many interesting entrees their favorite is a French dish called "Chicken En Croute, a meal that has "a nice maderia sauce on it."

Izzy's Catering is located at 1800 Post Road, Warwick, in the Airport Plaza Shopping area. Although he could not speak for his colleagues he did say that he will travel to any part of Rhode Island, Massachusetts or Connecticut that is within 1 1/2 hours from his Warwick location.

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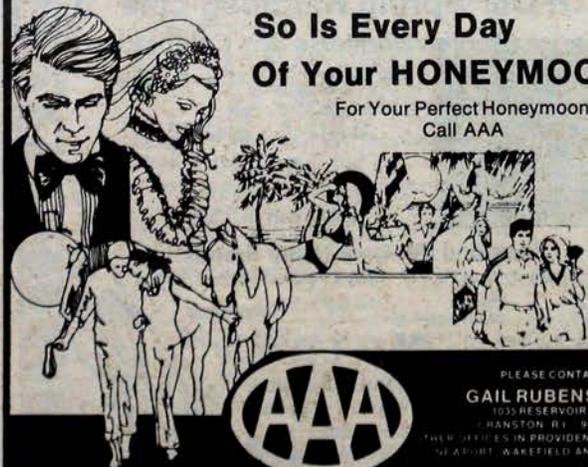
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# Each Wedding Is Unique

No single set of rules applies to all Jewish weddings, for there are differences among the Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform branches of the faith. Individual rabbis and synagogues also have their own interpretations, so verification of all guidelines and procedures with the officiating rabbi before plans are finalized is wise. Rabbis, as a rule, will not perform mixed marriages, and Orthodox and Conservative rabbis do not recognize any divorces except those granted by religious decree. Reform clergy, however, often recognize civil divorces. Jewish weddings may take place at any time except on the Sabbath (from sundown on Friday to sundown on Saturday), on Holy Days, during a three-week period in mid-summer, and during almost all of Passover and Shabuoth. Most weddings are celebrated on Saturday evening after sundown or on Sunday.

A Jewish wedding may occur almost anywhere, so many are not performed in synagogues or temples. It is more usual in some localities

for the ceremony to take place at a club, hotel, or catering hall where the centuries-old splendor of the wedding feast and dancing may follow.

Conventional wedding attire, including a face veil for the bride if she is Orthodox, is generally worn. In Conservative and Orthodox ceremonies both, all the men — including those in the wedding party — cover their heads with either yarmulkes or silk top hats.

In Jewish tradition, the bride and groom may not see each other before the ceremony, yet the bride and her attendants may wait, in all their finery, in a separate room where they sometimes receive guests beforehand.

The order of the procession and positions during the ceremony are set by local custom, with Orthodox and Conservative processions usually including the groom and both sets of parents. The ushers walk down the aisle first, followed by the bridesmaids, then the ring bearer. Sometimes the ushers and maids form a guard of honor through which

the rest of the wedding party will pass.

Jewish marriages are traditionally performed under a **chuppah**, a heavily ornamented canopy symbolizing shelter from the open sky in nomadic times, and today, the home the couple will live in together. The **chuppah** may also be embellished with — or woven entirely of — fresh flowers. It is usually placed in front of an attractive background at one end of the room or in front of the Ark in a temple. The procession walks toward the canopy, with each person taking a prescribed position under or near it.

The bride stands on the groom's right under the canopy, and the rabbi faces them. It is also customary for the honor attendants to be under the **chuppah** — the bride's attendant on her right, the groom's best man on his left. The parents often gather alongside or directly behind their children under the **chuppah**. The bridesmaids and ushers usually line up in single file on either side of the canopy.

During the wedding ceremony, the rabbi stands next to a small table covered in white and set with cups of ritual wine and a glass, frequently wrapped in a piece of white silk or a napkin. The service begins with a betrothal ceremony, then an introductory blessing. Next, the groom sips from the glass of wine and passes it to the bride.

After the couple have said their vows, the groom places a plain gold band on the bride's right index finger in

the Conservative and Orthodox ceremony, on her left hand in the Reform ceremony. Conservative and Orthodox rabbis now read the **ketubah**, or traditional marriage contract. How much of the service is conducted in English, how much in Hebrew may vary. But all Jewish ceremonies end with

the traditional Seven Blessings, the last of which includes the ritual crushing of the wine glass beneath the groom's heel, an address by the rabbi to the couple, and closing benediction. At that, "mazel tov" will sound from all corners of the room, as guests call out their best wishes.

The order of the recessional may differ, but it is always led by the bride and groom. They are usually followed by the bride's parents, the groom's parents, the maid or matron of honor on the best man's arm, then the rabbi, with pairs of bridesmaids and ushers bringing up the rear.

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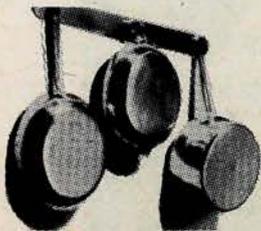
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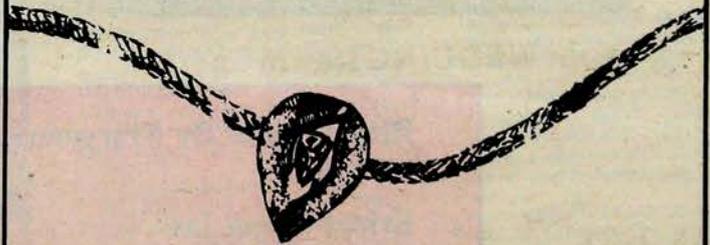
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