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## Jewish Life Around The World Marked By Anxiety, ADL Leader Says

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — The condition of Jewish life around the world is characterized by "malaise, uneasiness and anxiety," Abraham Foxman, associate national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, told several hundred delegates at a plenary session at the 51st General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations.

There is a growing concern that the condition of Jewish life, "is altering, and not for the better," he said. "For the first time in a long time the Jews anguish over Israel and the Jewish people." This concern has intensified in recent years with outbreaks of anti-Semitic violence on the part of extremist groups in this country and abroad and by terrorist attacks, Foxman observed.

The feeling of anxiety and uneasiness has also increased with the shift in the attitude of the general population toward the Jewish people and Israel, he said. Foxman said the shift has taken the form of viewing Israel as a nation which is no longer vulnerable. He said this changed attitude can be traced to Israel's swift victory in the Six-Day War "which helped to erase the feeling of guilt" over the annihilation of six million Jews in the Holocaust. "Israel appeared so much closer to safety and security" after the 1967 war, he said.

### A Change In The Historical Course

In addition, Israel and the Jewish people also felt closer to safety and security after that war and as a number of historical developments unfolded in the 1960's. Vatican II opened a dialogue with Jews, Soviet Jews were making their way to freedom, and the civil rights movement in the United States "produced an upsurge of activism and hope that religious and racial bigotry were beginning to wither away."

But then, Foxman told the forum on "Global Perspective of the Jewish Condition," a development detrimental to the Jewish people and the State of Israel took place. The United Nations General Assembly adopted the infamous resolution equating Zionism with racism in 1975 and it has been repeated regularly since then at international conferences and forums where it serves as a rallying point for various interest groups and blocs seeking to defame Zionism and the Jewish people and to set the stage for undermining and eventually destroying Israel, Foxman said.

He emphasized that Jews who feel that anti-Semitism is on the rise are not being paranoid. "Jews do not live with the belief that the world wants them dead, but they live with the memory that the world did nothing to help them stay alive," he declared.

### Call To Help European Jewry

David Lewis of Great Britain, representative of the European Council for Jewish Community Services, which he said collectively speaks for some 1.5 million Jews in Western Europe, called on worldwide Jewry to "mobilize its forces to help European Jewry" who stand once again "on the new front line of anti-Semitism."

He recounted the upsurge of anti-Jewish and anti-Israel incidents, including bombings and mass demonstrations, in Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Greece, Italy, France and West Germany. He noted, for example, that in Denmark, a traditionally tolerant society, 10,000 people gathered recently to protest what they perceived to be Israel's policy.

He pointed out that Israel's policy toward the Palestinians, and specifically the war it launched in Lebanon, along with

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## Dr. Gerson To Speak At R.I. Leadership Conference On Bigotry And Violence



by Lori Evangelos Kershner

Dr. Allan Gerson, Special Assistant to the United States Ambassador to the United Nations, will deliver the keynote address *International Terrorism — Its Impact on Violence in America* promptly at 9:30 a.m., Nov. 30 at the *Leadership Conference on Bigotry and Violence* to be held at the Rhode Island State House.

The conference is sponsored by the Rhode Island Coalition Against Bigotry, in conjunction with the Rhode Island Commission on Religious, Racial and Ethnic Harassment.

The Honorable J. Joseph Garrahy, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, will speak on how *Rhode Island Confronts Bigotry and Violence* in the greetings at 9 a.m.

*The Psychological Framework of the Racist and the Impact on the Victim* 10:45 a.m. address will be presented by Ferdinand Jones, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology; and Director, the Counseling and Psychological Consultation Service, Brown University. Victims will serve as panelists.

After a noon lunch, R.I. Senator Richard A. Licht, Chairman of the R.I. Commission on Religious, Racial and Ethnic Harassment, will address the assembly at 1 p.m.

Donald W. McEvoy, Vice-President and National Program Director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, will follow Licht at 1:15 p.m. and will cover *The Growth of Violence and Extremism in the U.S. — A National Perspective*.

At 2 p.m. six workshops will follow: 1) *The Role of Government*, 2) *The Role of the Media*, 3) *The Role of Law Enforcement*, 4) *The Role of Education*, 5) *The Role of Religion* and 6) *The Role of Business and Labor*.

Samuel M. Shlevin, Chairman of the R.I. Board of ADL, B'nai B'rith, will moderate Workshop 1. Martin A. Walsh, N.E. Regional Director of the Community Relations Service of the U.S. Dept. of Justice will present it. Panelists will include the Honorable Richard A. Licht, William Brody, Esq., Chief Legal Counsel to the governor of Rhode Island, and Frederick C. Williamson, Director of the R.I. Dept. of Community Affairs.

*The Role of the Media* will be moderated by Sara Wye, Communications Consultant, and presented by Melvin K. Hendrix, the Director of African and Afro-American Studies at the University of R.I. and Research Coordinator for the News Bureau of Black Media Coalition. Panelists include Charles McC. Hauser, the

Vice-President and Executive Editor of the Providence Journal Co.; Eugene Mitchell, the Vice-President and General Manager of WLKW-AM/FM and Secretary of the R.I. Broadcasters Association; and Steve Caminis, the Vice-President of Television News of the Outlet Broadcasting Co.

*The Role of Law Enforcement* will be moderated by Thomas E. Martin, the Executive Director of the Prov. Human Relations Commission, and presented by W. Bradley Crowther, the Executive Director of the governor's Justice Commission. Panelists are Lincoln C. Almond, the U.S. Attorney for the District of R.I., and Dennis J. Roberts, II, R.I. Attorney General.

*Workshop IV, The Role of Education* will be moderated by Arthur R. Pontarelli, the R.I. Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education, and presented by Dr. Eleanor M. McMahon, the R.I. Commissioner of Higher Education. Panelists will be John J. Ramos, the Director of Minority Student Affairs at the University of Rhode Island; Dr. Robert G. Weisbard, a professor of history at U.R.I.; and Herman W. Coleman, the Executive Director of the National Education Association of R.I.

*The Role of Religion* will be moderated by the Rev. Alan J. Shear, the pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, in Providence, and presented by The Rev. Fr. Francis J. Guidice, the Vicar of Community Affairs from the Diocese of Providence. Panelists will be Rabbi Gerald B. Zelermeyer, the President of the R.I. Board of Rabbis and Rabbi of Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston; the Rev. Errol E. Hunt, the Executive Director of the Urban League of R.I.; and the Rev. Kent D. Moorehead, the Vice-President and Chairman of the Social Action Dept. of the R.I. State Council of Churches and pastor of the Mathewson Street United Methodist Church.

*The Role of Business and Labor* will be moderated by Jonathan Barnes, the Vice-President of Citizens Bank, and presented by William H. Heisler, the Ret. Chairman of the Board of Citizens Bank. Panelists will be James C. Allison, the Affirmative Action Officer of the Gilbane Building Company, and Bruce G. Sundlun, the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Outlet Company.

The reason for the conference, as stated in the program pamphlet, is because recent acts of violence, psychological harassment, and threats of physical violence in R.I. are cause for great concern and require constructive response by the community.

In October 1980, the R.I. Coalition Against Bigotry (RICAB), a group of concerned community leaders, formed to examine and address these state-wide concerns. Recognizing the great need for diverse community participation in addressing these problems, RICAB has spearheaded this conference to bring together leaders from throughout the state to examine these issues and to formulate methods of response.

Conference participants will address the extent of the problem in R.I. evaluate its relationship to the rise of national and international terrorism, and develop approaches and guidelines for countering this ominous trend.

For further information call Charlotte I. Penn, the Executive Director of the National Conference for Christians and Jews and RICAB Conference Coordinator at 351-5120.



BEN RUTTENBERG

Rhode Island Jewish Federation and a member of B'nai B'rith and Redwood Masonic Lodge. He is former vice president of City Hall Hardware Co.

Ruttenberg has two sons, Bruce R. Ruttenberg, a Providence attorney who was chairman of the Israel Bond Pacesetters reception which launched the 1981 statewide drive, and Jeffrey Ruttenberg of Pittsburgh.

The Israel Bond Organization, since its inception in 1951, has been the principal source of investment capital for Israel's economic growth. Bond proceeds channeled through Israel's development budget help to finance industrial and agricultural projects, the construction of highways and harbors, the expansion of communications and transport, the building of new towns, and the development of new sources of energy.

Ruttenberg has been long active in the Rhode Island Israel Bond campaign and in a variety of communal endeavors. A former vice president and currently a life board member of Temple Beth El, he was a member of the Temple's Minyan Group which was honored last year at an Israel Bond reception in recognition of outstanding service in the economic upbuilding of Israel.

He is also a life board member of Miriam Hospital, a honorary board member of the

## Peace To Be Reached Early 1983 — Predicts Bethlehem Mayor Freij

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Mayor Elias Freij, of Bethlehem, the leading Palestinian moderate on the West Bank, just returned from Amman where he was received by Hussein and Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan, in an interview published in the Jerusalem Post, expressed great optimism over the prospects for progress toward negotiations and predicted that there could be a settlement by early next year. Freij played down Hussein's reported comment last month that he would never negotiate with the Begin government, noting that the Jordanian ruler had made no such statement in his interview with the BBC in London Nov. 4.

The Jordanian monarch, in an interview with the BBC, said that PLO recognition of Israel "would remain an obstacle in the way of having all the doors open to us — and I'm not talking just about Israel but the United States, too." The U.S. has repeatedly said it will not talk with the PLO until that organization recognizes Israel's right to exist and accepts United Nations Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338. Freij, in referring to the BBC interview, told the Jerusalem Post that the Jordanian-PLO rapprochement indicated that things were "moving in the right direction." He said that Hussein was focussing on President Reagan's Middle East peace proposals, noting that the Jordanian monarch is scheduled to visit Washington later this month. He confirmed reports that a prominent West Banker, Bassam Kanaan of Nablus, has been in separate contacts with Labor Party chairman Shimon Peres and King Hussein.

This was reported by Israel television last Thursday night. Kanaan reportedly was told by Hussein that while the Allon plan was unacceptable, Jordan would be prepared to negotiate security arrangements with Israel along the Jordan River. The Allon plan, proposed years ago by the late Laborite Foreign Minister Yigal Allon, called for a string of Israeli security settlements along the river while the heavily Arab-populated West Bank hinterland would revert to Arab control.

According to the TV report, Hussein, despite his reservations, urged Kanaan to continue his contacts with the Laborites. Gad Yaacobi, a former Cabinet minister in Labor-led governments, said Hussein's remarks were positive but still fell short of an expression of readiness by Jordan and the West Bank and Gaza Palestinians to negotiate with Israel.

He said a Labor government would be prepared to negotiate on the basis of two states — Israel and Jordan — but not on the basis of three — Israel, Jordan and a Palestinian state between them. He said there was no basis for negotiations between Israel and the PLO even if the latter renounced terrorism. Speaking for the government, Deputy Agriculture Minister, Michael Dekel, contended that Hussein and the PLO were still plotting the destruction of Israel in stages. Hussein was urging the PLO to recognize Israel in its 1948 boundaries, not in defensible boundaries, Dekel claimed.

Another senior government official told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he knew nothing of indirect contacts between Labor leaders and Hussein, through Kanaan, until the TV report. The official accused Peres of "hawking Israel's wares cheaper than the government."

But Peres warned on television last night that Israel must move "fast" to negotiate with Jordan. He said if the PLO were to adopt a moderate stance, the United States would insist that it be brought into the negotiating process.

Contacts have been under way for some time between leaders of the opposition Labor Party and prominent West Bank public figures. The latter have also been in contact with King Hussein of Jordan in an effort to lay the groundwork for possible negotiations between Israel, Jordan and Palestinians aimed toward a peace settlement.

Spokesmen for Premier Menachem Begin's government have taken a strongly negative view of these developments and are chastizing the Laborites. The latter are cautiously hopeful but stress that positions are still very far apart.

## New Rumanian Regulations Make Jewish Emigration Too Expensive

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Jewish Agency chairman Leon Dulzin vowed to "fight with all our strength" against newly promulgated regulations in Rumania that threaten drastically to curtail Jewish emigration from there. "As we succeeded in the past against the Russians, so too we will succeed again," Dulzin said in a sharp statement issued in Jerusalem.

The new Rumanian rules require would-be emigrants to pay back to the state, in hard currency, everything spent on them over the years for health, education and other state welfare cares. According to top Israeli experts, the regulation will mean in practice a very substantial sum in dollars to be paid by each and every Rumanian seeking to leave the country.

