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Continuing Plight Of Soviet Jews: Report From UCSY Convention

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by Lee Kravitz (JSPS) — At its national convention in Washington, D.C., last month, the Union of Councils of Soviet Jewry moved to do something which surprisingly, no Soviet Jewry activist group has done in the movement's 20-year history: the group voted to hire its own public relations firm, one of the nation's largest.

The firm and details of the campaign it plans to mount have not been revealed, but Lynn Singer, president of UCSJ, says the decision to hire professional public relations consultants was made because "ever since the Soviets invaded Afghanistan, there has been scant media coverage of Soviet Jewry. And now," she adds, "the need is even greater and more urgent than ever."

The Soviet Jewry movement, object of world Jewry's longest-running media campaign, now stands at a critical juncture in its fight to retain world attention. Until recently, much of the movement's success has been based on its ability to get wide press coverage for the hundreds of thousands of Soviet Jews who have not been able to emigrate.

Only 91 Jews Allowed To Exit

But against a background of deteriorating relations between the United States and the Soviet Union, only 91 Jews were allowed to leave the Soviet Union last month — down from an average of more than 4,000 a month in 1979. The drop has also been accompanied by a dramatic resurgence of officially sanctioned anti-Semitism in Russia.

The media have allotted little news space to these events. Paradoxically, say activists, the Western press is finding Soviet Jewry less and less newsworthy, even as the situation becomes more urgent, and many Soviet Jews stand in more need of publicity for their plight.

By its very nature, the media traffic in new developments and fresh breaking news stories, often emphasizing per-

sonalities over issues. But since the early stand-out figures of the Soviet Jewry movement first gained world attention in the '70s, there has been a numbing procession of Jews jailed, harassed or refused visas. And the situation itself, already covered, shows little indication of impending change or new developments.

"It's a shame," says Tom Tomizowa, a producer for NBC's *First Camera*, "but we simply don't have the luxury of putting something on the air because it interests us or we think it's important. By awful necessity, it's the breaking news, the most timely events that get covered."

Educating Viewers

To educate viewers on an issue takes time — a precious commodity in the news business. Faced with covering an issue like Soviet Jewry — an issue that's both ongoing and intractable — journalists say they need either a new angle or a major breakthrough. And here lies the crux of the problem.

As Lynn Singer puts it: "The plight of Soviet Jewry is not a glamorous one. It goes on 365 days a year. From the media's point of view, it's the same old story all the time — harassments, beatings, arrests and denials. So what's new?"

Confronted with this bleak scenario, activist leaders are working to develop new strategies to keep the issue in the public eye.

In the past, they have tried different approaches at different times. Not all of those that worked in the past have been peaceful. In the early 1970's, the Jewish Defense League garnered extensive press coverage for the issue by harassing Soviet diplomats and bombing Soviet missions.

Most activists, though, have followed a less militant course. To protest Soviet policies, they have demonstrated in the streets and spearheaded hundreds of letter-writing campaigns to Soviet officials and to U.S. congressmen. To keep the public abreast of the latest arrests, trials and emigration figures, they have sent out literally thousands of press releases. They have also created a slew of imaginative and well-attended media events, including Solidarity Day, Shcharansky Day and the National Sabbath for Soviet Jewry.

In general, activists leaders have tried to stress what Kate Halpern of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry calls "our most effective media strategy — the concept of wasted lives and wasted potential." In practice, this has meant focusing as much publicity as possible on individual refuseniks and prisoners of conscience.

Anatoly Shcharansky, imprisoned as "spy" for his human rights activities and desire to emigrate to Israel has become the movement's foremost symbol in this respect. In addition to his own courage, activists also describe his strikingly intense and charismatic wife Avital as one of the movement's foremost assets. Her unrelenting, tireless campaign throughout the West for her husband's release, they say, has done much to keep the issue in the public eye.

Numerous other campaigns have been focused on the plights of other refuseniks (continued on page 14)



Pamela Macktaz (photo by Robert Israel)

by Robert Israel

Two weeks ago, Governor Garrahy nominated Pamela M. Macktaz to a position as Family Court judge. The 41-year-old Woonsocket lawyer has been practicing law for the past 10 years, handling a number of divorce and child custody cases. She has also served on the state Parole Board as a member of the board since 1973 and as chairperson since 1979. In an interview earlier this week, Pamela Macktaz discussed her background and what she sees as some of the challenges that await her in the future.

Independent Lawyer

Pamela Macktaz began practicing law in 1967, following her marriage to Peter Y. Macktaz, who died in 1979. After the birth of her two children, Joshua, now 15, and Bethany, now 14, she returned to work, deciding in 1974 to work on her own.

"I was tired of working for someone else, so I thought I'd see if I could make it on my own as a lawyer," she said. "This was at a time when all the judges were men and all the lawyers were men. When I began my independent practice, I was the only female attorney in Woonsocket. I thought for sure I'd have to close up shop right after I opened, but the town proved me wrong. I did not encounter prejudice. The town supported me in my efforts and I've been able to make my practice work ever since then."

A year previous to opening her own practice, Pamela Macktaz was appointed by Governor Noel to the parole board, a three-year appointment. She has been reappointed twice since 1973.

Future Family Court Judge

Over the past decade, Pamela Macktaz has seen a great deal of distressing battles for custody of children in divorce cases.

"Often times either the husband or wife or both are out to hurt the other, and they drag the children into the middle of it," she says. "It is a very painful process. And when the child is asked to step into the judge's chambers for consultation, that, too, can be an extremely wrenching experience."

One of the innovations to the present justice system that Pamela Macktaz hopes to encourage the state to investigate is a system to mediation that helps soon-to-be-divorced couples cope with the sensitive issues of co-parenting after the divorce is finalized.

"The system, as it exists now, does not make any attempt to preserve the family

unit," she explained. "In many other states — and Connecticut is one of them — the state appoints trained mediators who are taught to teach people how to bargain for what is best for their children. These mediators will teach couples how to communicate, rather than harboring hostilities that often interfere with or damage the emotional growth of children."

As an example of how a mediator might help, Pamela Macktaz described a situation where the ex-husband was encountering difficulties from his ex-wife regarding custody of their children. When he took them to a ballgame, for example, the ex-wife objected to the fact that his girlfriend was accompanying the children.

"In this situation, she would try and use the children to hurt the ex-husband and whenever they got together, nothing would be resolved because of these hostilities," she said. "A trained mediator would intervene and teach the couple how to recognize that jealousies and other hostilities have entered into their communication and how to better cope with what is best for their children. In this way, the couple would learn to stop using the children as a football between them and the sanity of the children would be preserved."

Pamela Macktaz explained that a pilot project is presently in existence in the state exploring the use of trained mediators.

Preserving The Family

Preserving the family unit is of paramount importance to Pamela Macktaz. She is vice-president of Congregation B'nai Israel in Woonsocket and is active in many committees associated with the shul. When choosing where to live in Woonsocket, she and her late husband bought a home nearby to the Congregation so that the shul would always be in the center of their lives.

"I grew up in an Irish-Catholic family and converted to Judaism when I married Peter," she explained. "And the one difference that I noticed was the tremendous family ties that Jewish people have. There is a wonderful closeness I never experienced before. People are always there for you, in times of joyfulness and in times of sorrow. By having this strong belief, the families have persevered."

Pamela Macktaz brings to her appointment as Family Court judge an enthusiasm and a dedication to improving communication between all members of the family, thereby improving family life.

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INSIDE:

Local News



Left to right seated on sofa: Tina and Alan Golant, second row: Madelyn Bell Ber- man, Director, New England Region, American Technion Society; Lewis Finkel, Joyce Starr, Udi Saly, Jani Rosen. (back row) Edward R. Goldberg, Chairman, New England Region; Dr. Michael Ryvicker, Andrea Finkel, Dr. Richard Rosen, Robert Starr, President, Rhode Island Chapter; Ernest and Pearl Nathan. (Photo by Fred Kelman)

A Technion degree makes admission to MIT graduate school almost a certainty explained Udi Saly, a past-president of the Technion Student Government, recently, at a gathering at the home of Bob and Joyce Starr, Providence. Udi, who is currently an MIT Doubles Masters Candidate in Ocean Engineering and Management, was allowed to bypass his basic required courses on the strength of the reputation of Technion as well as the exceptional track record of the many In-

stitute graduates who have both taught at MIT and attended its graduate schools.

Udi, typical of most Technion students, was an officer in the Israeli Armed Forces, serving as Chief Engineer of a Navy Missile Boat. In 1982, he headed the Department of Engineering, Naval Officers School.

The meeting was the second in a series of educational evenings which will be held in Rhode Island as part of a chapter revitalization process.

Camp JORI Undergoes Face Lift

As its 48th summer season approaches, Camp JORI is undergoing extensive building and renovations. Bulldozers, architects and engineers are busy on the site at Point Judith readying the camp for the summer of 1984.

The Ruth and Max Alperin Dining/Recreation Hall will be complete for this summer season and will include a strictly kosher kitchen. The "old" dining hall will be renovated to serve as an arts and crafts facility as well as a staff dormitory. The cabins are undergoing a face lift as well. And lines will be laid to install a sewer tie-in with the Town of Narragansett.

Camp JORI is the only non-profit Jewish overnight camp in Rhode Island sponsored by the Jewish community for the Jewish youth of Rhode Island. Located on 13 acres overlooking Point Judith, the camp has ball fields, tennis courts, pine groves and a swimming pool located on the grounds.

Camp JORI offers a complete sports, recreation and social program with a strong Jewish identity. The camp season is divided into two four-week sessions. Full or partial camperships are available based on need.

President of Camp JORI, Nancy Grossman, says, "For the past 47 seasons, Camp JORI has served the Jewish youth of

Rhode Island. We are pleased that the community has rallied its support for our new look. With our new and modernized buildings, we are able to serve our Jewish community better."

For information on Camp JORI call 521-2655.

Hospice Receives Grant

Island Hospice, Inc. has recently been awarded a grant of \$10,000 from the Rhode Island Foundation. This announcement was made by Rabbi Marc Jagoliner, President of the Board of Trustees of Island Hospice. The funds are to be used for general operating expenses for the coming year. Island Hospice is a non-profit volunteer organization which gives palliative care and support to Aquidneck Island patients and families facing terminal illness. There is no fee for Hospice volunteer services, which function in cooperation with traditional health services in the area.

Some of the objectives of the grant are to continue to recruit and train effective volunteers to assist the dying and bereaved, and to conduct additional community and professional education.

This is the second consecutive year that Island Hospice has been a recipient of funds from the Rhode Island Foundation.

Israeli Ambassador To Speak

Temple Beth El Brotherhood's first breakfast meeting of 1984 will take place on Sunday, January 8, in the Temple's meeting hall on Orchard Street in Providence. The guest speaker will be Ambassador Yaakov Avnon who is near the end of a five-year term serving as a special emissary in the United States for Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

Ambassador Avnon joined the Israel Foreign Ministry in 1950 after serving six years with the British Army and four years with the Haganah staff and Israel Defense Forces. He served in the Foreign Ministry for 27 years and his assignments included duty as First Secretary with the Legation of Israel, Stockholm, General Counsel in Los Angeles, Ambassador to Sierra Leone, Ambassador to the Philippines and Director of Israel Education Fund in the United States.