The new regulations caught both Israel's government and the Jewish Agency entirely by surprise. There was no word of their impending promulgation mentioned during recent contacts, through intermediaries, between Premier Menachem

Begin and Rumanian President Nicolae Ceausescu.

Israel Radio reported that a senior Rumanian minister had visited Jerusalem recently on a mission from the President to the Premier. Some weeks ago, Begin's Director-General, Mattityahu Shamulevitz, undertook a similar mission — unpublished at the time — to Bucharest.

These quiet diplomacy contacts are understood to be in the context of Ceausescu's longstanding and ongoing efforts to play a role in Mideast peacemaking, and especially to act as middle man between Israelis and Palestinians.

Dulzin in his statement noted that in 1982 some 1,500 Rumanian Jews are making aliyah to Israel. "But there are thousands more waiting to leave," he added. "We will not rest until all Rumanian Jews who wish to do so are enabled to come home."

## Israeli-Lebanon Talks Deadlocked

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The commencement of talks between Israel and Lebanon over withdrawal, security and normalization is still hamstrung over procedural problems. A meeting between Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and U.S. special envoy Morris Draper Nov. 17 failed to break the deadlock. Israeli sources said they were hopeful nevertheless that the talks with Lebanon would get under way before long.

President Reagan's newly appointed special ambassador to the Mideast, Philip Habib, who was involved in working out the plan for the evacuation of the PLO forces from west Beirut, left the U.S. for the Mideast Nov. 17. He will apparently focus first on the question of the withdrawal of the Syrian, Israeli and the PLO forces from Lebanon but is also expected to lend his weight to the effort to launch talks between Israel and Lebanon.

Shamir stressed to Draper that Israel insists the agreement it plans to sign with Lebanon be political in character and provide for elements of normalization across the border, in the absence of a formal peace treaty which Israel no longer considers a realistic possibility at this

time. For that reason, Shamir said, Israel demands now, at the outset, that the format of the talks be political, with civilian officials, not military men heading the two delegations.

So far, Lebanon is proposing a military man, a veteran of past mixed armistice commission talks with Israel, to head its delegation. But it is willing to include civilian diplomats and a judge in its negotiating team.

Israeli sources noted there have been frequent, ongoing unofficial talks between Israel and Lebanon on various levels. "The problem," as these sources define it, "is to pull the talks out from under the table and put them on the table," meaning a formal, political-military negotiations format to result in a signed accord. Draper will return to Beirut to submit Israel's position on this issue once again to government leaders there.



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## Women Gain Jewish Jobs Over Men

NEW YORK (JTA) — More women are moving up the professional ladder in Jewish communal service agencies in New York, including the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, than at any time in the past, according to one of the findings of a pioneer study published by the Federation's Commission on Synagogue Relations.

The study also indicated that, over the past three years, women have been promoted in greater numbers than men in the service agencies. "For every two men promoted to executive level positions, three women were so promoted," according to the study, undertaken by the commission's Task Force on the role of Jewish women in a changing society.

But the study also found that women are under-represented at the two top executive levels studied. There are three male associate or assistant directors for every two women in such positions and ten male executive directors for every one woman, according to the study.

The study found that, within particular fields of service, the greatest progress has been made at Jewish community centers, where 19 percent of the executive directors are women. Of the associate executive directors, 40 percent are women, although the study indicated that women in these two positions are generally paid less than the men. The federation report said it should be noted that each community center within the Federation network sets its own salary scale.

The Task Force was created in 1978 by Rabbi Isaac Trainin, commission director, to study the role of Jewish women in employment, volunteerism, religious affairs and other aspects of Jewish life.

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the media distortion of Israel's policy has awakened dormant anti-Semitism in European countries. This policy has also created a feeling of disquiet among Jews because there is a "conflict between what Israel does and what we believe in terms of justice for all," Lewis said.

In Great Britain, so far, there have been no bombings or explosions directed against Jewish or Israeli institutions and installations, Lewis said. But there has been a considerable number of anti-Semitic articles in the newspapers, vandalism of Jewish installations, and there are anti-Jewish sentiments on university campuses.

Jews in Britain, Lewis noted, are now the smallest ethnic minority, far outnum-

bered by Blacks and Asians. Whatever revival of dormant anti-Semitism there is in the country, is primarily due to the rightwing lunatic fringe and the growth in the mentality of scapegoating in a period of a general economic recession, he said.

### Situation Of Jews In France

France's Chief Rabbi Rene Sirat whose address in French was translated said that there has been diminishing support for the Jews of France in the general population since the bombing of the Rue Copernic synagogue in 1980. In the aftermath, some 300,000 people took to the streets of Paris to protest the attack, he said. This was duplicated on a smaller scale in other French cities, which have Jewish communities. It was, he stressed, a national response. The bombing also acted to solidarize Jews, Sirat pointed out. He said

that in response to his personal appeal following the synagogue bombing, more Jews than ever attended Yom Kippur synagogue services that year.

But the decline in the support of Israel and of Jews in France since then has been due in part to actions by Israel which has been "disconcerting not only to Jews but to many French people," Sirat said. Diminishing support has also been due to the pro-Palestinian slant and anti-Israeli focus of the news media.

Sirat was highly critical of Pope John Paul II for holding a private meeting with PLO chief Yasir Arafat. He said he was told by a Vatican official in Paris that the Pope would not receive Arafat privately but only as part of a general audience. But even as the official was reassuring Sirat, the rabbi said it was learned that the Pope had agreed 15 days earlier to meet privately with the PLO chief. Sirat said it was imperative to counter pro-Arab and anti-Israeli propaganda.

### U.S. Thwarts Arabs

PARIS (JTA) — An Arab-sponsored attempt to oust Israel from the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) for its actions in Lebanon this summer failed as the six-week meeting of the ITU in Nairobi, Kenya concluded Nov. 6 with Israel remaining a member of the United Nations technical agency.

The Arab-inspired resolution, which sought to exclude Israel from the UN agency "as long as Israel does not fulfill its international obligations," was thwarted in part by the efforts of the Reagan Administration.

Secretary of State George Shultz issued a stern warning against any attempt to bar Israel's participation from any UN agency and said the U.S. would walk out of the ITU conference and withdraw all U.S. funding should such a move succeed. The U.S. provides \$3.2 million, or seven percent of the ITU's current \$46 million budget.

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**A Shame Upon The Jewish Nation**  
I thought that I was shocked to the limit when Jews in America denounced Israel's right to invade Lebanon, to protect itself. I thought that I was even more shocked when leftist Jews and their leftist-rabbincal cohorts denounced the "Holocaust" at two "refugee camps" in Lebanon, with some Jews referring to Israeli Jews as Nazis of the Middle East. This Saturday night, I got the biggest shocker. It was announced on one national news program that there was a national American Jewish organization that was giving aid to the . . . Palestinian Refugees!!! The group was sending winter heaters to the "poor refugees."

How much longer will America's good Jews stand by while these Quislings in our midst send aid and comfort to the enemy. Aren't there enough Jews to denounce those who refuse to give Tzedakah to Israel (in any manner, shape, or form) and their FREEZING ARMY in Lebanon; but send equipment to our sworn enemies so that they should have a healthy winter? We often wonder why our youth leave Yiddishkeit in droves, especially on campus. What have they got as an example. No Shabbos, Tzedakah to our enemies, parents who fear the gentile world so that they would sell Israel out rather than be too Jewish, and a Jewish leadership that is noted for spreading Loshon Hora (malicious gossip) about rightwing nationalist and religious Israeli leaders (i.e. Begin).

The Jewish adult population must wake up to the fact that the "massacre" in Lebanon is much to do about nothing. The adults of the Jewish community must worry more about the MASSACRE of our youth. Our behavior and faith is their behavior and faith. Our misbehavior and lack of faith is their misbehavior and lack of faith!!!

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## Leader Honored By National Hebrew Day School Movement

One of the highest honors in the Hebrew Day School movement in North America, the Community Service Award, was presented to Mr. Morton J. Marks, Providence lawyer and community worker, at the 39th Annual Awards Dinner of Torah Umesorah — The National Society for Hebrew Day Schools — which took place recently at the New York Hilton Hotel in New York City. Marks was honored for his efforts on behalf of intensive Jewish education and his leadership in the Providence Jewish community.

The Guest of Honor at the Annual Awards Dinner of the Hebrew Day School movement, which services more than 500 schools in 37 states and 5 Canadian provinces, was Rabbi Bernard Goldenberg, National Director of Torah Umesorah. Rabbi Goldenberg was cited for his association with Torah Umesorah for nearly three decades, during which time, he was personally engaged in the pioneering task of establishing new Hebrew Day Schools in various communities.

Graduate of the Harvard University Law School and a member of the Rhode Island Bar, Marks previously served as Regional Attorney for the United States Department of Labor in Puerto Rico, where he was President of the Puerto Rico Chapter in the Federal Bar Association. Associated with the Providence firm of Pearlman and Vogel, he is a Board member of the Providence Hebrew Day School and the New England Torah Academy. He is also on the New England Regional Board of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and a member of Congregation B'nai Yaakov in Providence.

Rabbi Yaakov Perlow, noted scholar and a member of the Rabbinical Administrative Board of Torah Umesorah, urged the assembled lay leaders of America's Hebrew Day School movement, to raise the educational standards and to upgrade the professional training of Hebrew Day School teaching personnel. The Hebrew Day School leadership was also challenged to make possible the establishment in every community of an educational resource center for teenagers and adults to be staffed by teams of Post Graduate Seminary Students.

Nearly 800 guests and educators, Seminary Deans, prominent Rabbis, and representatives of 180 communities in North America which have Hebrew Day Schools, paid tribute to the award recipient whose efforts for Jewish education have become well known beyond the borders of his respective community.

## Rabbi Warns Against Misusing The Memory Of The Holocaust

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — A leading rabbi warned that "the politicalization of the Holocaust as an instrument with which to deal with the gentile world" and as an instrument of international diplomacy "has boomeranged." He also warned that the fixation on past catastrophes that befall the Jewish people and the view that Jews continue to face destruction at any time and anywhere — that "all roads lead to Auschwitz" — is self-defeating and negates any plea to non-Jews to live in peace with the Jewish people.

Furthermore, Rabbi Harold Schulweis, spiritual leader of Valley Beth Shalom in Encino, told a plenary session of the 51st General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations, misusing the memory of the Jewish peoples' past by invoking the Holocaust to induce guilt in the new generation of both Jews and non-Jews and employing false equations between past anti-Semites and current political figures who disagree with policies of the government of Israel or the Jewish community on specific issues is to indulge in a "desperate fantasy."

### 'A Perilous Mind-Set'

"It is a perilous mind-set to conduct diplomacy by false analogy," Schulweis said. "It is dangerous to our future to invent new enemies in the image of unreachable barbarians who burned our children. In fact, rational men and rational women know the cast of characters is not interchangeable. The fantasy of history relived, rewritten, refought and reversed can only confuse our goals: it tends to make foes out of friends, turns potential allies into implacable enemies; it twists the possibilities of the future into hopeless repetition of the past."

In this context, Schulweis referred specifically to Israeli Premier Menachem Begin who, in response to a letter from President Reagan during Israel's siege of west Beirut, wrote: "I feel as a Prime Minister empowered to instruct a valiant army facing 'Berlin' where among innocent civilians Hitler and his henchmen hid in a bunker beneath the surface . . . What happened in Berlin will never happen again."

The rabbi also referred to the media's "own form of time-reversal and expiation" in its use of the "perverse equation" of Beirut = Lidice and Beirut = Warsaw ghetto, and by employing Holocaust metaphors such as "genocide," "final solution" and "pogrom" in reporting about Israel's military operation in Lebanon and the consequences of this on the civilians of Beirut.

The danger in misusing history is that "catastrophic thinking, fixated on trauma can only distort the full memory of the past and the opportunity of our future," Schulweis said. "The Jewish future is not written in the past. The world is not eternally bifurcated into Jews as victims and gentiles as haters."

There are, he pointed out, friends to be won, allegiances to be formed, alliances to be gained, and new options to be sought. To politicize the Holocaust, as some "on our side" have done, has made it harder "to mention the Holocaust, massacre without some stammering," Schulweis said.

Schulweis, who was speaking on the theme, "Federation's Role and Responsibility in Insuring the Commitment of the New Generation," asked: "How does the Holocaust relate to our children and our children's children in our role as transmitters to the next generation?" He observed that "For our generation the Holocaust was and remains the ultimate argument against mixed marriage, against low fertility rate, against threat of apostasy, against neglect of Jewish piety and education."

Moreover, Schulweis declared: "Auschwitz serves us as the clinching argument after all else fails. It was the surest short cut to successful fund-raising for yeshivot or chairs of Judaica, homes for the aged and orphans, and for Israel. Not giving is deemed more than stinginess: It is betrayal of the six million."

The rabbi said he feared "the fallout from that catastrophic thinking" which sees the world as "an eternal rent in the fabric of the human species: them and us, goyim and Jews, Amalek and Israel; they, the persecutors, and we, the inevitable victims."

Continuing, he said: "If we teach our children that the whole world seeks our destruction, if we teach them that the whole world always has, still does and will always hate us, we visit the iniquity of a paralyzing cynicism upon the third and fourth generation." What, he asked, "is the point of hasbara, of interpretation and explanation of Jewish, of Israeli belief and behavior if all roads lead to Auschwitz? What is the sense of influencing public opinion of *a priori* we maintain that they, 'goyim,' will hate us no matter what?"

Schulweis questioned whether the view of endless victimization is the authentic Jewish interpretation of history. What is required "to transmit Jewish faith to the next generation" is "another mentality, another philosophy, another morality," he observed. "We will not transmit a Jewish will to live through a fear of death. We cannot frighten our children to life. We cannot build healthy Jewish identity on the pillars of fear and anger and guilt." The immortality "of our martyrs is bound up with our Jewish vitality, not our melancholy," he added.

### Warns Against Historic Amnesia

Despite all this, the rabbi cautioned his audience not to misunderstand the role of the Holocaust in the history of the Jewish people. The Holocaust, he declared, "is our sacred memory. Whoever counsels amnesia betrays our elementary reverence to our martyred people. Whoever counsels less than eternal vigilance against anti-Semitism is a fool or rogue. Whoever denies the reality of anti-Semitism is dangerously naive."

What is called for, Schulweis added, "is neither denial nor obsession with anti-Semitism. The Holocaust is a critical part of our memory. It cannot be made to provide our whole meaning. The Holocaust is our tragedy. It is not our rationale." Commitment for the next generation, he said, "must be based on Jewish vitality, hope, trust, love, joy."

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## Public Health Association Cites Gold For His Medical Achievements

Edwin M. Gold, M.D., director of ambulatory reproductive health services at Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island and professor emeritus of obstetrics and gynecology for the Brown University Program in Medicine, has been named the recipient of the 1982 Martha May Eliot award. This national award, given annually by the American Public Health Association (APHA), is bestowed upon individuals who have made significant contributions in the field of maternal and child health.

In being chosen for this honor, Dr. Gold was cited for his achievements in developing criteria for evaluating maternity and newborn care and in establishing the ambulatory health care program at Women & Infants Hospital which according to the APHA, is a model program.

A physician at Women & Infants and a professor at Brown since 1975, Dr. Gold has held previous teaching appointments at the University of California San Francisco Medical Center, the New York Medical College, and the State University of Medicine at New York City and hospital appointments at the San Francisco General Hospital, the Metropolitan Hospital and the Jewish Hospital of



DR. EDWIN M. GOLD

Brooklyn. He has lectured widely and has written or co-written more than 140 medical publications.

Dr. Gold's distinguished career has been marked by memberships in 27 medical and scientific societies, elected posts and positions in 48 organizations, and 10 missions to foreign countries in his role as a consultant in maternal and child health for such agencies as the World Health Organization, the Pan-American Health Organization and the Rockefeller Foundation. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, a founding fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and a fellow of both the American College of Surgeons and the American Public Health Association.

by Pamela F. Greenhalgh

Sunday was the opening reception for the latest show at the Providence Art Club. From 3 to 5 p.m., people enjoyed wine, coffee, pastry, and the art of Melvin Smalley, Estelle Bliss and Morris Nathanson.

Smalley, who was featured in the *Herald* a few weeks ago, displayed many of his enamels, some of his oil paintings and "junk sculpture," including *Loose Nut On Handlebars* and *The Ugly Duckling*.

Bliss showed an impressive collection of her watercolors. She has been painting for over twenty-five years.

"I have had no professional training," she says. "I do come from a painting family, and what I do comes from what I absorbed."

Bliss travels a great deal, and it is from these vacations that she gets many of her ideas. She completes sketches at the site, and then does the watercolors when she returns home.

"This is where the creativity comes in," she says.

Nathanson's work is in complete contrast to Bliss's paintings. His work is simplistic in design, vivid in color, and depends on geometric shapes to create the

images of people and places.

"I have been painting forever," says Nathanson, who spends his time equally between careers as a designer and as an artist.

He admits that he gets his ideas from "the street, and everyday situations." The reality of this is born out by his series of paintings set at McDonald's, one of a Shriner's parade and another of a Fourth of July parade on Cape Cod.

"I paint everyday things," he says. "I am not concerned with messages anymore. There is a message in every breath."

All of the patrons seemed to be enjoying themselves as they browsed through the exhibit.

"I am very impressed," said one woman. "Smalley's work is original and creative. I find Nathanson's paintings unique and fascinating."

Another young woman, who described herself as "a lay person," was equally enthusiastic over Bliss's watercolors.

"I am enjoying myself tremendously," she said. "Her work reminds me of the French Impressionists. That's my favorite period of art, so I am a little biased."

The show runs through December 3.

## Providence Art Club Exhibit Opens With A Flash Of Color

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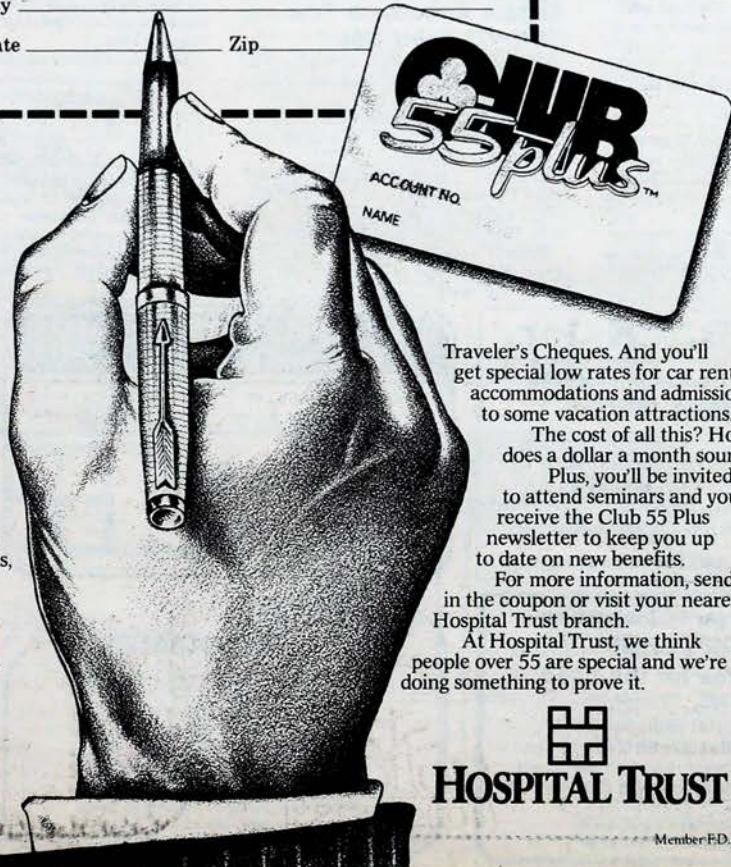
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# SOCIETY NEWS

## Jill Cagan Is Wed To Robert E. Heyman



JILL CAGAN

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Cagan of Hartford, Conn., and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew S. Heyman of Lincoln, R.I., announce the marriage of their children, Jill

## Steve Imber To Speak To Sinai Sisterhood

Temple Sinai Sisterhood will hold its November meeting on Monday, Nov. 29 at 8 p.m. at the temple, 30 Hagen Ave., Cranston.

After a brief business meeting, Dr. Steve C. Imber will address the group on the "Plights and Rights of Teens and Tweens." He will also present a cartoon/slides show on positive parenting

Cagan of Hollywood, Calif., to Robert E. Heyman of Sausalito, Calif., on Sunday afternoon, October 31, 1982. The ceremony was solemnized by Dr. William I. Crausman in the gardens of the Heyman residence in Lincoln.

Miss Cagan is an actress and resides in Hollywood. She is a graduate of the Bancroft School in Worcester, Mass., and a Cum Laude graduate of Simmons College, Boston, Mass.

Heyman is a theatrical writer-producer-director, and lives in Sausalito, Calif. He is a graduate of Classical High, Providence, received his bachelors degree Cum Laude from Boston University, a Masters Degree in Education from Harvard University and a Juris Doctor Degree from the University of California's Hastings College of the Law, in San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Heyman will retain residences in both Hollywood and Sausalito, California.

techniques. The program will share information regarding the problems between parents and adolescents, and some suggestions for creating more positive relationships.

The meeting is open to all Temple Sinai and Sisterhood members. Refreshments will be served.

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## BIRTHS



## Jacobers Announce Birth Of Second Son

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey M. Jacober of Saunderstown announce the birth of their second child and son, Michael Aaron, on Nov. 4, 1982. Mrs. Jacober is the former Karen Kivasha.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Owen Kivasha of Cranston. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jacober of Narragansett.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Allen J. Strauss, Mrs. Sol Jacober and Mrs. Marvin Fallon.

## Rosens Announce Birth Of Their Daughter

Dr. and Mrs. Lester Rosen of Allentown, Pa., announce the birth of their second child and first daughter, Erica Leigh, on Oct. 25, 1982.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Babe Morse of Cranston. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. David Rosen of Whitestone, N.Y. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Julius

Kaufman of Warwick and Ida Propper of Brooklyn, N.Y.

## Jarchos Announce Birth Of Son

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jarcho of Chicago, Ill., announce the birth of a son, Daniel Isaac, on August 24, 1982.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Donald Fisette of Warwick. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Myer Jarcho, also of Warwick.

## Segals Announce The Birth Of Third Son

Joel and Sheila Segal announce the birth of their third son, Jonathan Irving, born on November 11, 1982.

Jonathan's brothers are Joshua Matthew, five-and-a-half, and Brian Andrew, two-and-a-half.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Doherty of Wakefield, R.I. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Segal of Pawtucket, R.I.

Paternal great-grandparents are Mrs. Ethel Singer Segal of Cranston and the late Irving Segal.

## Marilyn Grebstain Is Wed To Jeffrey Sacks

Marilyn Grebstain and Jeffrey Sacks were married on Nov. 20th at the Temple Torat Yisrael. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Grebstain of Warwick and the granddaughter of Bessie Pollack of Warwick. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Sacks of Newton, Mass. Rabbi Gerald Zelzmyer was the officiating rabbi and Cantor Stephen Freedman assisted.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Kathleen Hourigan was the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Donna Sacks, sister of the bridegroom, Lori Grebb, a cousin of the bride, and Linda Keeffe.

The bride's brother, Lee Grebstain, was the best man. Ushers were Michael Grebstain, brother of the bride, Paul DeBattista and John Erskine. The bride's nephew, Scott Grebstain, was the ring bearer.

After a wedding trip to St. Thomas, the couple will live in Warwick.

## Michael Muffs Appointed Berlin School Principal

Michael L. Muffs, of Sharon, Mass., has been appointed principal of the Berlin Memorial School in Berlin, Mass.

Muffs is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Muffs of Providence. He previously taught in Norton, Mass. He is married and has one child.

Muffs is a graduate of Classical High, the University of Rhode Island and Providence College.

## Alan Levitan To Speak To Brandeis Women Dec. 3

The winter meeting of Brandeis University National Women's Committee, Providence Chapter, will be held on Friday, Dec. 3, at 1 p.m. with dessert and coffee at 12:30 p.m. at Dryden Galleries, 27 Dryden Lane in Providence, located off Branch Ave. near N. Main St. and behind Benny's. The program will feature Dr. Alan Levitan, Ph.D. Princeton U. associate professor of English at Brandeis University, who will speak on "The rain, it raineth every day: storms in literature and music." Prof. Levitan does reviews of theatre and opera for several publications in the Boston area. He is an outstanding and entertaining speaker, who has lectured widely on Shakespeare, contemporary fiction, Renaissance poetry, as well as oriental culture and music.