In 1976, Ambassador Avnon was elected Vice President of Ben-Gurion University and Vice-Chairman of their Board of Governors. He has been in the United States for the past five years serving as a special emissary from the University. He will return to his duties at the University in March. Ambassador Avnon was recently honored by the American Associates of Ben-Gurion University for his unflinching efforts contributing in large measure, to the success of fund raising for the University in the United States. In his honor it has been announced that the Yaakov Avnon Chair in Holocaust Studies will be inaugurated at the University as well as the establishment of the Sidney R. and Esther V. Rabb



Yaakov Avnon

Center for Holocaust Studies.

The Ambassador's talk to the Brotherhood and their guests will encompass the importance of Ben-Gurion University and its programs of study to Israel and Jews and non-Jews throughout the world. The public is invited to hear the Ambassador's talk, which is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m.

Fraud Against Elderly No Myth

by Simon Pressman

Senior Citizens everywhere should be aware that they are one of the big targets for consumer fraud. A report by the Senate Special Committee on Aging, after extensive hearings, has published the 10 most harmful frauds against seniors.

1. **Medical Frauds.** Most frequent are cure-alls; anything from cures for baldness to miracle diets.

2. **Home Repairs and Improvement Frauds.** Phony home repairmen who specialize in roofing and siding, insulation, furnace repairs, wet basements, and driveway topping, offer rates, take a downpayment and never return.

3. **Bunco Schemes.** There are currently over 800 known bunco schemes. Con artists use the pigeon drop, the bank examiner, and the phony official to swindle the aged.

4. **Insurance Frauds.** This includes selling the victim more policies than needed, replacing existing policies with "better" ones, deliberate deception of policy's coverage and even switching policies.

5. **Housing and Land Frauds.** Persuading the unwary to buy property they have never seen, especially vacation and retirement homes. In one recent case 507 individuals — almost exclusively elderly — lost \$625 million.

6. **Business Opportunity and Investment Frauds.** For a relatively modest investment in some business opportunity, the victim is offered the promise of great rewards. One Cleveland promoter sold jewelry franchises to 540 investors. The con collected \$3.5 million; the victims received \$100 worth of costume jewelry.

7. **Nursing Home Frauds.** Victims are conned into paying "admission fees,"

overcharged for specific services, defrauded out of personal maintenance funds, and forced to pay for specific services that should be included in the home's per diem rate.

8. **Automobile Frauds.** These frauds consist of fraudulently increasing the profit margin, misrepresenting the car's performance or history, or switching vehicles.

9. **Funeral Frauds.** These frauds include a number of things, from overcharging to unauthorized removal of remains from a hospital or nursing home.

10. **Other Common Frauds.** Other frauds with a significant impact on the elderly include abuse of trust schemes by bankers, trustees, relatives or attorneys; appliance and TV repair schemes such as over-charging and charges for parts not used; buyers club schemes; chain letter and referral frauds and vacation package schemes, which attract elderly customers on fixed incomes.

The best advice for retirees and seniors is to be aware of the pitfalls in the outlay of money. Seek the advice of friends, the Better Business Bureau, police and other agencies. If you are victimized, it is important to register a complaint. Notify responsible agencies. Allow the story to be told to protect others. Stop payment on checks if possible. Co-operate with law enforcement agencies. Save any evidence — such as receipts, cancelled checks, contracts, or the product itself. Be alert, inquisitive, hesitant and wary of anything out of the ordinary that has a hint of fraud.

Simon Pressman, who lives and writes in Narragansett, R.I., is president of Seniors Helping Others and a member of U.S. Rep. Claudine Schneider's Advisory Board for the Elderly.

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Changing Role Of Jewish Education

A group of leading Jewish educators has proposed that Jewish communities hold "consciousness-raising" meetings at which parents, students and educators can discuss their different — and often conflicting — views on what Jewish education should be and do.

The proposal was made at a recent consultation co-sponsored by the American Jewish Committee's Jewish Communal Affairs Department and the Coalition for Alternatives in Jewish Education. Participating in the consultation held at national AJC headquarters, were teachers and administrators in Jewish schools and other educational and cultural institutions.

A major conclusion of the meeting was that parents, students, teachers, administrators, and lay boards expect different things from Jewish education, with the result that they are often at odds with each other. Instructors and other school personnel, the consultants agreed, consider Jewish education primary, while most parents — including those whose children are in Jewish day schools — look on Jewish education as being "no more important than any other extracurricular activity."

Even when the students themselves become enthusiastic about their newly-acquired Jewish knowledge and culture, the consultants said, many parents continue to be indifferent — and occasionally hostile — to this aspect of their children's education. One participant told of a mother who had threatened to remove her daughter from school if the daughter persisted in her desire to light Sabbath candles, and other participants said they had had similar experiences.

Another problem cited by the consultants was that "teachers of Jewish education are in a very lonely profession." All said that they felt little sense of support from the Jewish community at large, and

all stressed that by "support" they did not mean money alone.

"We'll feel that we're getting the kind of respect and encouragement we need," said one consultant, "when Jews start feeling that Jewish education is a profession they'd like their children to go into."

Discussing parents' expectations, the consultants said that they were often unrealistic. One teacher related an incident in which a parent had "gotten furious," during a trip to Israel, when she realized that her daughter was not fluent in Hebrew. The girl had been attending afternoon Hebrew classes for about two years.

Said another teacher: "Unless the Bar Mitzvah performance qualifies as absolutely operatic, they feel that the school has failed."

Noting that fewer than half of the country's Jewish school-age children are currently receiving some form of Jewish education — as opposed to two-thirds a decade ago — Dr. Eliot Spack, Executive Director of the Coalition for Alternatives in Jewish Education and a co-moderator of the consultation, said:

"Jewish education, and the need to build Jewish identity, are not considered urgent priorities by today's generation of Jewish parents. Even when children are getting some kind of Jewish education, it is isolated from the mainstream of their lives — almost as if the synagogue or the Jewish school were museums."

Many Jewish communities, continued Dr. Spack, have tried to provide Jewish education "by using a 'holistic' approach — by attempting to transmit Jewish culture through Ys, youth groups, camping trips, and the like, many of which are successful."

However, he said, "the end result is often a collision with the youngster's family, for the child may well return home from a camping trip only to find that the ritual practices or other experiences he has found

meaningful are scorned by his parents as irrelevant to their lifestyle."

"The problems of Jewish education," concluded Dr. Spack, "are not going to be resolved by Jewish educators alone. If we are the only ones sounding the clarion call, it will sound like a self-serving alarm, and unless there is partnership between the educators and the full Jewish community, the problem is going to get worse."

Relating AJC's activities in the area of Jewish education, Dr. Steven Bayme, Assistant Director of AJC's Jewish Communal Affairs Department and co-moderator of the consultation with Dr. Spack, reported that the agency had recently inaugurated a National Committee on Jewish Education so as to inform AJC members and the general Jewish community about the problems facing Jewish education.

Dr. Bayme noted also that AJC's Board of Governors had issued a statement calling on all AJC leaders to involve themselves in Jewish education and to demand higher standards of Jewish education from their communities.

"At a time when the pursuit of excellence has become a national priority," said Dr. Bayme, "the Jewish community must reactivate its traditional commitment to the centrality of quality Jewish education."

"Inadequate Jewish education opens the door to assimilation. It undermines self-respect and thereby increases vulnerability to anti-Semitism. And, not the least, it weakens the common bonds among Jews, undermining Jewish community and the basis of world Jewish unity."



Lester Macketz of Providence, chairman of B'nai B'rith International's Program Committee, reports on the status of the organization's adult programs during the annual winter meeting of B'nai B'rith's Board of Governors in Chicago. Macketz is holding a copy of an advertisement prepared by B'nai B'rith which describes some of its wide variety of activities developed by and for its half a million members.

Jewish Music Season Begins Jan. 14



A joyous Jewish Music Season poster inaugurates this year's 11-week celebration of Jewish music, sponsored by JWB's Jewish Music Council. Jewish Music Season lasts from Jan. 14 to May 7, 1984. These are the dates from Shabbat Shirah (Sabbath of Song) to Yom Ha'Atzmaut (Israel Independence Day).

According to Leonard Kaplan, chairman of the JWB Jewish Music Council, "We are holding Jewish Music Season as a way of highlighting the richness and diversity of Jewish music and the important role it plays in Jewish life from the haunting melodies of cantorial music to the spirited tunes of Israeli folk music."

"Traditionally, Jewish music and cultural programming," according to Arthur Rotman, JWB executive vice-president, "have been among the principal Jewish enrichment success stories in our North American Jewish Community Centers."

The 16-by-20-inch Jewish Music Season poster, which is in full color, was created by Mordechai Rosenstein who is one of America's foremost Hebraic artists.

The poster is dominated by a three-stringed harp and "Shabbat Shirah" and "Yom Ha'Atzmaut" in Hebrew script.

"The reason I chose the harp," Rosenstein explains, "is because it is the universal symbol of music. After all, David, as the court musician played the harp for King Saul."

"I did research at Gratz College in Philadelphia and found out that he had

played a three-stringed harp instead of a 10-stringed harp.

"I used Hebrew script to create a *freilach* and free ambiance."

A unique figure in world art, Rosenstein creates limited edition silk screen prints of award-winning, original pieces, reflecting the rich and ancient traditions of Judaism. Drawing upon the inherent grace and lyrical qualities of the Hebrew alphabet, he embellishes the letters and gives them a special rhythm and excitement to make them virtually dance across the print.

A graduate of Akiba Hebrew Academy and the Philadelphia College of Art, Rosenstein is sought out by galleries, museums and collectors on an international scale. The bold colors and graceful curves of his serigraphs have been described as "some of the most original in the art world today."

Rosenstein is a partner in the Philadelphia-based firm of Emes Editions Limited.

In preparation for the many types of programs and celebrations that will take place across the country during Jewish Music Season, the JWB Jewish Music Council is mailing Jewish Music Season promotion flyers to Jewish Community Centers, synagogues and libraries nationwide. The flyers include the information about the colorful poster as well as a list of Jewish music publications. The poster is part of a kit which includes a list of Jewish music in such categories as: cantorial, Israeli, folk, dance, children's and instrumental.

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From The Editor

Political Mishugas

by Robert Israel

There is an example of political *mishugas* — which in Yiddish translates as insanity — that deserves a close examination.

This insanity comes from a group that calls itself "Jews against Jesse Jackson" that has been running ads in the *New York Times* and elsewhere urging a united Jewish front against Presidential hopeful Jesse Jackson because of his statements embracing Yasser Arafat and the PLO, and his reported anti-Semitic leanings. Recently, I have received a great deal of mail from readers and several press releases urging support of this effort.

No one, including candidate Jackson, expects he will capture the Democratic nomination, let along the presidency of the United States. What can this anti-Jackson campaign produce?