Members of the committee arranging this meeting are: coordinator, Sylvia Fain; arrangements Leonore Leach and Helen Bernhardt; hospitality, Harriet Samors; mailing, Heenie Fineman; publicity, Bonnie Goldowsky and Norma Mushnick; decorations, Lola Epstein; transportation, Beatrice Fain.

The public is invited to attend.



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## These Answers Are Not "Blowing In The Wind"

As adult children, approximately 25-40 years old, we are becoming ever more aware of certain responsibilities to our parents, responsibilities which are somewhat subliminal and not apparent to us until a crisis arises. In this situation, we do what we must do, or what we *hope* is the right thing to do. Under optimum conditions, it is not a comfortable position to be placed in . . . we respond from the heart and not from the head. Are we doing the correct thing? Is there a better way to approach these certainties in life without so much misgiving? The answers are not blowing in the wind. The answers are being discussed openly by young adults who want to be more responsive to these situations. The series of programs, developed by the Community Education Committee of the Jewish Home for the Aged of Rhode Island is open, free of charge, to all adult children as well as those interested in the general field of Gerontology.

The 1982-83 season started with an unprecedented program at the Home: a movie entitled *Pioneers of the Third Age*, developed for Channel 10 by Sara Wye and Larry Estepa, was shown to a group of young adults with their parents in attendance. At the conclusion of the movie, Miss Susan Graef of the Providence Mental Health Center led a discussion which centered around the common communications problems which arise between parent and child. Several of the questions for discussion were: How much time do we spend relating to our parents? Is the contact made with our parents out of a sense of obligation? Can we share concerns about basic life issues (child rearing, financial management)? Have we been clear with our parents about our expectations in terms of responding to or being available to them in a time of crisis? How did our parents deal with their aging parents? How would we like our own adult children to relate to us as we get older?

To follow up on this meeting, the Planning Committee showed the same film to another group of adult children several nights later. Sara Wye agreed to be the program moderator. After discussing and critiquing the film those in attendance felt very satisfied that a beginning to discuss several of the above questions had been undertaken.

No simple answers, no single solution, no empirical formulas. Good lectures, intelligent discussions, mature and different viewpoints. Subject matter not easily discussed in open forum, yet handled with diplomacy, humor, and intelligence . . . a great recipe. The next session will be held on December 9, 1982 at 7:15 p.m. in the Martin M. Chace Auditorium at the Home! The night's subject will be: "Losing Your Parent." Two questions will be addressed: How does a child deal with the loss of a parent? and How do you provide support for the surviving parent? Providing answers to these difficult questions will be Michael Ingall, M.D., Medical Director of the Providence Mental Health Center.

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## Beth Am-Beth David Plans Family Service

A special Sabbath Family Service to welcome new congregation members will be held at Temple Beth Am-Beth David, Friday, Dec. 3.

The service, which will begin at 8:15 p.m., carries additional significance — as does every service held at the Temple this year. It will be the first welcoming new members to be held in the Temple's new sanctuary.

Families who have joined Temple Beth Am-Beth David in the past year will be honored with a special prayer during the service and the traditional One Shabbat following services will be in their honor.

Services will be conducted by Rabbi Milton L. Kroopnick and Cantor Steven W. Dress.

## Sinai Bridge Club Announces Game Results

The next meeting of the Temple Sinai Bridge Club, sanctioned by the American Contract Bridge League, will be held on Thursday, Dec. 2, 1982, at 7:30 p.m. at the Temple, 30 Hagen St., Cranston.

The results of the last game, held on Nov. 7, were: EAST/WEST: first place, Barry Dores, Ed Greene; second place: Hannah Feibelman, Carlie Zimmerman; third place: Lenore Ciora, Maureen Dores; NORTH/SOUTH: first place: Gail Bowers, Phyllis Freedman; second place: Pauline Cohen, Sheila Halperin; third place: Ed Bowers, Bill Martyn.

## Jewish Home For Aged Plans Holiday Sale

The Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged will hold its popular holiday knit sale at the Warwick Mall on Dec. 2 and Dec. 14, from 10 a.m. to the evening closing.

This annual event features handmade afghans and lap robes, knitted and crocheted sweaters, as well as stuffed toys and aprons. All articles have been hand-finished by members of the Association. The proceeds will benefit the residents of the home.

Blanche Redkin is the overall chairman, and Yvette Harrison is in charge of the afghans.

## B'nai Israel Announces Plans For December

The Congregation B'nai Israel, 224 Prospect St., Woonsocket, announces its events for December.

On December 5, the Hadassah will hold its annual Donor's Tea from 2 to 4 p.m. at the home of Selma Dashef, 138 Glen Road, Woonsocket. Michael Thurber, pianist, will provide the entertainment.

The Chanukah Festival is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 12 at 11 a.m. Larry Sayco, a world yo-yo champion, will demonstrate his championship techniques. Autographed yo-yo's will be on sale for one dollar. Adults are asked to bring a gift for their child. For further information contact I. Esther Falk, 766-3364, or Pam Sherman, 769-3432.

The Leisure Club Chanukah Party will be held on Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m.

## Holocaust Committee Announces Meeting

An organizational meeting of the Rhode Island Holocaust Survivors will be held on Monday, Nov. 29 at 7 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elmwood Ave., Providence. All survivors are urged to attend.



Chairperson Dr. Shari Mandel admires the display of delicacies being shown her by Chef Frank Terranova, as they discuss Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood's Annual Mitzvah-Donor Event. The affair, which will be held on Monday, December 6th at noon at the Temple, will feature a gourmet luncheon followed by a demonstration by Rhode Island School of Design Department of Culinary Arts. Proceeds from the event will benefit the youth and senior adult services of the Temple.

Assisting Dr. Mandel are Judy Levitt, Invitations and Publicity; Trudi Adler, Phonathon; Lilli Garfinkle and Sheila Alexander, Hospitality; Shelly Parness and Trudy Labelle, Decorations; and Zelda Goldman, Reservations and Treasurer. President Bernice Kumins is ex-officio.

Categories are \$12, \$18, \$25, \$36, \$50, \$100. All are welcome. Please call the Temple, 331-1616, for reservations.

## West Bay Jewish Center Plans Auction

The West Bay Jewish Center will sponsor a Goods and Services Dinner Auction on Saturday, Dec. 4, 1982 at the Villa Di Giorgio. The evening's events will begin at 5 p.m. with a cash bar cocktail hour and the viewing of the merchandise. Dinner will follow at 7:30 p.m. and the auction will start at 9 p.m.

The price of the Auction/Dinner is \$10.00 per person. Each paid ticket is worth \$5.00 of non-refundable auction bidding.

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## Sisterhood Plans 20th Birthday Party

Twenty years of its existence will be celebrated by the Mishkon Tfiloh Sisterhood on Sunday, November 28th, at 1 p.m. New Members will be welcomed and the founders of the Sisterhood will be honored.

The Arrangements Committee are the following: Rose Bernstein, chairman; Jessie Connis, Membership chairman; Mollie Gornstein, Mildred Newman, Jeannette E. Resnik, program; and Dorothy Berry, ex-officio.

The meeting will be held at the Mishkon Tfiloh Synagogue, Summit Avenue, Providence.

## Local Photographers To Show Work At Gallery

The East Side Gallery announces two showings of photographs done by local photographers.

Through Dec. 4th, color photographs from the Far East, Maine, Florida, Block Island and other areas around Rhode Island will be on display. The prints are by

local photographers James Egan, Malcolm Greenaway, Dennis Lopez, M. Isabelle Taft and Trina von Rosenvinge.

Beginning Dec. 5th and continuing until Jan. 9th, Phillip Lieberman, a professor at Brown University, will have a show of his works entitled "Walking Through Switzerland." The series has been commissioned by the Swiss National Tourist Agency in Bern for publication in 1983. An opening reception will be held on Sunday, Dec. 5, 1982 from 1 to 5 p.m.

The gallery is located at 183 Angell St., near Thayer, and is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m.

## MG Foundation To Hold Annual Auction

R.I. Chapter, Myasthenia Gravis Foundation, Inc. at its Advisory Board Meeting held Saturday, Nov. 13 decided to hold its Annual Raffle, Dec. 15.

Proceeds from the Raffle will pay for the various programs for over 231 MG's patient Care, Treatment, Education Research — how to take better care of themselves with the co-operation of the MDA (Muscular Dystrophy Ass'n.), we will be able to offer a FREE DIAGNOSTIC Clinic Examination at their R.I. Hospital Clinic. We also have made arrangements for a Medicine Bank at Greatly Reduced Cost for all MG's patients.

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## RIC Presents Its 4th Annual Holiday Concert On Dec. 4

Rhode Island College will present its fourth annual Holiday Gift Concert at the Ocean State Theatre (now known as the Providence Performing Arts Center) on Monday, Dec. 6, starting at 8 p.m.

The college orchestra and chorus and the Henry Barnard School Singers will perform Handel's "Judas Maccabaeus," which tells of the events in Jewish history leading to the Hanukkah celebration.

Members of community are invited to this free performance highlighting the college's annual night on the town.

Immediately following the concert a champagne reception will be held in the newly renovated Davol Square on Point and Eddy streets.

Price of the reception tickets is \$5 per person. Tickets may be purchased by calling Kathryn Sasso, director of college conferences and special events, at 456-8022.

Edward Markward, professor of music at RIC, will conduct the concert.

Solo performances will be given by five noted vocalists: Jon Humphrey, tenor, who will play the role of Judas Macabaeus; Will Roy, bass-baritone; Marilyn Brustadt, dramatic coloratura soprano; Edward Doucette, tenor; and Kathleen Nelson, mezzo-soprano.

Humphrey is an internationally-known tenor who has sung with almost every major symphony orchestra in the world. He is a former teacher of Markward and makes his third appearance with the RIC Orchestra. Roy is a nationally-known bass-baritone who became a friend of the RIC Chamber Singers through a Providence Opera Theatre production of "Aida" last year. Brustadt has performed with the Metropolitan Opera and the New York City Opera. She has distinguished herself in the standard operatic repertoire with great singing-acting roles. Doucette, a native of Rhode Island, has performed widely during the past ten years locally, appearing with the Providence Singers, the Brown University Concert Choir and others. Nelson, also a native Rhode Islander, has appeared as a guest soloist under the baton of Aaron Copland in a concert of the composer's music at the Ocean State. She has performed as soloist in many Bach choral works and numerous cantatas.

## WANTED!

We, the editors, are planning a special Chanukah Issue of the Rhode Island Herald, and full heartedly invite you to share with us and other readers your favorite Chanukah traditions (a special way you celebrate, a favorite recipe, a special story).

Please type or print neatly, in no more than 500 words, how you celebrate Chanukah, and send it to: Editors, Special Chanukah Issue, Rhode Island Herald, Box 6063, Providence, RI 02940 by December 7, 1982. Be sure to include your name and phone number in case we have to verify any information. No manuscripts will be returned, so be sure you keep a copy. We reserve the right to print and edit any material.

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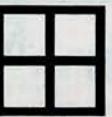
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# Around Town

## Young Israeli Pianist Lights Up Temple Beth-El

One teen-ager's observation of another: "He seemed like a regular 19-year-old!"

The "regular teen-ager" was Israeli composer and pianist Ilan Rechtman, who made his American debut at Temple Beth-El last week.

The observation belonged to Ellen Rakatansky, 17, a student of the flute.

Ellen had occasion to meet and visit with Rechtman. Her father, Dr. Herbert Rakatansky, co-chaired the concert with Helen Shein.

"Some of the prodigies don't know how to relate to people their own age," she said. "Ilan was not insecure about this at all. He had it all together."

"He also enjoyed the art of 'cracking up' and having a good laugh."

After Ilan Rechtman played his last piece and made his final bow, many concertgoers flowed into the Temple Meeting Hall for a wine and cheese reception.

Ellen remarked how she repeatedly heard favorable comments raving 'how great it was!'

"The unexpected encores after the reception touched the people even more," she said. "It's not likely for a performer to go back to the piano and do encores after the concert."

The encore selections were Chopin's

*Polonaise; Debussy's Clair De Lune; and an improvisation of Jerusalem, City of Gold.*

"When he finished," Ellen said, "he crouched down and casually jumped off the stage. He didn't want people to think him different from what he really is — 'regular.'

The background story of how Ilan Rechtman came to the United States was reported by Dr. Rakatansky.