The "Jews Against Jesse Jackson" campaign will only serve a negative purpose and add further to the *mishugas* around us. It will feed into the kind of exposure Jackson wants and otherwise might not get — excluding his trip to Syria this week. And it will also add to the perception among Blacks and other minorities that Jews are out to get Jackson, thereby arousing anti-Jewish feelings among Jackson's

followers and other anti-Semites.

The major Jewish organizations have denounced the efforts of "Jews Against Jesse Jackson" — the American Jewish Congress, the Anti-Defamation League and others — and I add my voice to theirs calling for sanity, not insanity, when confronting any candidate for any office.

Let a person's record speak for itself and let that record be debated. There is no purpose in organizing a campaign to discredit a candidate because, in the long run, no one will be turned off from Jackson or any other candidate who is not already so disposed. Voters who support him will not be dissuaded by his attitude toward Israel, and nor will Jews be dissuaded from supporting him by this hate campaign against him.

In order to build a more democratic society, we must not seek to organize ourselves *against* anyone, but must seek to explore the issues and seek justice when we feel a wrong has been committed. In this way we are not seeking to discredit individuals' characters, but are merely exposing how their ideas might not be sound ones. That is the most we can do, letting this exposure be considered by all so that one and all can determine for themselves who to choose and who to support.

Ben-Gurion Recalled

by Trude B. Feldman

It is 10 years since the death of David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first Prime Minister and a catalytic force who directed and shaped Israel's policies during its early turbulent years. It may be risky to speculate on what any past leader would have done, were he now in power, to achieve Israel's needs for peace and security. Yet it is safe to say that Mr. Ben-Gurion would have placed a high premium on coexistence, would have been prepared to make judicious and calculated concessions for a durable peace, would have taken into account the Arabs' political aspirations, and, in military victory, would have understood that Israel's security also depended on its leaders' capacity to be magnanimous. He believed in the necessity of Israel's military strength, yet he also trusted in diplomacy. It was he who built up the Haganah (defense forces). Yet, he believed that military strength should be used with care, and bolstered by moral strength.

Indeed, Mr. Ben-Gurion would have drawn on his lessons from the Bible. He was convinced the Bible was not only the political key to Israel's destiny but that it could well be the key to the fate of the world. He often cited the biblical admonition to "beat swords into ploughshares" because, he said, the ideal is as achievable and important as ever, and, with the threat of a nuclear holocaust, "one needs to be ever more vigorous in striving" to implement it.

The Bible was the theoretical basis of Mr. Ben-Gurion's efforts to build the state from a wilderness into a thriving country, exciting the admiration of even its worst enemies. He maintained that if really practiced, the teachings of the Bible could well help end man's inhumanity to man.

After I attended several sessions of his Bible study group at his home, Mr. Ben-Gurion told me of his preoccupation with the Bible and why it encompassed his whole being. "My Bible sessions each fortnight are happy and fulfilling hours," he said during one interview. "They're something I really cherish, not something I must do. There is a psychological and biological attachment as well. A human being is not only a body but also a spirit — and the Bible is the greatest spiritual factor in shaping one's character."

It was the practicality of biblical truths, reaffirmed in his mind and heart again and again, that gave spiritual direction to the colorful activism that marked Mr. Ben-Gurion's military and political career.

He wanted Israel to build a Jewish civilization on the spiritual heritage of the Bible. He believed the study of Hebrew necessary to the survival of Judaism, and feared that Westerners of the Jewish faith risked being assimilated into a predominantly Christian culture. He constantly solicited recruits, stressing that

only in Israel could Jewish tradition and culture be preserved. He aspired for Israel to create a society which could be a "light unto other nations." He also believed in learning achieved through scientific research and technology. He said Israel must not only inculcate in its citizens a spiritual heritage but also the value of education, and to that end he was the motivating force in creating a university that bears his name — the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev — whether Israel's latest pioneers blend academic skills with Israel's future needs in science, medicine, engineering and human relations.

Mr. Ben-Gurion and Menachem Begin were political adversaries. While both sought to guarantee the security of Israel, Mr. Begin looked beyond — to fulfill a vision of a "greater Israel." In 1956, when Mr. Ben-Gurion launched the Sinai campaign, Israel's survival was threatened by Egypt and the Fedayeen (the Palestine Liberation Organization of the 1950's). In 1982, when Mr. Begin launched Operation Peace for Galilee, the need to do so was less compelling. Indeed, some Israeli leaders questioned whether Israel's security needs demanded the incursion into Lebanon. Mr. Ben-Gurion wanted to secure the vital interests of Israel, to protect the state against the Arab enemies massing on its border and to keep the Strait of Tiran open. When the war had been won and Israel assured that the strait would be kept open, he pulled out of Sinai.

While he had the courage to make war, another side of him cried out for peace. He never shrank from unavoidable conflicts, but he would have been reluctant to involve Israel in an unnecessary "war of choice."

Just prior to Mr. Ben-Gurion's 87th birthday, the 1973 war erupted and caught his nation by surprise. Less than two months later he died, still clinging to his vision of peace and a genuine compromise for both Israelis and Palestinians claiming the same territory. Today's dangerous deadlock in the Middle East compels more than ever the fulfillment of David Ben-Gurion's vision.

Candlelighting



January 6, 1984
4:12 p.m.

Good Riddance, Yasir Arafat

by Abba Cohen

There is a "conventional wisdom" spouted almost reflexively by the media that the downfall of Yasir Arafat as PLO strongman will dim whatever hopes there might be for Arab-Israeli peace and for the resolution of the Palestinian problem. According to this evaluation, Arafat is seen as a "moderate" willing to pursue the diplomatic course in achieving Palestinian aspirations while the Syrian-backed rebels are "extremists" bent on violence and bloodshed. Keeping Arafat afloat, therefore, is in the interests of all concerned — Israelis, Palestinians and Americans.

But deeper analysis shows a more clouded picture. It shows us, first of all, that in the real world there is little difference between Arafat and the rebels he fights. Insead, the distinction one frequently hears between PLO "moderates" and "extremists" is a difference in style not in substance, in rhetoric not in policy. Extremism has been the guiding principle of both Arafat and those who oppose him. Both have reaffirmed their commitment to the PLO Charter's call for "the liberation of all of Palestine," that euphemistic way of saying the annihilation of Israel (and Jordan as well). Both have reconsecrated themselves to the "armed struggle" which, unmasked, means the bombing of Israeli border towns and the murder of innocent men, women, and children. Both continue to embrace the Qaddafis, Khomeinis, and Andropovs of the world, all in the name of "revolutionary brotherhood," the code words for endemic anti-Americanism and for the export of terror and subversion to all parts of the globe. To the press, Arafat spewed conciliation — yes, many were taken in by his rhetoric — but when opportunities arose and he was called upon to back his statements with actions, he betrayed his own fanaticism.

The murder of Israelis only a few short weeks ago on a Jerusalem bus, brazenly claimed by both Arafat's "moderates" and Abu Musa's "extremists," starkly demonstrates once again that even today there is no meaningful distinction between these bloodthirsty factions. It reminds us that Israelis continue to live daily under the threat of PLO murder and violence. It compels us to recall that it was Arafat's PLO that murdered children at Maalot, Olympians at Munich, pedestrians in a Jerusalem square, travellers on the Tel Aviv coastal road, and diplomats around the world. It brings to mind the hundreds of bombings, shootings, assassinations, and hijackings that were carried out under that "moderate" who proclaimed, "We don't want peace. We want war, victory. Peace for us means the destruction of Israel and nothing else" and who called upon his comrades "to adopt the most violent means against the U.S. and her interests in the region." Where does one find moderation here?

Moreover, reason for satisfaction over Arafat's downfall only intensifies when we realize how much he has hurt the Palestinians themselves. Indeed, the recent history of the Palestinians is one replete with suffering precisely because Yasir Arafat's "leadership" has time and again rejected the path of compromise and pragmatism. In the tradition of his predecessors who said no to the Palestinian state provided for in the 1947 U.N. partition plan, Arafat has said no to the promises Camp David held out and to the prospects Jordanian-PLO cooperation might have yielded. He has brought his people no closer to — indeed, further away from — the realization of their dreams. They remain homeless and dispersed, more so now than ever before. They continue to languish in refugee camps, forced by their Arab brethren to live in squalor and wretchedness. And all the while, their bitterness and frustration grow. Palestinian hopes depend on realistic, pragmatic leadership, one that abandons illusory visions and maximalist ideology. True movement by Arafat towards peace could have created a new dynamic in Jerusalem and Washington that any Israeli or American government would have found impossible not to respond to. But at every opportunity for compromise, at every chance of alleviating Palestinian misery in some way, Yasir Arafat has zealously clung to incoherent, implausible, and extreme positions. He has brought the Palestinians no satisfaction in the real world, only tragedy and self-destruction. Why, then, do we so mourn his decline?

And while it is therefore unlikely that things could get worse without Arafat,

there is nonetheless a chance that things could get better. Thus, many have observed that the downfall of Yasir Arafat will be accompanied by the disintegration of the PLO into a disunited hodgepodge of feuding factions, deprived of the capacity to act efficiently or coherently. PLO extremism will, therefore, no longer find it so easy to block the road to peace or to prolong Palestinian misery, to threaten governments or to spread terror. A PLO that is ineffective and in disarray will hopefully no longer be counted in seriously as a factor in Middle East calculations.

Furthermore, with a divided and weakened PLO, those in the Palestinian community who realize the impact that Yasir Arafat's leadership has had on their lives and who wish to abandon the errors of the past, might now be emboldened to come forward and take charge of their fate. Less subject to PLO hit-squads and bullying, West Bank leaders can proclaim loud and clear that they refuse to unnecessarily suffer as pawns in a power game that the Saudis and other Arabs are playing. As for the reluctant King Hussein, who has repeatedly allowed the threat of PLO subversion to block his participation in peacemaking, he may now finally feel encouraged to join with these new, enlightened Palestinian leaders in negotiating a settlement with Israel.

Those who fear greater Syrian influence in PLO affairs as a result of Arafat's decline may find that the PLO will be so weakened that this increased influence will mean very little in practical terms. Or they may find that enhanced Syrian control over PLO politics might even improve the chances for accommodation. Indeed, unlike Arafat who has accomplished nothing for his people and who therefore has little to lose by remaining hostile to Israel, Hafez Assad, the ruler of a sovereign state with very real concerns (i.e., strategic, economic, territorial), has everything to lose by refusing to come forward. Assad, in fact, is considered by both Israel and the U.S. as a shrewd, practical leader with whom, unlike Arafat, they have been able to bargain with in the past and with whom they might be able to strike a deal in the future. Palestinians would finally have a spokesman with power, authority, incentive, and resources. They would finally have an "address" from which they can deal and leverage with which they can bargain.

With Arafat there has only been extremism and despair; without him there is some hope for conciliation and movement.

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Letters To The Editor

To The Editor:

As a member of the site selection subcommittee of the Holocaust Memorial Organization, and as a liberal arts teacher at RISD, I naturally thought of the Museum as a possible place to house an archive of materials about the Great Tragedy. My wife and I have just returned from a trip to D.C. to visit the Judaica exhibit called "Precious Legacy" at the Smithsonian Institute National Museum of Natural History. Some thoughts on the subject of appropriate space for a local Archive or Memorial.

Why did "Precious Legacy" appear at a Museum of Natural History? The collection was received as a great ethnic collection. The Washington Jewish community was pleased to see these glorious and superb objects in an open, national context. I personally like the implication that an attack on Jewish life constitutes an ecological attack on nature, on life itself. For anyone who has not read about this fabulous exhibit, it is a gathering of elaborate menorahs, candlesticks, tapestries and family portraits expressing the richness of Jewish life over more than a millennium in Prague and its vicinity. The Nazis increased the collection as an anthropological document of an "extinct" people. One of the most poignant and humane aspects of the show — which has attracted more people than did the King Tut show — is a review of the Chevre Kadisha, the tradition of caring for the dying and the dead. Plates and water pitchers illustrate the incredible courtesy and dignity shown to the dying. The community visits the sick, attends upon the passing, washes the body, accompanies it to the cemetery. One is not abandoned. Precious indeed was the life of the Jew. When, at the end of the exhibit, you see the barrels of wedding rings, the photographs of attics of violins and warehouses of pianos, you recognize once again the enormity of the crime, the theft, the loss. In conjunction with "Precious Legacy," the B'nai B'rith building in D.C. houses the children's and adults' drawings done in Terezin, or Theresienstadt. "Image and Reality" is a remarkable collection contrasting the witnessings of the victims with the propaganda films that Hitler had made as false witness. Children were filmed at play, and then thrown live into the flames.

Now: Why would the RISD museum be an appropriate place for a local archive? I believe that the Holocaust had a profound and important effect upon the development of postwar art in sculpture, architecture, painting, poetry, literature, and film. The existential philosophy existed as a romantic system of thought before the Holocaust, but it became a living influence only when the Holocaust gave it immediacy and human significance. That is, postwar art represented a quest for personal meaning and freedom liberated from

the social institutions that had failed in their avowed mission by abandoning the Jews to their fate in the factories of death.

I attended our museum today, and although I found the fur Capes and the silver Dressing Tables very beautiful and worthwhile, I could not but think that art without a recognition of tragedy and a concern for the human condition is in danger of trivializing itself. A Holocaust collection, however small, would loom large at any institution of higher learning as a symbol of the central importance of this event in all its dire detail to the thought and design of our century.

I shall regret the loss of such a center at RISD if this does not become the site. I shall look forward to seeing such an archive wherever it is finally located and protected. Forty years after the immense disaster, we are only beginning to understand its demand, its meaning and absurdity. Does it contain a terrible beauty? Not the beauty of pain, but the focus of truth. Art that does not seek the truth is morbid, however pretty its surface. Jewish art is about life, but it deals with death in humane and meaningful ceremonies. Let us restore our quest and support our search.

Michael Fink

AJC Says OMB Understated Curb

The American Jewish Congress has accused the Office of Management and Budget of providing misleading information on how proposed lobbying curbs would affect public interest groups receiving Federal funds.

The Jewish public affairs organization said that contrary to the Administration's claim, the new restrictions would "chill" the ability of non-profit organizations to provide the public with vital information and analyses of pending legislation.

Under administrative regulations proposed by OMB, non-profit organizations that are either recipients of Federal grants or maintain Federal contracts would be prohibited from lobbying activities.

The current proposal is actually a watered down version of a proposal submitted by OMB last January that would have imposed stringent new controls on the activities of hundreds of groups that annually receive tens of billions of dollars in Federal funds for everything from building missile guidance systems to conducting training programs for state employees.

A Dinosaur Theory For Our Times

by Ellen Goodman

I became a dinosaur groupie when I was eight years old. I still remember the colossal reconstructed skeleton of a brontosaurus in the science museum that first captured my imagination.

This wasn't a dramatic life-changing event. I didn't run off to become a paleontologist. Nor did I run off with a paleontologist. But I was hooked. Over the years, when other members of my family worried about the extinction of whales and seals, I stuck to dinosaurs.

I suppose it was their size and fate that grabbed my attention. Children tend to equate the huge with the powerful. The larger something or someone is, the more impressive to a childish mind. These creatures were, by any definition, grown-ups, the biggest animals on Earth. Yet they had all died. Here was a mystery that challenged my preconceptions.

Over time, I read all sorts of explanations for their extinction. The dinosaurs were big, but their brains were small. The dinosaurs couldn't adapt. Slowly, they died out while humans, the adaptable, thinking species, prospered.

There was a charming egocentricity to these theories. My dinosaurs were evolution's failure and we were its successes. There was some comfort in it, too. In the 19th century, Darwin's theory of gradual evolution upset the religious orthodoxy, but it offered an orderliness of its own.

Evolution drew a reasonable pattern in the universe. Over time, species grew better and better. In the rough justice of nature, the fittest survived.

But the theory didn't survive intact. A few years ago, another generation of scientists offered up evidence about my extinct subjects. The dinosaurs didn't gradually die of their evolutionary flaws. The scientists speculated that 65 million years ago an asteroid struck the Earth and produced a worldwide crop failure that did them in. My giant vegetarian, the brontosaurus, was the victim of a climatic disaster, a cosmic accident.

Then, in the past year, two scientists at the University of Chicago reported that such disasters have occurred like cosmic clockwork every 26 million years over the past 250 million years, wiping out huge numbers of life forms. The dinosaurs were just the biggest, most memorable of the victims.

Now when I look at the evolution of these theories, I wonder whether every era gets the dinosaur story it deserves. I don't mean to suggest that science is trendy. All theories are not equal. They are built on real, measurable knowledge.

Yet scientists are also part of their culture, their times. At one moment or another they are open to a certain line of

questioning, a path of inquiry that would have been unlikely earlier on.

The scientists of the 19th century — a time full of belief in progress — saw evolution as part of the planet's plan of self-improvement. The rugged individualists of that century blamed the victims for their own failure. Those who lived in a competitive economy valued the "natural" competition of species. The best man won.

The latest theories may reflect our own contemporary world view. Surely we are now more sensitive to cosmic catastrophe, to accident. Surely we are more conscious of the shared fate of the whole species.

Today the astronauts travel into space and report back that they see no national borders. Environmentalists remind us that the acid from one nation's chimneys rains down on another. Most significantly, another group of scientists warns us that a nuclear war between two great powers would bring a universal and wintry death. One hemisphere is no longer immune from the mistakes of the other hemisphere.

In that sense, the latest dinosaur theory fits us uncomfortably well. "Our" dinosaurs died together in some meteoric winter, the victims of a global catastrophe. As humans, we fear a similar shared fate.

The difference is that their world was hit by a giant asteroid while we — the large-brained, adaptable creatures who inherited the Earth — may produce our own extinction. In these times, what a luxury it would be to only worry about the next "natural" catastrophe. It's due in 15 million years.

Rep. Barney Frank To Speak To Somerset Hadassah

Congressman Barney Frank (Democrat, Massachusetts) will be the guest speaker at the next open meeting of the Somerset Chapter of Hadassah.

All interested constituents are invited to attend this meeting on Thursday, January 12, at 7:30 p.m. to be held in the vestry of Temple Beth-El, High Street, Fall River. A dessert party will be held following the meeting.

Barney Frank is now serving his second term in the United States House of Representatives. He chairs the Subcommittee on Manpower and Housing of the Committee on Government Operations.

Prior to entering Congress, Representative Frank was a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives. Before that, he was Administrative Assistant to United States Congressman Michael Harrington, and Executive Assistant to former Boston Mayor, Kevin White.



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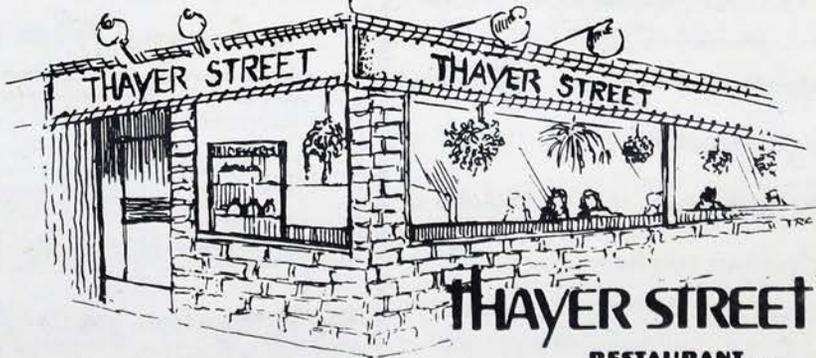
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Social Events

Arlene Kenler And Gary Grosberg Are Married

The Sheraton Islander, Newport was the setting for the marriage of Arlene Beth Kenler to Gary Steven Grosberg on October 9, 1983. Rabbi Alan Flam performed the double-ring ceremony.

The bride wore a full-length white chiffon gown tapered to the waist. The bouffant sleeves and bodice had an overlay of white lace flowers with an array of white seed pearls on the stamin of each flower.

Sharon Kinnane, sister of the bride was honor attendant and wore a rose-colored full length gown with matching jacket. Neal Grosberg was best man for his brother. Alison Rosenberg was the flower girl.

Miss Kenler is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kenler of Pawtucket, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Newman of Providence and Mr. Abram Kenler of New Bedford and great-granddaughter of Mrs. Julius Steinberg of Florida.

Grosberg is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Grosberg of Sharon, Mass., and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rosenberg



Mr. and Mrs. Gary Grosberg

of Newton, Mass.

After a trip to Puerto Vallarta, the couple now make their home in Framingham.

Ruthie Sklaroff Weds Eli Woods

Ruthie Paull Sklaroff and Eli Robert Woods were married on January 4, 1984.

The bride of Palm Springs, Florida, and formerly of Providence, is the daughter of Celia Paull and the late Abraham Paull. The bridegroom of Buzzards Bay, Massachusetts, is the son of Rena Wood and the late Eli Robert Wood. He is also a former Providence resident.

Marion Gribetz To Discuss Israeli Art At Hadassah Meeting

Marian Gribetz, Lecturer, and Curator will be the speaker at R.I. Chapter of Hadassah meeting on Monday, January 9 at 1 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center. She will be co-sponsored by The Adult Education Committee of the Bureau of Jewish Education. Her subject will be "Israeli Art Portraying the History and Development of Zionism." Coffee hour is at 12:30. Doris McGarry will preside and the hospitality committee is Lil Ludman, June Goldfarb, Kay Abrams and Shirley Goldberg.

Emanu-El Garden Club To Meet

The Temple Emanu-El Garden Club will meet on Thursday, January 12 in the temple vestry. The meeting will begin at 12:30 p.m. Lola Epstein will conduct a horticulture workshop. Members are asked to bring questions and problem plants. Beverage and dessert will be served.

Adge Solomon Elected Chairperson Of CACVCE

Adge Solomon, of West Hartford, Conn., was recently elected the chairperson of the Connecticut Advisory Council on Vocational and Career Education (CACVCE). This was announced by Gert White, National President of Women's American ORT, at the organization's headquarters in New York.