"Ilan was brought to this country by Max Hobart, music director and conductor of the Boston Civic Symphony and North Shore Philharmonic."

"Concert arrangements at Temple Beth-El were made over the summer through Dr. Joel Altman of Foxboro, Mass. He is a close friend of Ilan's father who is bassoonist for the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra."

"Carl Feldman, Temple president; Helen Shein and I got together and auditioned a tape made by Ilan when he was a 15-year-old special student at the University of Indiana."

"We received letters of recommendation for Ilan from Leonard Bernstein, Daniel Barenboim and Zubin Mehta."

"It was planned that he would perform his American debut at Temple Beth-El."

"It was thrilling to present a young Israeli artist and give him an opportunity to play under the auspices of Temple Beth-El," said Carl Feldman, Temple president, left, at the reception with Ilan Rechtman, Elaine Rakatansky and Dr. Herbert Rakatansky, concert co-chairperson.



Dr. Rakatansky went on to say.

"Since then, he has performed with the North Shore Philharmonic in Sharon. Next Thursday evening, Ilan will play at Jordan Hall with the Boston Civic Symphony."

Sponsored in memory of Betty Goldin Presser by her family and friends, the concert and reception for Ilan Rechtman drew joyous reaction from Temple members and the Rhode Island community.

"Coordination of the whole event was so beautifully orchestrated," exclaimed Evelyn Shatkin, a Temple Beth-El congregant.

"Everyone connected with this special evening was so happy," she said referring to the family and concert committee.

"Many who were present felt as enthusiastic as I did. The music just poured out of Ilan Rechtman. I felt he had extraordinary vibrancy and concentration when playing. He has a musical gift with all the expertise. It was just glorious!"

"The program was written for me to enjoy," she said. "I loved every delightful minute of it, and many felt the same way."

Upon meeting the young Israeli pianist, Evelyn appreciated his "refreshing quality."

"Most musical artists hold their reserve as they mature in meeting the public. He projected warmth, friendliness and informality."

"This evening was a beautiful present for all of us who came to enjoy it!"



Dr. Joel Altman, left, whose assistance made the concert possible with good friend Ilan Rechtman; and Dr. Herbert Rakatansky.

### — Israeli Pianist Debuts At Beth-El —

by Michael A. Ingall

Ilan Rechtman, a 19-year-old Israeli pianist, made his impressive American debut on the evening of November 17 at Temple Beth-El in Providence. The concert was dedicated to the memory of Betty Goldin Presser, who was for many years a leader in musical education at the temple.

Rechtman made his concert debut in Jerusalem at the age of 9, studied at Indiana University, and has appeared as a soloist with the Israel Philharmonic.

Rechtman proved himself to be an artist of great virtuosity. He opened with the Beethoven 32 Variations in C-Minor, displaying the fluid range of tempo and dynamics that are necessary to maintain continuity in this difficult piece.

There followed two Ballades, (Nos. 2 and 3) by Chopin. Rechtman moved with ease from eloquent lyricism to powerful and moving climaxes.

Next came his own Preludes, composed by the pianist when he was 13. The depth and complexity of this work, and the musicality shown in both their composition and performance were utterly astounding. Influences of Gershwin and Bartok were apparent. This work has been orchestrated, and will be performed shortly in Boston by the North Shore Philharmonic. It should be most interesting to hear.

Following intermission, the importance

of seat location and acoustics became apparent. Moving to the rear of the hall, I was stunned by the increased clarity of tone in all octaves, most particularly in the bass, as the Steinway concert grand delivered a most impressive sound.

For the conclusion of his concert, Rechtman chose the Liszt B-Minor Sonata. His performance was comparable to that of any world-class virtuoso. Rechtman handled the dazzling runs and crashing sonorities of the Liszt with aplomb, displaying a dazzling and powerful technique that brought the audience to its feet.

The only fault one could find had to do with style. Rechtman seemed both ill at ease and aloof, and conveyed a hurried anxiety to be done with his performance as soon as possible. Had he left the stage between pieces and not rushed to play one after the next, he might have created more of an air of mystery and excitement, both of which are necessary for the performance of Romantic works. Had these been present, the audience might not have rushed for the exits, leaving no time for a well-deserved encore. The sound, the interpretation, the technique were all magnificent. What was missing was a certain panache, flair, or showmanship that should develop with time and experience.

Providence was fortunate to be the site of the American debut of this outstanding pianist.

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# Your Money's Worth

TEST YOUR  
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by *Sylvia Porter*

With corporations wielding the firing ax on every side — just to survive during this era — how does an executive carry out the process of "termination" (as being fired is now so "humanely" called)? How fair and humane would you be as an "executioner"?

An entirely new consulting discipline has emerged in the past decade to help companies deal with "outplacing" middle-management-and-up employees. Here's a quiz from George D. Moffett Jr., head of the Detroit-headquartered outplacement firm bearing his name. Test your "firing-line finesse" with a "true" or a "false" as you read the following statements. You may be surprised at what the kindest moves actually are. (Answers and your rating at end.)

1) The timing of the firing is less important than the fact that it be done as soon as the decision is made. So do it right away.

2) Rather than unearth a lot of unpleasantness, it's better not to go into the reasons for the firing.

3) Since this is a dreadful experience for both of you, get it over with quickly, in a minute or two.

4) It's easier on the one getting fired if you engage in some casual conversation at first to relax him or her.

5) Let the person know you feel bad about what you're doing; that way, he or she will feel better.

6) Sarcasm and bitterness are probably inevitable at this time.

7) Make sure the person fired understands that he's been given every chance and is to blame for what is happening.

8) It will help if you offer to get him a job.

9) It's helpful to say the company will provide counseling, and he must take it if he wants full severance benefits.

10) You shouldn't allow the terminated person to talk back or to criticize the company.

11) You should give a complete explanation of termination benefits at this meeting.

12) It's good to tell everyone around the office why the employee was terminated, to serve as an example of what can happen to them.

13) Arguing during the termination meeting is destructive and should be avoided.

14) The terminated employee should be told to clear the premises immediately.

All but the last TWO of the above statements are FALSE. No. 13 and No. 14 are the only statements that are TRUE, claims Moffett.

On timing, for instance, the meeting should be early in the mornings of Monday or Tuesday. Weekends, holidays (Christmas season especially) and just before vacations should be avoided.

On brevity, while this is a virtue, the reasons for the dismissal should be clearly explained and skip the casual conversation. This is no social occasion and there should be no pretense about it.

Sarcasm and bitterness are not inevitable if the meeting is handled well, and no attempt should be made to blame the employee or to make any debasing comments about performance, attitude or anything.

Let the employee "get things off his chest"; it's healthy and you might gain valuable insights into your operations.

Don't explain termination benefits at this meeting. Give him a list in a sealed envelope to be opened and absorbed later. Respect the confidentiality of this meeting and let the employee tell outsiders about his termination after you've agreed on a story.

As for the only true statements: Emotions often run high, the employee may begin to argue and you must stick to the point. It's also pointless and cruel to allow the terminated person to hang around.

Rate yourself: Out of the 14 questions, if you had 13 to 14 correct, you are fair and humane. If you had 10 to 12 correct, you have good instincts, need refinement. If you had zero to nine correct, you could use coaching. Honestly, how did you come out? (I'm not nearly as "humane" as I thought I'd be.)

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## Jewish Divorces And Separations Postponed Due To Economic Crunch In Canada

MONTREAL (JTA) — A silver lining of sorts for Jewish families in Toronto and Montreal is emerging from the cloud of Canada's depressed economy, a Jewish family expert told a seminar in Toronto. Jerome Diamond, a former director of the Jewish Family and Child Service (JFCS), said many divorces and separations are being postponed because of the economic crunch.

Diamond described the development at a seminar in Toronto attended by some 200 persons, according to the Canadian Jewish News. He said new research in the two Canadian cities had shown that the erosion of economic resources has put a damper on divorces and separations.

In previous years, he told the seminar, the real estate boom of the late 60s and early 70s had provided "the wherewithal for separating" by couples "through division of property," resulting in a serious increase in the number of breakups of Jewish families during those years.

Diamond added that, whether the development was due to the declining economy, or not, Canadian Jewish couples are now much more serious about their marriages. He said that, "in pre-marital counseling, we are finding that, instead of the high expectations and pluperfect dreams they used to have, young people are much more sober and realistic, and that bodes well for the Jewish com-

munity."

He also reported that much community concern stems from an increasing divorce rate among Orthodox Jews. He said the JFCS was applying to the federal government for a grant to expand the agency's reconciliation services.

He said "we are concerned that these people will not let anyone help them and we've begun building resources for them and we're working closely with rabbis and lawyers on this."

Diamond was asked about the problems of children of divorced or separated parents. He said the JFCS did not develop "any muscle" in dealing with that problem until 1976 but that "now the kids get a better deal than their parents."

He said the recession had placed a different kind of burden on children, explaining that the agency had encountered situations where children became very upset when the father had to leave home temporarily to look for employment in another city, before bringing the family to join him. He said children aged five and nine "are huddling together and anxiously asking if this means their parents are going to be divorced."

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## Successful Investing

by David R. Sargent

**Q** — I am the somewhat unhappy owner of 1,000 shares of Exxon stock, purchased about two years ago at an average price of \$36. Now I show a loss of about \$8,000 and I am considering switching into something else. I will also have a sizable capital gain this year on the sale of real estate property. As I am retired, my objective is income and some capital appreciation. I will be grateful for your thoughts. — W. W.

**A** — Reduced demand for energy resulted in a 29 percent drop in nine-month-'82 earnings for Exxon, the world's largest petroleum company. For the full year, results may show a decline of 22 percent, aided by currency translation gains. Refining and marketing operations remain under pressure in Europe, though an improving trend is becoming evident. Domestic results appear to have turned the corner, as both inventory levels and crude oil costs are reduced. Exxon's exploration and production efforts have been disappointing, lacking any big finds. The company is locked into long-term projects such as alternative fuels development, which represent massive investments for which the cost-benefit rewards are dubious. Other areas such as mining, the Reliance Electric business acquired in 1980, and office equipment businesses are somewhat problematic, though their contribution to the overall picture is relatively insignificant. In short, Exxon is something of a lumbering elephant in terms of its growth potential. Though the stock remains a safe holding for income — the

### RETIREMENT PORTFOLIOS REVIEWED

current yield is 9.8 percent — you might well consider divesting of a portion of your large position to reinvest in other promising growth-and-income opportunities.

**Q** — I am retired and hold stock in Caterpillar Tractor, Borg Warner, Wells Fargo Bank and eight electric and gas utilities. I also hold quite a large block of Parker Pen, acquired as an employee over a period of several years. Do you have any suggestions? I also hold shares of three different money market funds, where earnings have dropped in recent weeks. — W.K., California.

**A** — Your utilities are all sound holdings for income, and should rise in market value as interest rates remain at low levels. Wells Fargo, California's third largest bank, should also benefit from healthier rates in the mortgage market; hold for recovery. Cat and Borg Warner are good holdings for cyclical recovery along with the economy next year. The only change I would suggest at this time is to sell part of your Parker Pen (NYSE). Earnings from both writing instruments and Manpower temporary employment services have fallen sharply and a restructuring of the company is under way. This stock may be expected to under-perform the market in the foreseeable future, and it is rated sell/hold on my list. Otherwise your portfolio is in excellent shape for income during retirement, with allowance for capital appreciation as well. You might consider investing additional available funds in selected blue chips for stable growth and income.

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# Family Affair: Parents and Children, Learning And Fun

by Pamela F. Greenhalgh

Jewish families in Rhode Island are having fun celebrating religious holidays together. The children are learning about their Jewish heritage and traditions. A Baltimore-born project called HOME START is responsible for the fun — and the learning.

The project began about five years ago in Baltimore and has now spread nationwide. It is geared to children from ages three to seven. For each holiday, there is a kit which is divided into three packets. The packets start arriving at the child's home three weeks before each holiday. There are games, stories, puzzles and craft activities in each kit. There are two different categories, pre-school and primary. Both are just about the same, except for the language, and the length of stories and song verses.

Families enroll in the program for two years and receive eighteen packets during that time. During the first year, the packets are on Hanukkah, Purim, and Shavuot. The second year holidays include Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, Passover and the Sabbath. The kits change very little from year to year, except for changes in stories or crafts.

This is the third year that HOME START had been available in the greater Providence area. Elliot Schwartz, executive director of the Bureau of Jewish Education, is pleased with the success of the program.