White said that Solomon, who is a National Vice President and the American Affairs Chairman of Women's American ORT as well as a veteran member of the organization's National Executive Committee, was appointed by four Connecticut governors (of both political parties) to serve on the Connecticut State Advisory Council on Vocational and Career Education since the group's inception in 1969. Solomon previously served as CACVCE's secretary, first vice-chairman and second vice-chairman and had chaired the group's Public Information Committee. She also was a member of the Connecticut State Board of Education Sub-Committee on Vocational Planning.

White stated that Solomon was a member of a Women's American ORT Study Mission which visited ORT vocational and technical schools in Israel, France, Italy, Switzerland, India and other countries; this ORT mission included in its itinerary meetings with government officials, educators and local community leaders. As a direct result of the ORT Study Mission, it became apparent to Solomon that many features of the international ORT vocational and technical education network might be adapted to the educational scene in the State of Connecticut. After intensive discussions with the members of CACVCE, "Project International" was conceived and in June 1980 a seven-member study team (funded by business and industrial leaders in Con-

necticut) visited ORT schools in France and Israel to investigate their approaches to vocational and technical education, their curricula and their pedagogical methods. The findings of the CACVCE study team resulted in twenty-five concrete recommendations, some of which have been adopted by individual Connecticut local school systems. "Project International" has since received national attention, including a presentation at the American Vocational Association Convention before an audience of high-ranking federal officials.

Solomon said that "Women's American ORT is a national voice for quality public education" and observed that "career education and vocational education are two major vehicles for improving the quality and delivery system of American education."

Doris Graubert Named To President's Council

Doris Irving Graubart of Providence, R.I., and West Palm Beach, Fla., was recently named a member of the President's Council of Brandeis University.

President's Councilors serve as advisors to the university's chief executive officer and act as Brandeis representatives in cities and towns across the country. They are appointed for three-year terms.

Ms. Graubart has been active in Brandeis University's development efforts in Providence for the past 15 years.

Her community involvements include being a board member of American Friends of Technion, Miriam Hospital, Hadassah, Cerebral Palsy, the Anti-Defamation League and the Ledgemont Country Club.

B'nai B'rith Girls Sponsor Successful Early Winter Program

The Judy Ann Leven B'nai B'rith Girls of Providence continue their successful programming. On November 13, a Progressive Dinner was held in Pawtucket. The girls traveled from one member's home to another, conducting one course of the meal in each home. The evening concluded with an entertaining movie and refreshments. The fun-filled program was enjoyed by all the girls.

The B'nai B'rith Girls also sponsored a Parents Chanukah Dinner. The traditional meal was held at the Jewish Community Center on December 11. The thirty attendants participated in a 'sing-down,' parents versus BBGs. The tie score of 1-1 concluded an enjoyable program and an overall success.

The B'nai B'rith Women, after a business meeting, hosted a program on Wednesday, December 21. Rabbi Daniel Liben led the group in Israeli folk dancing at the Temple Ohawe Shalom in Pawtucket. Participating were Penny Sloane, President of the Judy Ann Leven BBG, and Barbara Kasden, Treasurer of BBG. The girls would like to thank Rabbi Liben and Evelyn Zuckerman, President of B'nai B'rith Women, for a very fine evening.

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... **Necce Regis Exhibit**, Dec. 10-Feb. 3, opening reception, Dec. 11, 7-9 p.m.; Sarah Doyle Gallery, Brown University, 185 Meeting St., Providence.

... **The Legacy of Roger Williams**, sponsored by the Rhode Island Committee for the Humanities, opens January 2 at the Warwick Mall and will run through the 27th.

... **Installation '84**, January 6-February 26, works by three Latin American Artists, Rhode Island School of Design Art Museum, 224 Benefit Street, Providence, R.I. For more information call 521-5010.

... **French Drawings**, January 6-March 4, exhibition of private works by masters from 1780-1910; RISD Art Museum, 224 Benefit Street, Providence; for more information call 521-5010.

... **Israeli Photography Exhibit**, Jan. 8-31, Boston Public Library; sixty photographs of twenty artists representing different areas of Israel; Great Hall, Boston Public Library, Copley Square; Mon.-Thurs. 9-9; Fri., Sat., 9-5; and Sun. 2-6.

... **Water Street: World Within A World**, through March 1984, Worcester Historical Museum, 39 Salisbury St., Worcester; includes exhibition and special events; call 617-753-8278 for calendar.

... **Pat Simons Exhibit**, extended through January 16 at Gallery 401, JCC, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence.

... **R.I. Watercolor Exhibit**, Jan. 9-27, R.I. Watercolor Society, Slater Memorial Park, Armistice Blvd., Pawtucket, R.I.

... **Bentwood and Lamination: Their Origins in Europe and America**, Jan. 13-April 29, RISD Museum of Art, 224 Benefit Street, Providence, R.I.

... **The Plan of St. Gall**, Jan. 16-Feb. 17, Bell Gallery, List Art Center, Brown University; model of Benedictine monastery with exhibit and lecture series; for more information, call 863-2476.

... **Pyramids To Pop: A History of Western Art**, Museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design; subscription lecture series; for registration information call 331-3511, ext. 349.

... **Information Graphics Workshop**, January 22-27, sponsored by Rhode Island School of Design; for fees and registration information, call 331-3511, ext. 281.

... **Winning Artists Exhibition**, through Jan. 23, RISCA offices, 312 Wickenden St., Providence; 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

... **The Tremaine Collection**, Jan. 21-March 11, Wadsworth Athenaeum, Hartford, Connecticut; highlights of the collection of Mr. and Mrs. Burton G. Tremaine, Sr.

... **The Sound Fountain**, Jan. 21-March 4; Wadsworth Athenaeum, Hartford, Connecticut; the art of creating music and pictures with a computer.

... **Silver Symposium**, January 28, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., in conjunction with RISD's *Gorham: Masterpieces In Metal* exhibit; open to the public; to be held at the RISD Auditorium, 2 Canal Street, Providence; fee of \$30 for members, \$40 for nonmembers, mailed to the RISD Art Museum, 224 Benefit Street, Providence, 02906.

DANCE

... **Providence**, Thursday, Jan. 19, Friday, Feb. 3, 17, March 2, 16; School One, Hope and John streets; 7:30-10 p.m.; a freestyle dance celebration for all ages; \$3 admission, children 5-12 free. For information, call 274-1375.

DRAMA

... **A Funny Thing Happened On the Way To The Forum**, Dec. 9-Jan. 15, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 8:30, excluding Christmas week; Newport Playhouse, 104 Connell Highway; tickets are \$7.50; for information call 849-4618.

... **Cats**, opens Dec. 17, Shubert Theatre, 265 Tremont Street, Boston; for tickets call 617-426-4250 or for charges 617-236-0300.

... **Life On The Mississippi**, Jan. 19-Feb. 26, The Rhode Island Shakespeare Theatre, Swanhurst, Bellevue Ave., Newport; call the theatre for further information, or for reservations.

... **A Play of One's Own**, Jan. 4-6, 11-13, 18-20, 25-27; 8 p.m.; One Up, 3 Steeple Street, Providence, presented by the Wickenden Gate Theatre; tickets are \$4; for reservations, call 785-1002.

... **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**, Jan. 25, 26; Providence Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m.; for reservations call the box office at 421-9075.

MISCELLANEOUS

... **Ice Capades**, Jan. 3-8; also, auditions for prospective cast members, after the Friday, January 6th performance; skaters should be at the Civic Center by 9:45 p.m. with their own skates and comfortable skating apparel; for further information, contact Russ LeBeau at (401) 438-7400.

... **Pre-School Story Hour**, Pawtucket Library, beginning week of January 9, Tues., Thurs., at 1 p.m.; Wed. at 10 a.m.; includes stories, arts, crafts; call Children's Room at 725-3714 for information.

... **Great Books Discussion Group**, January 9, Barrington Public Library, 7:30 p.m.; *The Merchant of Venice* will be discussed at the meeting.

... **Fairy Tale Month**, Pawtucket Public Library, Jan. 11, 18 and 25, 3:30-4:15; stories, crafts, cooking, and other activities; call the Children's Room, 725-3724, for more information.

... **Famous Lives Film Series**, Jan. 11-Feb. 29; Barrington Public Library, Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.; Robert Frost, Alfred Hitchcock, Gertrude Stein and Carl Sandburg are included.

... **The Galileo Affair in Contemporary Perspective**, Jan. 12, Barrington College; 1:30 p.m.; part of month-long Winterim series; for more information contact the college at 246-1200.

... **Sno-Ball Softball Tournament**, January 14; sponsored by the March of Dimes; entry fee per team is \$50; Deadline January 3; contact the March of Dimes, 866 Park Ave., Cranston 02910 or call 781-1611.

... **Poetry reading by Stanley Kunitz**, January 15, 3 p.m.; Salisbury Hall, Worcester Historical Museum, 39 Salisbury Street, Worcester; in conjunction with the exhibit *Water Street: World Within A World*; snow date, January 22.

... **Mini-Book Workshop**, January 16, Pawtucket Library, 3:30-5 p.m.; for ages 8 and older; learn how to put together and illustrate your own book; call the Children's Room, 725-3714, for more information.

... **Pre-School Story Hours**, beginning week of January 16, Barrington Public Library, Mondays, 10; Tuesdays, 1 p.m. and Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.; Booklook for 2-year-olds, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

... **Lunch with Sister Arlene Violet**, January 24, 12 p.m.; leisure reading room of Pawtucket Public Library; topic, "Sexism"; bring own lunch; program free and open to the public.

... **Winter Weather Party**, January 28, 10-11 a.m. or 2-3 p.m.; Pawtucket Public Library; stories, arts and crafts for 4-5-year-olds; call 725-3714 for more information.

... **Ducks Unlimited Banquet**, Feb. 3; Windjammer, Rocky Point; 6 p.m. for tickets, contact John Nelson at 647-3212 for ticket information or reservations; proceeds to benefit Ducks Unlimited, conservation group for North American Waterfowl.

MUSIC

... **Boston Symphony Orchestra**, directed by Kurt Masur; January 10, Providence Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m.; for further information or ticket reservations, call the box office at 401-421-9075.

... **Sharon Isbin Classical Guitar Concert**, January 13, opening concert of the "Just Desserts Series," Center for the Arts, Westerly; tickets \$9; concert begins at 8:30, coffee served during intermission, dessert immediately after; for more information call 596-2845.

... **Blazing Trumpets**, Jan. 15, 3 p.m.; 3rd Annual American Band Young People's Concert, Roberts Hall, Rhode Island College; included are puppets and slide shows; tickets are \$4 for adults and \$3 for children; reserve by calling 456-8244 or purchase at box office the day of the concert.

... **Rhode Island Philharmonic**, with pianist Abbey Simon, January 14. For further information, call the Philharmonic at 401-831-3123.

... **Folk and Company Coffeehouse** opens January 25 at the Center for the Arts in Westerly, with Joe Valland the New England Bluegrass Boys; admission is \$5 and includes bottomless cup of coffee or tea; bar and kitchen opens at 7 p.m.; concert at 8 p.m.

... **Providence Chamber Orchestra Concert**, January 28, RISD Auditorium, Canal Street, Providence, 8:30 p.m. for reservations or more information, call (401) 738-0937.