"It is special," says Schwartz, "because it brings Jewish holiday materials into the home so the family as a whole can celebrate."

The materials are bright, attractive and fun. More important, the directions for parents are simple and clear, unlike those infamous "so easy a child can follow them" instructions that are every parent's nightmare.

"This program reaches children at their most impressionable age," says Schwartz. "Most of the children are too young to be enrolled in religious school. HOME START introduces Jewish customs and ceremonies to children at the most pliable age and within the family unit."

Schwartz adds that HOME START is not meant to be a substitute for religious school.

"It introduces the three- to five-year-old child to his or her Jewish roots. It supplements Jewish education for the six or seven year old," he explains. "Religious schools cannot duplicate the family involvement of HOME START. But HOME START is not meant to be a replacement for religious school."

The first year, 125 families enrolled in the program. It dropped to 100 the second year and is now down to fifty. Schwartz is not alarmed by this. He feels it reflects the decline in the population of Jewish children, and fully expects to see an upswing in the enrollment in the future.

"The Bureau of Jewish Education is committed to this program," he says.

So committed, in fact, that the BJE subsidizes each family's subscription. They pay four dollars of the twenty-two-dollar-a-year price of each subscription.

The BJE also provides support for the

parents who enroll in HOME START. They offer workshops for them that are directed towards explaining the kits and the materials. The workshops also give parents the opportunity to ask questions not only about HOME START, but also about the holidays.

The BJE plans family parties to coincide with each holiday. The children attend — and so do their parents. There are games, sing-alongs and learning centers for arts and crafts.

"At our Hanukkah party," says Schwartz, "the families will make their own Menorah at one learning station. They will play with Dreidels at another. There will be a kindling of candles. We'll have refreshments and gifts for the children."

Schwartz describes it as being instructional for parents and fun for the children.

Schwartz has received a variety of comments from parents about the program. Some call, some write, others speak up at the workshops or parties.

"HOME START has a direct impact on families," Schwartz says. "The materials are unique. They are not readily available elsewhere. They are prepared by specialists — teachers, artists, and authors."

The parents comment on all of this, as does Schwartz. He cites the richness of the materials, and the involvement of the whole family in activities as the reasons for the program's appeal.

"Each kit comes directly to the house. This encourages parents to educate themselves and to serve as teachers," Schwartz explains. "The parents are responsive, the grandparents are delighted with it, and the children love it."

Schwartz sees some very positive outgrowths of the program. First, he sees it as a way to reintroduce Jewish customs into the family, an experience of Jewish hows and whys, which he remembers fondly from his own childhood. The program also includes all family members, including the father, who is often left out of activities because of work or not knowing just what to do. A sense of community is emphasized through the workshops and parties. Most importantly, HOME START provides a way for parents to transfer their faith to their children through interesting and accurate information.

Schwartz notes one interesting and positive outcome that was not really expected.

"I have noticed a significant contribution in the ability to identify unaffiliated young couples," he says.

He points out that the BJE receives many inquiries from divorced parents, mixed-marriage families and even non-Jewish families about HOME START.

"HOME START enriches family lives and establishes ties with the Jewish community, both religious and otherwise. It is often the encouragement needed to bring young couples to affiliate with a temple," he says.

The HOME START Committee members at the BJE are Ruth Ross, chairperson, Pat Cohen, Fredda Dressler and Carole Ingall. For further information, call the BJE at 331-0956.



PARENTS GET THE CHANCE to make holiday puzzles with their children. Home Start provides activities kits to families which include games, stories and crafts for various holidays. The kits come in three groups prior to each holiday.



PARENTS AND CHILDREN participate in the arts and crafts learning center at a BJE holiday party.



CHILDREN COLOR holiday pictures as part of the Home Start program which brings learning activities on religious holidays into the home.

## For Holiday Fun And Learning:

### The Home Start Hanukkah Kit

Sharing is the key word to the HOME START program, and each kit provides a great number of opportunities for parents and children to share the joy of celebrating a holiday together. Each kit follows similar patterns: instructions for parents and activities for children. The pre-school kits are aimed at children ages three to five; and the primary kits are for children ages six to seven.

The Hanukkah packet contains something for everyone. If a child — or a parent — does not like one activity, then there is bound to be something in the next packet he'll enjoy.

Besides receiving instructions on how to use the kit most effectively, parents also get suggestions on how to celebrate Hanukkah in the home, gifts they can exchange, games to play and blessings to use for each night of Hanukkah. A sheet with terms relating to Hanukkah is contained in the kit, with definitions given in language children can understand. As an introduction for the children, but also helpful to parents for setting the tone for Hanukkah, there is a special story to share with the children. There is also a timely article on Hanukkah and Christmas, designed to help parents cope with the barrage of Christmas shows and celebrations.

Parents also receive a goody-grab-bag of activities to do with their children. The words of Hanukkah songs and a cassette recording of them are included. This makes Hanukkah sing-alongs possible, and music is always a good way to get everyone excited about upcoming activities.

For craft activities, a family can make their own menorah, dreidel and wrapping paper. For each, there are clear direc-

tions and patterns. Once made, these things can continue to be shared with the family, or with others.

Cooking is also a double-sharing activity in the Hanukkah kit. Recipes for fudge, latkes and kugel are enclosed. After they're baked, they would make an appropriate snack or Hanukkah gift.

For the pre-school child there are three short stories to read aloud, all of which teach a valued lesson. *Rachel's Best Present*, *A Special Shamash* and *The Mystery Guest* all relate to Hanukkah, but do not go into the history of the holiday. Instead, they are set during the holiday season, and talk about Hanukkah customs and show strong family relationships. In each, a young child plays an important role, which is helpful for developing his or her self-esteem.

The children, who are six to seven, receive kits with stories explaining the history of Hanukkah and its customs. *A Great Miracle Happened There* tells the story of Judas Maccabeus. It is written in simple language so a child may read it to himself, or it may be read aloud by a parent with the pictures being shared as a story-telling session.

There is also a cartoon/activity book, with a comic strip version of the Hanukkah story, puzzles and games.

An activity book is also included. This contains more puzzles, more games (What's Wrong With The Picture? Hidden Pictures, etc.) mazes and Hanukkah pictures with rhyming stories to color.

All of the activities are meant to be fun while being educational. Spaced out over three weeks prior to the first day of Hanukkah, they can help prepare a child to better appreciate not only the holiday itself but also his Jewish heritage.

P.F.G.

# Marjorie Strickman

## A Person With A Handicap Not A Handicapped Person

by Lori Evangelos Kershner

Marjorie Strickman is not a handicapped person; rather, she's a person with a handicap. Strickman borrowed this phrase from Bill Ralston, who works for Blind Services. He is a man with a handicap.

"Before I met with Bill, I told him 'you'll know me, because I'll be the one with the crutches.' He answered,

"You'll know me because I'll be the one with the white cane."

Marjorie didn't know that Bill was blind and came to know a great deal more from him about persons with handicaps in Rhode Island.

"We can do a million things, it's just that we cannot do one thing. The blind person cannot see, the deaf cannot hear and the crippled cannot walk."

Marjorie is crippled. She has been for years. What started out as a game, ended in a beginning of a life Marjorie never dreamed of. Playing tennis one day, as she did religiously every day because she believed in the healthy benefits of exercise, Marjorie tore a cartilage in her leg. She comes from a family that thinks exercise will make anything better — they're all exercise enthusiasts.

Unfortunately, she didn't know enough to stop. Instead of seeing a doctor, she took three aspirins before continuing to play tennis. She thought it would go away. She admits that if she had known then what she knows now, she wouldn't have done what she did. She made it so bad, the doctor told her, that the damage was irretrievable.

Later, she discovered that had she taken the precautions she wished she would have, it wouldn't have made a difference. She would still be crippled today. Marjorie has an arthritic disease which attacks and deteriorates the connective tissues of bones.

"Now when I get pains in my joints, I don't keep up what I'm doing. I've learned to relax the aches and myself."

Marjorie is that person with a handicap who does a million and one things at Trinity Repertory Company in Providence. She is responsible for motivating a massive architectural transformation at the theater. Because of her activism there is an exclusive first floor bathroom for the handicapped (her husband fondly refers to it as "Marjorie's toilet" as do other friends), a mezzanine section in the second floor theater for the handicapped, and a newly installed elevator. She has also initiated the implementation of sound tapes for the blind, and signing of performances for the deaf.

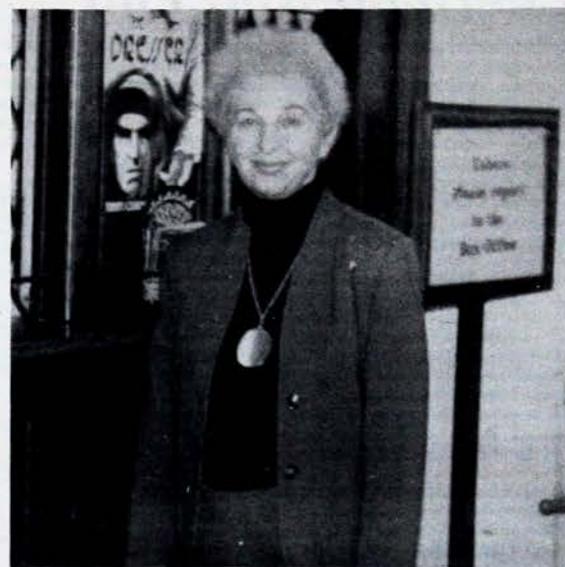
Her partly accomplished goal has been to make Trinity totally accessible to everyone with a handicap, no matter what his/her handicap, if they can be moved to the theater, literally and figuratively — that is. Even if they're on a stretcher! Any way they can get there, they're welcome. According to Marjorie, Trinity is for everyone.

Her official title is 504 Coordinator for Trinity Square. Section 504 refers to the 1973 Federal Civil Rights legislation passed on the handicapped. It deals with the accessibility of people with handicaps to buildings and institutions and art facilities that receive any federal money in any way, federally funded, state or local. In other words, this legislation makes these agencies liable under law to answer to the special needs of persons with handicaps.

The legislation also brings up the issue of sensitizing the public to these special needs of these persons. Marjorie, aside from architectural renovations, has had a hand in this sensitizing. She started with the ushers and worked her way up from the general public.

"The worst thing is being condescended to," asserts Strickman. "The second is not being able to get where you want to go because there's no handicapped parking."

"I don't want sympathy," said a serious Strickman, "I want empathy."



She feels she speaks for the majority of persons with handicaps. Yes, she has experienced discrimination herself, more than her share.

"Certain things annoy me, infuriate me. In all kindness, people are only trying to help but sometimes they hinder you more than they help."

"People should always ask, 'Could I help you' instead of assuming you need help because you're handicapped. They should ask you, 'Do you need help' instead of asking the person who's with you. It's infuriating to think that just because you're handicapped you can't talk! Either places don't have parking for the handicapped or if they do, it's not at strategic locations. If I can't park at a place, I can't go. Because I can't walk, my car is my best friend along

with my crutches."

She further commented that she doesn't know what makes certain people more sensitive to the special needs of others like herself, and others not. She does know that some people know intuitively and are naturally more sensitive; whereas others need to be taught. Her advice is to give help where it is needed, not when it isn't.

Marjorie says her motivation stemmed a way back when she was 'smitten' with a love of the theater.

"My volunteering is a kind of love song to this theater and its people, which is a credit to New England. I have never come across a group of people so compassionate, yet business-like in every way. This theater ought to be a model for other theaters, concert halls and art facilities.

## Behind The Headlines Changes In Congress

**WASHINGTON (JTA)** — The new Congress that takes office in January is expected to see only one change in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee but at least 10 new faces in the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

However, these two important committees where much of the issues affecting Israel are discussed and voted upon are expected to continue their pro-Israel stances despite their chairmen, Sen. Charles Percy (R. Ill.) and Rep. Clement Zablocki (D. Wis.) who have often been critical of Israel and supportive of the Palestinians.

The Senate committee opening was caused by the decision of Sen. S.I. Hayakawa (R. Calif.) not to seek re-election. The three other committee members whose terms were up this year — Sens. Richard Lugar (R. Ind.), Paul Sarbanes (D. Md.) and Edward Zorinsky (D. Neb.) — all were re-elected.