... **Auditions, R.I. Civic Chorale**, ongoing; anyone interested in joining may call the Chorale office at 521-5670 for more information.

THE SINGLES' SCENE

CENTER SINGLES

... **January 11** — By popular demand, we're having a **SQUARE DANCE** at the JCC at 7:30 p.m.! Will Postle, professional caller, will teach and lead us through "docey-doe" and "promenade" at this great hoe-down event! Member: \$3.00/Nonmembers: \$4.50.

... **January 15** — Singles from throughout Rhode Island will join together at the Biltmore Hotel in Providence from 9 p.m. to 9 p.m. to help with **SUPER SUNDAY**, the telethon that is such an important part of the Jewish Federation's annual campaign. After a thorough training session, we'll handle the phones. There are also administrative assignments for the phone-shy. Meet new people as you work. Wine and cheese served. We'll carpool from the front of the JCC at 5:30 p.m. or meet us there at 6 p.m. Please call in to reserve.

Single Parents and Children will go **ROLLER SKATING** at the Riverdale Roller World of Warwick. We'll carpool from the front of the JCC at 2:30 p.m. or meet us there at 3 p.m. Cost is \$3.50 per person plus skate rental. No blue jeans allowed. If enough people reserve by January 11, there will be a special group rate of 50¢ off each admission.

... **January 17** — **FINANCIAL PLANNING** for the Single Adult at the JCC at 7:30 p.m. Robert Fain of E.F. Hutton will talk to us about I.R.A.s, Real Estate, Stocks, etc. Coffee and cake. Members: \$2.00/Nonmembers: \$3.00.

... **January 19** — It's **GAME NIGHT** at the JCC at 7 p.m. Join us for a fun evening of games and refreshments. Bring your favorite games: Monopoly, Scrabble, Chess, Backgammon, etc. Ages 20-39. Members: 50¢/Nonmembers: \$1.00.

... **January 22** — Rabbi Chaim Casper, Chaplain, Hillel House, U.R.I., will be guest speaker at our fabulous **BRUNCH** at the JCC at 11 a.m. Rabbi Casper's topic will be "Moral Questions and Jewish Answers-Understanding Modern Moral Problems." He will discuss abortion, ecology, mercy-killings, etc.

Babysitting requests by January 18, please. Members: \$3.50/Nonmembers: \$6.00

... **January 28** — We're invited to a **HOUSE PARTY** at 7:30 p.m. It'll be a great night with wine, refreshments, dancing, and friends, new and old! Call 861-8800 by Tuesday, January 24 for reservations and directions. Members: \$2.00/Nonmembers: \$4.00.

YOUNG SINGLE ADULT GROUP

... **Discussion Group with Ellen Frishmar**, February 1; advance registration by January 27; South Area Jewish Community Center, Sharon Extension, 12 Pond St., Sharon; \$3 for members, \$4 for non-members; call (617) 586-6404 or (617) 821-0030.

SPORTS

... **Cross Country Skiing at Caratunk**, 301 Brown Ave., Seekonk; weather permitting trails are open to members and nonmembers; \$1 fee for nonmembers, free for members; lessons on Saturdays in January and February, 10-12, occasionally 1:30-2:30; \$8 for members, \$10 for nonmembers; Moonlight Ski Tours, Jan. 18, Feb. 15; 7-8:30 p.m.; \$2 for members, \$2.50 for nonmembers; bring own equipment or rent from ski shops for any of the events, as Caratunk does not provide it.

... **Cross Country Skiing at Kutsher's** in New York; instructions by Sylvester Kaluza at Kutsher's Country Club in Monticello, New York; for information call Kutsher's.



Water Street, looking south, 1948: part of "Water Street: World Within A World" exhibit at the Worcester Historical Museum, through March.

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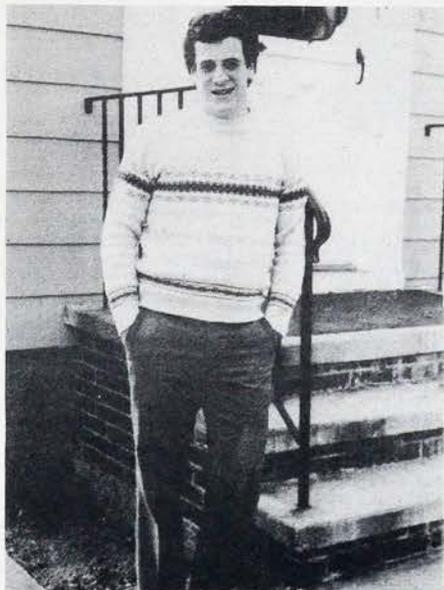
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Around Town

by Dorothea Snyder



Projects For 1984: Six Perspectives



Steven Bergel, second-year law student at Suffolk Law School in Boston.

"I have three projects for 1984. My first is to continue my successful studies of Law and narrow my field of interests. My second project is to continue my work as the New England Coordinator of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program which assists low income, elderly and handicapped persons in preparing their tax returns. And thirdly, to further minimize the financial liability that I currently pose for my parents with an explanation point in the end!" (Photos by Dorothea Snyder)



Karen Seeche and daughter Sarah.

"I'd like to finish the major construction and decorating of my home. I'd also like to be able to start a part-time job for me in my family's business. Good health and happiness in the New Year is equally wished. If you don't have that, you have nothing."



Norman Ricker, Sales, Great Northern Envelope Company.

"My 1984 project is to rebuild my business. The company for which I worked 26 years forced me and the other salesmen out of the company. I'm trying to rebuild it; otherwise, I may not eat. The big project is simply to build it up. And to live, have fun and hope for the best."



Etta Kerzner, part-time medical receptionist.

"After raising five professional sons and daughters, I went back to college, studied political science and psychology. I once was a theatre reviewer for the Jewish Weekly News in Springfield, Mass. And I was the first Ann Landers type columnist for the former Rhode Island newspaper, the Tribune. I also wrote news and views articles. My project in 1984 is to continue working for my son, Dr. Marvin Kerzner, at Summit Medical Center, to continue taking college courses at local colleges, and to hopefully write a book about all the marvelous people I have met."



Betsy Brown, graduate student in Public Policy at George Washington University, Wash., D.C., and a policy analyst for the Senate Aging Committee under Senator John Heinz.

"I'd like to incorporate my analytical skills with my practical background by continuing the study I've been doing on the effects of aging in the labor force. I would also like to continue the job I have now with added responsibility especially those of coordinating hearings and writing for publications in the field of aging."



Keith Goldberg, Senior in Food Service Management, Johnson & Wales College.

"My biggest and main goal for 1984 is to graduate; learn as much as I can in the restaurant business and use that knowledge to efficiently run that particular restaurant so I can build upon that knowledge for my future endeavors."

At The Temples

Temple Torat Yisrael

by Frank Prosnitz

During January, members of Temple Torat Yisrael will conduct Friday evening services at the Jewish Home for the Aged, and on the weekend of January 20 and 21 will move en masse and hold its services at the Jewish Home.

There will be no services at Torat Yisrael on the 20th and 21st, but Shabbat services will be held at the Temple on all other weekends in January.

Temple members conducting services at the Jewish Home will be Solomon Selinker, a past president of former Temple Beth Israel and member of Torat Yisrael's religious committee and Board of Directors, on Jan. 6; Ethan Adler, a teacher in the Hebrew High School and member of the Temple's religious committee, on Jan. 13; and Rob Goldberg, Temple Executive Director, on Jan. 27.

On the weekend of the 20th and 21st, services will be conducted by Cantor Stephen Freedman with the help of the Junior Choir.

Friday evening services at the Jewish Home begin at 7 p.m. on all dates.

During January, usually a quiet month, there will be some interesting activities.

The Men's Club will hold its monthly breakfast program on Jan. 15, with Bob Israel, *Herald* editor, who will be speaking on "The Changing Role of the Jewish Press." Breakfast begins at 9:45, preceded by the morning minyan at 9.

On Jan. 9, the Men's Club bowling league will hold its mid-year banquet.

Junior Congregation meets on Jan. 14 and 28.

The Temple has recently concluded some very successful events.

Bet Talmud, its adult education program, completed its first semester with more than 100 students participating in a festive closing night, complete with Yiddish readings and songs. The Bet Talmud program was organized and administered by School Principal Lonna Picker.

The Temple's annual Caddie Dance, a fund-raiser under the guidance of Norman Bomzer, Irving Levine and Ira Davis, was again a success.

And the Temple's annual Ira and Anna Galkin Concert, featuring Paul Zim, was a tremendous success, with credit due Program Vice President Arlene Bochner and Cantor Stephen Freedman.

Temple Habonim

At Temple Habonim, 165 New Meadow Rd., Barrington, several events will take place during January.

On January 13, following Friday evening services, Mary Ann Ciullo, Executive Director of Planned Parenthood of R.I. will speak on "Social Action: Whose Responsibility?"

On January 20, Rabbi Rosenberg will speak on "Beyond Murder: The Shadow of Extinction." Rabbi Rosenberg will also speak on January 27, "Israel's Baalei Teshuvah: The Illusion of Certainty."

The Annual Sisterhood Paid-up Membership luncheon is planned for January 22. For more information contact Ellen Shand (245-5012) or Jane Warshaw (246-1035).

On Sunday, January 29, open house will be held for the religious school from 9:30-noon.

At The Temples is a bi-monthly feature of the Herald, and is open to all Temples in the area. Deadline is the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Temple representatives should contact the editor, Robert Israel, to discuss copy length for columns, at 724-0200.

Temple Beth-El

Temple Beth El will welcome new members at New Member Sabbath service this Friday evening (Jan. 6) at 8:15 p.m. Cindy Gillman, actress and Yiddishist will present a program entitled "Yiddish Theater: A Loving Memory" following the service.

Sunday, January 8, the Beth El Brotherhood will present Ambassador Yaakov Avnon, who is currently vice-president of Ben Gurion University of the Negev. Ambassador Avnon will speak at 10 a.m. and the public is invited. Brotherhood members will have a brief meeting and breakfast beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Rene Kahn, a professional watercolorist and member of the Beth El family will present an interesting interpretation and explanation of the Chagall windows following the Sabbath Evening service on Friday, January 13.

PROVTV, the Temple youth group, hosts the January Regional NEFTY dance on Saturday, January 14 and the NEFTY regional board meeting the following morning.

At the Friday evening service on January 20, Rabbi Guterman will speak on the topic "A Biblical Love Story."

Wednesday, January 25, the Temple Sisterhood will have an open board meeting, luncheon, and games afternoon. Special focus of the program which begins at 11:30 a.m. are the Uniongram and Y.E.S. funds.

At the Friday evening service on January 27, Rabbi Guterman will illustrate the sermon with a movie entitled "For Out of Zion" which details the making of a Torah. Information on any of these services or events is available from the Temple office at 331-6070.

Temple Shalom

On Friday evening, January 6 at 7 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary, Temple Shalom will hold their monthly Sabbath Eve Family Worship Service. Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer will officiate and will present a special program and sermon story on the forthcoming holiday of Tu B'Shevat. The Rabbi will also bless those young people who will be celebrating birthdays during the month of January and invite them to participate in the chanting of Kiddush. The Oneg Shabbat following the service will be sponsored by the Berger Family.