Zorinsky, who is Jewish, and Lugar, voted for the sale of AWACS to Saudi Arabia last year, although Zorinsky first voted against it in the committee and then supported it in the final floor vote. But Sarbanes, a member of the Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs subcommittee, has been a staunch and important supporter of Israel in the Senate.

In the House, the major development was the defeat of Rep. Paul Findley (R. Ill.), who has not only been critical of Israel but has been considered by some as the chief spokesman for the Palestine Liberation Organization in Congress. Findley was the ranking minority member of the Foreign Affairs subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East and used this position for frequent attacks on Israel.

Rep. Paul McCloskey (R. Calif.), another supporter of the PLO, did not seek re-election, but instead made an unsuccessful bid for the Republican nomination as candidate for governor of California. McCloskey has publicly attacked what he called the influence of American Jews on U.S. foreign policy. Last summer, he

visited PLO chief Yasir Arafat in Beirut and emerged with a document in which he said Arafat recognized Israel which was later repudiated.

Incidentally, in a story in the Riyadh newspaper, Al-Jazirah, October 20, the Saudi Arabian newspaper's Washington bureau warned that Findley's defeat could have "serious consequences" for the Saudis, Palestinians and other Arabs.

"He (Findley) is a major stumbling block in the face of the Zionists and their supporters," the paper said, somewhat exaggerating the Illinois Congressman's influence. "But he is not the only one," the newspaper added. It listed the others as Percy and Zablocki.

While Findley's defeat cheers supporters of Israel, the new House Foreign Affairs Committee will also be without several strong supporters of Israel. Among the Democrats, Rep. Jonathan Bingham of New York did not seek re-election because of reapportionment, and Rep. Bob Shadman of Ohio was the only Jewish Congressman defeated in the November 2 elections.

On the Republican side, Rep. Edward Derwinski, a ranking minority member who champions Israel, was defeated in the Republican primary in Illinois last spring. He has been appointed State Department Counselor by President Reagan. Rep. Robert Dornan made an unsuccessful primary bid for governor of California and Rep. Millicent Fenwick was defeated by Democrat Frank Lautenberg in the New Jersey Senate race.

On the more favorable side, Rep. Dante Fascell (D. Fla.) a leading supporter of Israel was re-elected after a tough contest and is the ranking Democrat with the retirement of L.H. Fountain of North Carolina, after Zablocki, the chairman. The ranking Republican member, Rep. William Broomfield of Michigan is also a friend of Israel.

The Jews on the House Foreign Affairs Committee are Reps. Benjamin Rosenthal

and Stephen Solarz, both (D. NY); Howard Wolpe (D. Mich.), Samuel Gejdenson (D. Conn.), Tom Lantos (D. Calif.), and Benjamin Gilman (R. NY).

The three Democratic vacancies and the seven Republicans in the House committee and the one on the Senate Foreign

Relations Committee are filled by the respective parties in each House. They are prestigious assignments and much sought after. Those who fill them will play an important role in Israel-U.S. relations and thus the appointments, come January, will be closely watched.

## Books! Books! And More Books!

### PHDS Fair Is Book Lover's Delight

by Pamela F. Greenhalgh

Sunday, Nov. 26th was the date of the Providence Hebrew Day School Book Fair, "People of the Book."

Sponsored by the PHDS Parents Association, the fair seemed to fulfill two purposes: to promote reading and to raise money for the school.

From the selection of books there, an excellent effort was made by the book fair committee to achieve the first. There was something for everyone. There were cookbooks to inspire the gourmets, craft books for the creative, history books for the knowledge-seekers and books on Jewish literature and short stories for serious-minded readers. There were also special selections of books in and about the Hebrew language.

For children, there were books on Jewish holidays, customs, history, athletes and the Hebrew language. For the very young, there were counting books, and Dr. Seuss books in Hebrew. For the older readers,

there were mysteries and books about growing up.

Best of all, there was a varied section of used books for the economically-minded, and who isn't these days?

By early afternoon, Grace Beiser, one of the book fair committee members, announced that the second goal had also been reached.

"It's going well. We've had a steady crowd all day. It was very busy between eleven and twelve," she said. "The selection of books is picked over now."

Besides purchasing the book outright, they could also be ordered.

Toby Rosner, librarian at PHDS, held story hours for the children. Each consisted of an oral presentation of a story and the showing of a film.

"I'm going to turn the filmstrip," one boy said proudly, and just in time for a picture.

All in all, it was an enjoyable and successful event.

# Obituaries

## CHARLES BOLOTOW

PROVIDENCE — Charles Bolotow, 84, of 60 Broadway, died at the Summit Medical Center after a four-year illness. He was the husband of Betty (Weinstein) Bolotow.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Louis and Fanny (Greenberg) Bolotow, he was a resident of Providence most of his life. He lived in Miami Beach from 1964 to 1978.

Besides his wife, he leaves a daughter, Mrs. Barbara Levy of Barrington; a son, Norman J. Bolotow, a Providence lawyer, of Barrington; and two grandchildren.

The funeral service was held on Wednesday at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

## IDA MARX

PROVIDENCE — Ida Marx, 78, of 211 Adelaide Ave., widow of Solomon Marx, died at home Monday night.

Born in Germany, a daughter of the late Menachim and Bertha Simon, her home was in Providence for more than forty years.

She leaves a daughter, Mrs. Beatrice Prosnitz of North Haven, Conn.; a brother, Hugo Simon of New York City; a sister, Mrs. Setta Sender of Paris, France; and three grandchildren.

Her funeral service was held at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

## GEORGE N. BERLINSKY

PROVIDENCE — A man collapsed and died of an apparent heart attack yesterday after he returned home to find his apartment in the Elmwood section had been broken into.

The victim, George N. Berlinsky, 68, of 53 Warrington St. made his way to a neighbor's home and tried to take medicine before he fell unconscious, police said, but was pronounced dead in St. Joseph Hospital.

According to police, Berlinsky came home at 4 p.m. to find his apartment ransacked. He crossed the street and knocked on a neighbor's door. He told the 11-year-old girl who answered to summon help, placed one or more nitroglycerine pills in his mouth, and collapsed on the front porch, police said.

Mr. Berlinsky was the husband of Lillian (Gorden) Berlinsky.

He retired in 1979 as a quality control engineer for Data 100 Corporation. Before 1967, he and his late father owned Berlinsky Kosher Meats in the Willard Shopping Center.

He was a member of Congregation Shaare Zedek, the Jewish Home for the Aged and the Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association.

Born in Providence, he was a son of Fay

(Gordon) Berlinsky, and the late Harry Berlinsky.

He had attended Providence College.

Besides his wife and mother he leaves a daughter, Dr. Elaine B. Fain; a son, Allan M. Berlinsky; a sister, Mrs. Arlene O. Cherlin, and a brother, Robert R. Berlinsky, all of Providence.

A funeral service will be held tomorrow at 11 a.m. at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St. Burial will be in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

## BESSIE SILVERMAN

WARWICK — Bessie Silverman, 76, of 1 Shalom Drive, Shalom Apartments, died Sunday at St. Joseph Hospital, Providence. She was the wife of Samuel M. Silverman.

Born in Baltimore, a daughter of the late Jacob and Annie (Feldman) Israel, she lived in Warwick for three years. She had previously lived in Cranston for forty years.

She was a member of the Senior Citizens Guild and the Shalom Apartments Tenants Association.

Besides her husband, she leaves a son, Edmund J. Silverman of Baltimore; three daughters, Mrs. Arlene Landesburg of Medfield, Mass., Mrs. Linda J. Winkelman of Wallingford, Conn., and Mrs. Lois Cohen of Cranston; a sister, Mrs. Molly Furrucci of New Port Richey, Fla., and 11 grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on Monday at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

## ADA SYDNEY

PROVIDENCE — Ada Sydney, 82, of 20 Woodlawn Terrace, died at the home of her son, Allan W. Sydney of 7 Alton Road. She was the widow of Jacob T. Sydney. They founded Sydney Supply Co. in 1934.

Born in Roxbury, Mass., and a Providence resident for more than 55 years, she was the daughter of the late Harry and Dora Shlager.

She leaves two other sons, Irwin L. and Stanley H. Sydney, both of Brookline, Mass.; a daughter, Mrs. Joyce Rifkind of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada; two sisters, Mrs. Rose Geffen of Brookline and Mrs. Isabelle Ablow of Salem, Mass.; a brother, Manny Shlager of Waltham, Mass.; 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Friday in Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

## JULIUS MANEKOFSKY

LIVINGSTON, N.J. — Julius "Jerry" Manekofsky, 50, of 2352 Linwood Ave., Fort Lee, N.J. died Saturday when the light plane in which he was a passenger collided with a single-engine Cessna over North Central New Jersey.

Manekofsky was a Cranston resident until 1977, and a self-employed financial consultant for the past twenty years.

He was born in Providence, a son of Charles S. Manekofsky of Miami, and the late Florence (Bloomstein) Manekofsky.

Besides his father, he leaves two sons, Ronald S. Manekofsky of Chicago and Gary Manekofsky of Cranston; a daughter, Debra S. Manekofsky of Brookline, Mass.; two brothers, Marvin Mann of Hillside, and Alan Manekofsky of Amsterdam, the Netherlands; and three sisters, Mildred Mann of Bayside, N.Y., Joan Manekofsky of Fort Lee, and Carol Mann of Pawtucket.

A graveside service was held on Tuesday at Lincoln Park Cemetery. Arrangements were made by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence, R.I.

## SPD Re-Introduces Legislation Against Neo-Nazi Propaganda

BONN (JTA) — The Social Democratic Party (SPD), now in the opposition, has re-introduced legislation aimed against neo-Nazi propaganda which was rejected a month ago when the SPD headed West Germany's governing coalition government.

The draft bill which would close loopholes in existing anti-Nazi laws, was killed in the Bundesrat, the upper house of parliament, controlled by the Christian Democratic Union. The CDU is now the governing party.

The proposed legislation would give state prosecutors the power to try persons who publicly deny that Jews were persecuted by the Third Reich or that the Holocaust occurred. It would impose tighter restrictions on the import and distribution of Nazi propaganda material produced abroad and limit the sale of reproductions of material that existed in Nazi Germany.

CDU officials have expressed reservations toward the draft bill from its inception but never said specifically that they would try to defeat it. The Bundestag's Justice Committee which prepared the legislation believed there were enough votes in the lower house to pass it after differences over the text were resolved.

But the Bundesrat, which represents the various state governments of the Federal Republic, did not feel bound to accept the compromise version adopted by the Justice Committee.

Jewish leaders here have expressed concern over the SPD's latest initiative which was in part a product of their own lobbying efforts. They feel the issue may now be reduced to one of party politics. The SPD and some of the internal opposition within the Free Democratic Party (FDP), the CDU's coalition partner, seem eager to prove that there are substantial differences between themselves and the CDU-led government policy toward rightwing extremists.

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## Minister Rodriguez Reassures Ecuador Jews In Wake Of Anti-Semitism

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Jewish community of Ecuador has been given assurances by Foreign Minister Luis Valencia Rodriguez that its safety and well-being will be protected in the wake of a recent number of anti-Jewish incidents described as "unprecedented" in that South American country, the World Jewish Congress reported.

Valencia met in Quito with a delegation consisting of Manuel Tenenbaum, director of the Latin American Jewish Congress, Pedro Steiner, president of the Asociacion Israelita, and Manuel Grubel, president of the B'nai B'rith in Quito. According to Tenenbaum, who flew to Ecuador for the meeting, the Foreign Minister stressed the "firm determination of President Hurtado's government to guarantee the security and tranquility of the Jewish community."

The 1,000-member Jewish community of Ecuador, living mainly in the capital, was shaken in recent weeks by a series of anti-Semitic incidents in the country. On September 22, stones were thrown at the home of the Honorary Consul of Israel in the coastal city of Guayaquil, smashing windows. On the same day, the Israeli Embassy in Quito was stoned and its windows broken. A day earlier, a bomb exploded in front of the Asociacion Israelita's community center.

In addition to the violence, harsh anti-Israel statements with anti-Semitic connotations have appeared in the local press and anti-Israel demonstrations have been held in the streets. The Foreign Minister linked those events to general agitation in the country which he ascribed to "leftists." He also expressed "great friendship toward Israel," the WJC reported.

## Last Tyre Blast Victim Buried

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The funeral of the last Israeli victim of the explosion which destroyed the Israeli military headquarters in Tyre last week was held in Haifa Nov. 18. Cpl. Amram Shitrit, of Acre was on guard at the entrance of the building at the time of the explosion. He was buried under the wreckage and positive identification of the body took much time.

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The family of the late Dorothy Meierowitz is grateful for all the kind expressions of sympathy extended to them.

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TORONTO (JTA) — A fact-finding subcommittee to conduct studies on Jewish student enrollment and other aspects of Jewish life on Canadian campuses was established at a recent inaugural meeting here of the National Hillel Cabinet of B'nai B'rith Canada and Hillel representatives from throughout Canada.

Herb Leon of Edmonton, chairman of the Hillel Cabinet and a B'nai B'rith Canada vice-president said "the concern for Jewish students across the country has achieved a new importance for us."

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Israel's newest railway line was officially inaugurated Wednesday, Nov. 17, when the first train travelled from Tel Aviv to Kiryat Gat, over a new track and parts of a rebuilt track along an old right-of-way. The new link involving 12 miles of completely new embankment and track from Ashkelon to Kiryat Gat plus restoration of the Ashkelon-Ashdod line, part of the old Palestine-Egypt railroad, is intended to speed and serve potash and phosphate exports from the Dead Sea to Ashdod Port, bypassing the overloaded Lydda junction. Work on the new and rebuilt line took three years and cost \$23 million.

NEW YORK (JTA) — The National Foundation for Jewish Culture has announced the third year of its playwriting competition for the best unpublished play which significantly illuminates an aspect of Jewish experience.

The Berman Award, named in honor of Gerald and Elia Berman of Wayne, New Jersey, patrons of Jewish cultural activities, offers a \$500 prize and a staged reading of the winning play at the American Jewish Theater in Manhattan.

Previous winners have been Crispin Larangeira this year for his play "Whispers" and Shirley Lauro in 1981 for her play, "The Contest."

The deadline for the 1983 competition is February 28. The winner will be announced by May 1. The 1983 contest will accept translations and adaptations, if the source is noted on such manuscripts.

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## UJA Director of Education Wins 2 Medals For Films

NEW YORK (JTA) — Two films, written, composed, directed and produced by Issachar Miron, a winner of Israel's coveted "Engle Music Award" and a laureate of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Producers "Deems Taylor Award" for creative writing, won two honors at the 25th International Film and TV Festival, held in New York. The films were chosen out of some 4,000 entries submitted by filmmakers from over 40 countries. Miron, best known for his Israeli, international hit, "Tzena, Tzena, Tzena," serves as the national director of creative and educational programs of the United Jewish Appeal, in which capacity he has created over 100 dramatic-musical productions designed to enhance UJA/Federation campaigns.

"San Francisco, My San Francisco, Is Jerusalem By The Golden Gate," a cinematic five generation oral-history feature won the Silver Medal in three categories: history and biography, social welfare, and fund-raising documentary. The film reveals why early Jewish settlers in the west were accepted into the highest stratas of society without sacrificing their history-making zeal to be in the forefront of every humanitarian philanthropic and business activity benefitting the evolving San Francisco community. Maurice Cerrier, major gifts director of the UJA, was the film's executive producer.

"Casting Light," a cinematic introduction to Israel for the UJA missions starring Herschel Bernardi, won for Miron a Bronze Medal in three categories: education, social welfare, and documentary. Howard Stone, director of the overseas programs department, was the film's executive producer.

Miron served during the Israeli War of Independence as the officer-in-chief of arts, humanities and entertainment programs of the Israel Defense Forces. He was Israel's first national deputy director of music education, and the chairman of the music faculty of the Jewish Teachers Seminary and the Herzilyah Institute of New York. Miron has been elected a fellow of the Jewish Academy of Arts and Sciences and the American National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences.

## L.A. University Of Judaism Starts 13th Year Of TV Programs

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — The thirteenth season of television broadcasting, to be comprised of 16 Sunday morning telecasts, has been announced by the University of Judaism, the west coast branch of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, the Conservative institution.

The series, described by the university as the longest-running Jewish TV program in Los Angeles, has as host the university vice-president, Rabbi Max Vorspan. The 13th season of "Commitment" begins with a two-part series by Rabbi Harold Schulweis, Julius and Molly Fligelman Professor of Contemporary Jewish life at the university. Rabbi Schulweis spoke at the General Assembly here of the Council of Jewish Federations.

On his TV appearances, telecast on the local CBS station, Rabbi Schulweis will assess the mission of the CJF General Assembly in the coming years. The shows will be telecast Nov. 21 and Nov. 28.

Dr. Louis Schub, the scholar, will join with Rabbi Vorspan on Dec. 5 for their tenth annual discussion on prospects for peace in the Middle East.

Paul and Rachael Cowan will be interviewed by Dr. Vorspan in the fourth program. Paul Cowan, a writer for the "Village Voice," described his rediscovery of Judaism in his autobiography, "An Orphan in History." Rachael Cowan, a convert, is executive director of Ansche Chesed synagogue, which is pioneering in new religious forms, according to the university.

The content of the rest of the programs for the new season has not yet been completed, officials said.

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TEL AVIV (JTA) — Labor party MK Chaim Herzog, who suffered a heart attack last Thursday, was reported as improving Monday. Herzog is hospitalized in the intensive care unit at Sheba Hospital at Tel Hashomer. Herzog is a former chief of military intelligence and a former Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations.

## Members Of New Bedford Clergy To Organize Interfaith Council

by Pamela F. Greenhalgh

At a meeting held Tuesday morning, a group of religious leaders from New Bedford, Mass., met with Charlotte Penn, executive director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews (NCCJ), Evangelina Snell, president of the Interfaith Council of Fall River, and Irving R. Fradkin, past president and co-founder of the council. The purpose of the group was

*"An Interfaith Council is a neutral body. It will gather people who might not get together otherwise."*

— Irving R. Fradkin,  
Past President,  
Interfaith Council of Fall River

to discuss the aims of an interfaith council and the most effective procedures for organizing such a group.

Present from New Bedford, were Steven J. Edelstein, executive director of the New Bedford Jewish Federation; Rubye Finger, president Federation; Chris Drew, pastor of the South Baptist Church in New Bedford; Donald James, a Protestant minister and research analyst at S.E. Mass. University; Edward Rudnick, chairman of the Jewish Community Relations Council; Dr. Lawrence Van Heerden, executive minister of the Inter-Church Council of Greater New Bedford; Lillian Schwartz, vice-president of the Federation,

### Secular Judaism Is Bankrupt

NEW YORK (JTA) — The "once strong sense of ethnic consciousness" among American Jews is fading, with the result that secular Judaism is bankrupt, in the view of Rabbi Walter Wurzburger, president of the Synagogue Council of America.

The Orthodox rabbinical leader said the synagogue must be "re-Judaized" to fill the void left by the "withering" of "secularism." Rabbi Wurzburger spoke as a member of a panel on the future of the synagogue, presented at the 38th annual convention of the Alumni of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University.

He said that there was a time when synagogues could exist by functioning as outlets for sentiments of Jewish ethnicity but at present, he added "Jews feel very much at home in the United States" and there is "not as much anti-Semitism as there once was."

In the years after creation of Israel, a sense of Jewish ethnicity grew with Israel, he said but at present, "because of the waning of Jewish ethnicity, there are large numbers of Jews who have no real interest in Israel."

Under present conditions, he argued, Jewish survival "hinges on our ability to create the will to survive as Jews." He said re-Judaizing synagogues means taking more care about the kind of topics discussed in the synagogue and the kind of activities sponsored by the synagogue.

Rabbi Wurzburger, who is rabbi of Congregation Shaaray Tefila in Lawrence, N.Y., and adjunct professor of philosophy at Yeshiva University, said "swimming in a Jewish swimming pool can hardly in itself make a significant contribution towards strengthening the Jewish will to swim against the currents of assimilation and disintegration."

Dr. Sol Roth, past president of the Rabbinical Council of America, called on his fellow rabbis to define their moderate point of view "with directness and pride." Asserting there is "a swing" in the Jewish community in the "the direction of extremism," Rabbi Roth, who is philosophy professor at Yeshiva University and rabbi of the Atlantic Beach, N.Y. Jewish Center, reminded the rabbis that "passion is not necessarily limited to extremism. We must show passion for moderation too."

Dr. Jerome Hochbaum, director of the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, urged the rabbis to "reintroduce the element of sanctity into the synagogue."

Dr. Israel Miller, Yeshiva University senior vice-president, who was chairman, noted that the problems and challenges for modern synagogue leaders are different from those of the past but said "our response must be the same: greater commitment."

and Mary Schwartz, chairman of the Holocaust Committee. Rabbi William E. Kaufman of Temple Emanu-El, Fall River, also attended.

The Interfaith Council of Fall River was formed several years ago as a way to promote brotherhood among people of different faiths.

"The council is geared to what the board wants done, what is seen as community needs and developing rapport and understanding among the community," explains Fradkin.

"If what you want is an Interfaith Council, there is no better example than the one in Fall River," Penn said.

Since its beginning, the Council has sponsored a variety of events, including model seders, community forums, and dialogues with clergy. Their most successful event is the annual brotherhood

*"We are making a step in the right direction. We take it day by day, year by year."*

— Evangelina Snell,  
President,  
Interfaith Council of Fall River

dinner.

Based on this success, the members of the New Bedford religious community are interested in organizing their own interfaith council. They came to Tuesday's meeting with a series of questions, all of which were answered.

*What is the difference between the Interfaith Council and the NCCJ?*

FRADKIN: When the Interfaith Council was first organized, some of the members did not want to affiliate with the NCCJ, so we decided on the name of Interfaith Council.

The NCCJ is more regional than we are. The Interfaith Council is a local organization.

PENN: The NCCJ spans the community. We are primarily concerned with education, not religion. We are concerned with raising children with a tolerant outlook. Interfaith is only one area in which the NCCJ is involved.

*What is the best way to promote participation and enthusiasm for such a group?*

PENN: The NCCJ holds an Ethnic Forum every year. We have had panels on family structure and building pride in ethnic background. This gave rise to the

*"I am appalled at the attitude of ill-feeling in the community. I have met Roman Catholics who have left the church and now have no use for the Catholic Church."*

— Chris Drew,  
Pastor, South Baptist Church  
New Bedford, Mass.

panel of Americans, a group which visits different communities and speaks on various issues. They have given us a great deal of visibility. The panel is not limited to just Christians and Jews. There are many different backgrounds. Twenty-six ethnic groups are represented.

FRADKIN: Each community is different. What appeals to one community might not appeal to another. There should be many ideas which would appeal to many different people.

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SNELL: A dinner with a guest speaker is a good idea for an opening meeting.

PENN: You might consider a brotherhood forum.

EDELSTEIN: We should plan something that will make a big splash, something that people will remember, that we can use as a reference point and do again.

FRADKIN: The last week in February is Brotherhood week. That might be a good thing to shoot for.

KAUFMAN: Would it be possible to have an interfaith service?

FRADKIN: Yes, we have done it before.

PENN: We have done it in Providence. We have even had interfaith weekends.

FRADKIN: You really don't need to motivate a lot of people to join. See individuals, talk to them about what your goals and plans are. If they see it as important, they'll make the time to become involved.

*What people should we involve?*

PENN: The NCCJ has a very prestigious 66-member board. They are just now getting involved in projects. In the past the board has been for status. I invite "lay" people to participate in programs.

VAN HEERDEN: It is essential to bring in non-clergy, also.

JAMES: We are trying to form a similar group at the University, looking at how different groups can be part of the whole, and human relationships.

PENN: There is a lot of strength in the universities, and a lot of resources. It is important to tap them, it's good to work through them.

FRADKIN: You need interested, dedicated people. Tell what is wanted and why. If you ask busy people to do only one

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— Charlotte Penn,  
Executive Director,  
NCCJ

thing, and not a whole list, they'll become involved and the group will be successful.

PENN: Look for people who will make good leaders.

*How would we organize with the NCCJ?*

PENN: Lay out your ideas, your goals. Form a small board. At this point, it should not be anything more than an organizing committee. But it must be representative.

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The meeting also resulted in the identifying of three aims of an interfaith council. They were:

— Heightening the consciousness of people on relevant issues.

— Developing mutual respect for others despite differences.

— Bringing people together to form an understanding for one another and to fight bigotry.

At the conclusion of the meeting, it was decided that the New Bedford group would meet in early December to hold an organizational meeting to further discuss goals, community needs and plan a first function for the new Interfaith Council of New Bedford.



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