Another special Friday evening service will take place the following week when the Newport Chapter of BBYO will assist the Rabbi in the conduct of the service. Members will participate with Hebrew and English prayers and readings. The organization will also sponsor the Oneg Shabbat.

Rabbi Jagolinzer will continue teaching the Beginner's Hebrew Class on Monday mornings at 9:45 a.m. resuming on January 9.

Always a nice and appropriate gift is the Temple Shalom Cookbook, "2nd Helpings." Copies can be obtained through the Sisterhood Gift Shop or by writing to Mrs. Barbara Jagolinzer, Temple Shalom, P.O. Box 372, Middletown, R.I. 02840. The cost of the book is \$5.95 plus a postage fee of \$1.00.



Beth Am-Beth David

The Institute of Adult Jewish Studies at Temple Beth Am-Beth David is accepting registration for a series of courses to be taught by an outstanding panel of instructors beginning January 12.

Jack Mossberg, chairman of the program, announced the five available courses. Each will be conducted for one hour every Thursday evening through March 15. Participants may take two courses each evening beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The courses of study and their instructors are:

Basic Hebrew: Learning reading skills — Rabbi Milton L. Kroppnick

Ethnicities of the Fathers: Lessons from the Mishna — Ethan Adler, a well-known area Hebrew teacher and scholar.

To Pray as a Jew: The Synagogue Service and the Prayer Book — Elliot Schwartz, director of the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island.

Jews: In Different Times and in Different Places — Various topics will be taught by Dr. Sidney Goldstein, director of the Population Studies and Training Center at Brown University; Alice Goldstein, senior researcher at the Brown Center; Jack Mossberg; and Cindy Gilman, a member of the Yiddish Cultural Center in Boston and an area Yiddish teacher and newspaper columnist.

The Life Cycle of the Jew: Laws and Customs and the Special Occasions of Jewish Life — Rabbi Kroppnick.

Registration fees for two courses for the semester are \$5 for Temple members and \$10 for nonmembers. Text books will be extra.

Final registration will be held at 7:30 p.m. January 12 prior to a lecture-slide presentation entitled "An Overview of Jewish Art" by Marion Gribetz.

Advance registration will be accepted by Alan Kushner (737-5766) and Mr. Mossberg (463-7884).

Temple Emanu-El

On January 6, all are invited to attend a traditional, but informal Shabbat service. Shabbat Zemirot at 5:30 p.m.; Kabbalat Shabbat at 5:45 - 6:15 p.m. followed by Kiddush. Join us and share the warmth and spirit of welcoming Shabbat with song and prayer. These traditional services are held on the first Friday of every month.

A combined Men's Club and Mynanaira program, The Milton Blazer Memorial Lecture, will be held on Sunday, January 8, 1984 at 9:30 a.m. The lecture will be given by Judge Bruce M. Selya, U.S. District Court, who will speak on "The Relation Between American Civil Law and the Teachings of the Talmud."

On January 9, Leisure Club classes resume after their 4 week break. Classes are held on Monday and Thursday mornings 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. These exciting classes range from Dance and Movement to Bridge, Book Reviews and Biblical Prophecy.

Registration for the Adult Institute of Jewish Studies, sponsored by Temple Emanu-El will be held on Sunday, January 8 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Students can also register before the beginning of classes on Tuesday evening, January 10, from 7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Classes will be held on eight consecutive Tuesday evenings through February 28, and are open to the entire community. Rabbis, scholars, educators and professionals from the R.I. community comprise the faculty and the courses are varied. For additional information, contact Rabbi Daniel Liben, 331-1616.



Temple Sinai

On Friday, January 6, at 7:15 p.m., there will be a Family Worship Service conducted by Rabbi George Astrachan at Temple Sinai. Half of the seventh grade class will conduct the Friday night Family Services. Children who are celebrating their birthdays in January will be invited to the pulpit to participate in the Kiddush. As always on Family Service night, the Junior Choir, under the direction of Rennie Brown will lead the congregation in responses and other musical selections.

Saturday Minyan Breakfast is at 10:00 a.m., followed by a discussion with Rabbi George Astrachan. Sabbath morning worship services will follow the discussion.

On Saturday, January 7, 1984 at 11:15 a.m., Roy Gessman, son of Annette and Norman Gessman, will be Bar Mitzvah.

On Sunday morning, January 22, 1984, at 9:00 a.m., Temple Sinai Brotherhood will have a breakfast open to all Temple members. Mel Woodruff, of the State of R.I. Drug Information Division, will speak on the new Drunk Driving Law and give a demonstration of the new breathalyzer. Set aside this morning of the 22nd for information on an area of deep concern to all of us.

On Monday evening, January 9, 1984, the Semi-Annual Congregational meeting is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. Please note the date on your calendar and make it a point to attend the Semi-Annual Congregational meeting.

The Sisterhood will be selling Bartons candy for Passover. All of the traditional Bartons favorites are featured. Orders must be placed by February 15 to insure delivery for Passover. We will be in the Temple lobby January 29 and February 5 between the hours of 9:00 - 1:15 to take orders. For further information call Donna Segal at 943-7411 or Ivy Rabinowitz at 463-6130.

Sisterhood is having a Kitchen Shower on March 21, 1984, Wednesday evening, to replace badly needed articles for our kitchen. Please help us with this project, when you are called upon. Elley Marcus is Chairperson for this very important event.

Save Sunday morning, January 8 at 9 a.m. for a Special Sisterhood Breakfast meeting.

We need your rummage, and white elephant articles for a mid-winter sale. We will have pick-up early in the New Year.

Read *Four Days* by Gloria Goldrich for a special evening in February.

Anyone wishing to sponsor Oneg Shabbats or pulpit flowers during January and February please call Carrie Cohen, at 885-2046.

A special service will be held on Friday, January 20 at 8:15 p.m., at which time, Cantor Rennie Brown will lead and teach musical responses to the evening workshop service.

Order Your Lox And Bagels For Super Sunday

The Providence Chapter of Women's American ORT is sponsoring its fifth annual "Super Bowl Sunday Lox Box" sale. Proceeds of the sale will go to ORT's social assistance program which help students around the world with meals, clothing and extra-curricular activities.

At a cost of \$9.25 each, lox boxes will be delivered to homes by noon on January 22, just in time for the opening kickoff. Each box will contain one quarter pound of Nova lox, three ounces of cream cheese, four bagels from Bagels East, two Danish pastries, a tomato and an onion.

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Education

Special Needs Program At The BJE:

Helping All Children Learn About Their Judaic Traditions

by Pamela F. Greenhalgh

Barbara Zenofsky, besides being a full-time special education teacher in the Cranston school system, also serves as consultant and teacher for the Special Needs Program at the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island. This program began three years ago and currently serves twenty-seven children in nine Temple schools.

"The program began three years ago with a very small group, but by the second year, it had grown to the extent where we needed to hire an assistant teacher, Debra Miller, who is also a certified special education teacher," Zenofsky says. "One of the biggest problems was becoming accepted and trusted."

Zenofsky, who has her B.A. and M.Ed. in special education, oversees the program, which includes not only the direct servicing of the students, but also training the aides who assist her and Miller, and providing consultation for the parents and the teachers.

"During the consultation, I not only observe the child and the situation, I also work with the parents, explaining the program and what can be done," she says. "I've also done some teacher workshops to help the professionals become aware of the program."

Zenofsky stresses that the Special Needs Program is not a "dumping ground for children." She explains that because a child is in a special education program in his or her public school, it does not mean they will be placed in the Bureau's Special Needs Program, and vice-versa.

"After observation, consultations with teachers and parents and minor testing, I sometimes feel a child needs special help,"

explains Zenofsky. "In certain cases, they find it easier to handle their lessons in English, but have problems with Hebrew."

The procedure Zenofsky uses to place children is simple: after a call from one of the schools, she observes the child in a classroom setting and discusses the possible problems with both parents and teachers.

"I also take the child out of the classroom, do some minor diagnostic testing for reading, and visual and auditory memory skills," she adds. "I try to get to know the child."

If it is determined that the child does need the services of the program, a schedule is set up with the parents and the school.

"If a child needs continual help, they will be placed in a self-contained classroom. Often a child is referred to us for his or her Hebrew program," Zenofsky says. "On the other hand, if a child needs remediation in only one or two skills, they will be placed in a resource program. That is, they receive the help they need, then go back to their regular classroom. We want to get the child back into a regular program as soon as possible."

According to Zenofsky, what makes the program so unique is also a drawback.

"We've nicknamed the program 'on the road' because the materials are in my trunk and Debbie's. We go to each school. The children are not taken out of their home temple schools. That makes us different," she says. "But it also causes some hindrances. I'm traveling from Providence to Woonsocket to Newport, even to Fall River. As a result, some of the children do not get as consistent a program as I would

like. It's impossible to be in more than one place at the same time."

At the present time, the children in the program are serviced by Zenofsky, Miller and several aides, who are from the Hebrew High School or the post Bar/Bat Mitzvah classes. Zenofsky would like to see the program grow so they could offer more teacher training workshops and possibly even hire another assistant teacher. The key, she says, is to help people understand the problem.

"Parents need to be aware that such a program exists and that we are here to

explain what we have to offer," Zenofsky says.

She adds that an open line of communication between the parents and the schools is very important. And, as important as that is, equally so is that the parents show an interest in the child and follow through by keeping in contact with the school and checking to see that homework assignments are completed.

Zenofsky explains that there are several indicators that a child might need extra assistance. They include not being able to keep up with basic classroom goals; an inability to internalize the material being taught at a fast enough rate and consequently falling behind; visual and auditory discrimination difficulties; problems with language processing, either with receptive, integrative, expressive or a combination of all three; and in Hebrew, weak vocabulary and the inability to blend and/or recognize the letters. In some cases, there are behavioral characteristics, such as not sitting still, not completing work and the inability to concentrate on the task at hand. If any of these are noticed, a record of when and under what circumstances should be kept.

"If parents see any of these symptoms, and are concerned, they should consult with the school professionals or their family doctor," Zenofsky says. "However, just because one or two of these show up, it does not mean that the child needs special education. It takes a lot more than that. A lot of adults have expressive language problems. That is they cannot always find the words they want. This does not mean they are special needs candidates."

The Special Needs Program offers special education classes to the learning disabled and visually impaired child, as well as children with language deficits and behavioral and emotional problems. Materials, teachers and testing are all provided, in the child's own temple school, through the BJE. It is one of only two such Bureau-sponsored programs in the country.

"We want every Jewish child, no matter what disability he or she might have, to get a Jewish Education," says Zenofsky in summing up the program's purposes, "and to get a good feeling about Judaism."

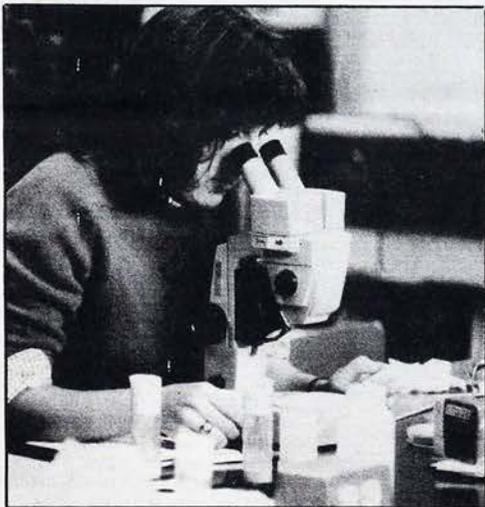


Barbara Zenofsky

help. We are not here to label — in fact I warn the teachers and principals against that — or to say 'Shame on you. You have a special needs child.' There is no shame in having a child with learning problems," she says. "We want the parents to know that they do not have to be frightened, that there is somebody who can help."

Zenofsky says she feels most parents are interested but are not sure how the Special Needs Program can help.

"That is why we like to set up an appointment with the parents first, so we can



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BJE Teachers' Conference To Focus On Jewish Values

The Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island will hold its Winter Teachers Conference on Monday, January 16, 1984 from 3-5:30 p.m. Taking place at the Providence Hebrew Day School at 450 Elmgrove Ave., in Providence, the Conference will deal with teaching rabbinics and Jewish values.

The presentors at the Conference will provide both sample lessons to be replicated in the classroom and material to increase the exposure of the teacher-participant to classical texts. Sessions will include teaching folklore to young children, led by Janet Zimmern-Kahan. Zimmern-Kahan is a professional storyteller and educator with degrees from Brandeis and Boston University. A specialist in using the Behrman House series *Exploring Our Living Past*, she has taught art as well as religious school. In her second session, using *Lessons and Stories*

from *Our Living Past*, Zimmern-Kahan will be joined by Ross Feinberg, a teacher at Temple Sinai who has developed a number of creative lessons based on this text.

Amy Eilberg will present a session on the variety of rabbinic literature. She will teach texts from Mishna, Gemara, Aggadah and Maimonides. The material will be taught in English and is designed for people with no previous background. (The Hebrew and Aramaic texts will be available.) Eilberg has been involved in Jewish education for many years. She has taught Talmud at the Jewish Theological Seminary's Midreshet Yerushalayim program in Israel as well as their community education program in New York. She is now studying for a doctorate in Talmud at the Jewish Theological Seminary and a Master's degree in social work from Smith College.

Daniel H. Liben is a rabbi at Temple Emanu-El with a strong interest in the education of both young and old. He is in charge of Emanu-El's Adult Institute and informal youth activities. At the con-

ference he will teach a session on Kiddush Hashem, Jewish martyrdom. His focus will be exploring rabbinic attitudes on the theme as well as teaching the concept in a contemporary classroom. Liben is a graduate of Haverford College and the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Displays of student materials and new arrivals in the Bureau's pedagogic library will be available.

CCRI Schedules Saturday Workshops

The Community College of Rhode Island's Office of Community Services will offer 13 non-credit, one-day workshops on Saturdays at both the Lincoln and Warwick campuses this spring.

The "Saturday Specials," which are scheduled from February to April, include: The ABC's of Community Organizing (February 4), How to Feel Better Without Seeing the Doctor (February 4), Increasing Your Learning Potential (February 11), Memory Skill workshop (February 18), Breakfast and Brunch Cookery (February 25 or March 3), For the Time of Your Life

(March 17), Beantown Art and Market Trip (March 17), Creative Hors D'oeuvres (March 24 or March 31), Self-Confidence Building Workshop (March 31), Big Apple Art and Festival (April 14), and Marketing Yourself (April 28).



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Jeffrey Fleck, the instructor for this course, is Assistant Professor of Judaic Studies for Hebrew Language and Literature at Brown. He received his Ph.D. in Comparative Literature from the University of California, Berkeley, and taught at Ohio State University before coming to Brown. His book on modern Hebrew literature, *Character and Context*, is scheduled for publication in 1984.

This course is part of a program co-sponsored by the Community Institute in Judaic Learning which is a cooperative effort of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and the Brown University Program in Judaic Studies.

Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00 p.m., 6 sessions, March 14 to April 18. Tuition: \$55.

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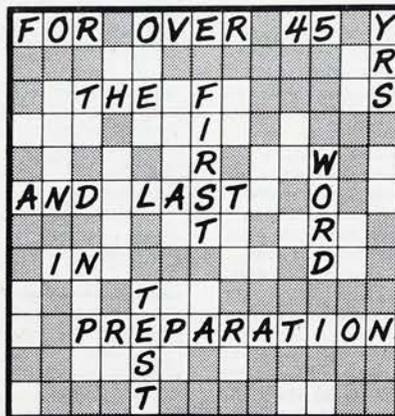
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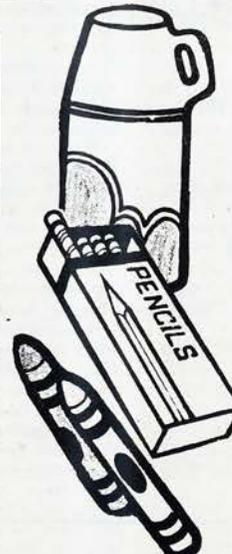


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Obituaries

VICTOR GOLD

CRANSTON — Victor Gold, 63, of 32 Dartmouth Rd., founder, and operator of Broadway Tire, Pawtucket, from 1939 to 1960, died Saturday at Rhode Island Hospital. He was the husband of Josephine (Kortick) Gold.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Joe and Esther (Weinberg) Gold, he lived in Cranston for 15 years. He previously lived in Pawtucket.

Gold later founded, in 1961, and was president of the Gold Industrial Machinery Inc., Pawtucket, for 22 years. He was also managing director of the Gold Realty Co. Most recently, he founded Expansions Dance Studio, Boston.

He attended Bryant College where he was secretary and treasurer of the Sigma Lambda Pi Fraternity. He was a member of Temple Beth-El and its Men's Club, the E.L. Freeman Lodge AF & AM, a fellow of Brandeis University, and a member of the board of directors of Crestwood Country Club. He was honored by the Pawtucket Chamber of Commerce as Best Businessman of the Year in 1977. He was also a member of the Machinery Dealers National Association, the Friedman Lodge of B'nai B'rith, the Reback-Winsten Post, Jewish War Veterans, Pawtucket, and the Chased Schel Emess Association. He was a Seabee stationed in Guam in World War II.

Besides his wife he leaves a son, David M. Gold of North Smithfield; two daughters, Jude Gold Barucha of Boston and Shari C. Gold of Cranston; a brother, Herbert Gold of Warwick; two sisters, Mrs. Charlotte Orleck of Lincoln, Mrs. Elaine Baker of Warwick, and two grandchildren.

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

SHIRLEY FINE

WARWICK — Shirley (Kaufman) Fine of 1 Shalom Drive, died Sunday. She was the wife of the late Morris Fine.

She is survived by two brothers, Julius Kaufman of Warwick and Joseph Kaufman of Burbank, Calif.; one sister, Ruth Siegal of Warwick; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to a favorite charity.

LENA LOVITT

PROVIDENCE — Lena Lovitt, 91, of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., died last Thursday at the home. She was the widow of Louis Lovitt.

Born in Russia, a daughter of the late Edward and Bella (Davis) Uloff, she lived in Providence for 75 years.

Mrs. Lovitt was a member of the Jewish Home for the Aged, the Providence Chapter of Hadassah, and the Miriam Hospital Women's Association. She was a member of Workmen's Circle and the Pioneer Women.

She leaves three sons, Edward B. Lovitt of Riviera Beach, Fla., Sidney D. Lovitt of Warwick and George Lovitt of Coventry; and four grandchildren.

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

LOUIS SHERMAN

WEST PALM BEACH — Louis Sherman, age 77, died December 21, 1983, at West Palm Beach, Florida. He was formerly of Plymouth, Mass.

He was past President of Temple Beth Jacob, in Plymouth. He was past President and Charter Member of the Rotary Club of Plymouth.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth (Putnam); a son, Alan Sherman of Lexington; a brother, Hyman Sherman of Plymouth; two sisters, Rose Geller of Plymouth, and Sadye Gereboff of Providence, R.I.; and two grandchildren.

Services were held December 23, 1983, at Temple Beth Jacob, 8 Pleasant St., Plymouth, Mass. Rabbi Lawrence Silverman officiated. Interment was held at Plymouth Rock Cemetery, Brockton, Mass.

Arrangements were by Schlossberg Goldman Solomon Memorial Chapels, Inc., 824 Washington St., Canton, Mass.

MICHAEL SUPERIOR

CRANSTON — Michael Superior, 92, of the Bannister House in Providence, died December 23 at the Cranston General Hospital.

Born in Methuen, Mass., he lived in Johnston, R.I. for twenty-five years before moving to Providence. He was an auto mechanic for many years.

He is survived by one son, Robert Superior of Plymouth, Mass.; and one grandson.

Graveside services were held on December 25 at Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick. Arrangements were made by the Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

ETHEL R. BORNSTEIN

WARWICK — Ethel R. Bornstein, 88, of Pequot Avenue, widow of Samuel Bornstein, and formerly of Providence, died yesterday at the Warwick Health Center.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late Barnett and Rachel Mistofsky. Mrs. Bornstein leaves a son, Dr. Marshall K. Bornstein of Warwick; a brother, Samuel Mistofsky of Providence; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Sunday at the Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

SARAH H. WILKENING

PROVIDENCE — Sarah H. Wilkening of 15 Lorimar Ave., Providence, died Wednesday at the Miriam Hospital.

Born in England, a daughter of the late Israel and Annie (Rickel) Kaufman, she was a Providence resident for over 60 years. She was co-owner of Globe Distributors, Inc. in Lincoln for thirty-seven years until retiring. She was a member of Temple Beth-El, Providence Chapter of Hadassah, the Jewish Home for the Aged, Majestic Senior Guild and Hope Link.

She is survived by a son, Allan Wilkening of East Greenwich; a daughter, Brenda Kline of Providence; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held today at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in the Sons of Israel and David Cemetery, Providence.

CCRI Schedules 300 Spring Courses

Over 300 credit and non-credit courses will be offered through the extended-day division of Community College of Rhode Island for spring, 1984 semester.

A community college serving all Rhode Island, CCRI will offer extended-day courses at its main campuses in Warwick and Lincoln beginning Saturday, January 21, and at five satellite locations in Middletown, Providence, Westerly and Woonsocket beginning Monday, January 23. The satellite campuses are part of the college's off-campus program designed to bring collegiate-level courses into the communities.

CCRI's Weekend College offers credit courses at the Knight Campus in Warwick on Friday evenings, Saturdays and Sundays. Classes begin on Saturday, January 21.

A brochure outlining course offerings for the spring semester and registration may be obtained through the Registrar's Offices at the Knight Campus (825-2125) in Warwick or the Flanagan Campus (333-7097) in Lincoln.

Registration by mail is January 2 through January 10. In-person registration for credit courses is January 10-20 at the main campuses and January 9, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18 and 19 at satellite facilities. For non-credit courses, in-person registration will be held at the Warwick and Lincoln campuses on January 10, 12, and 16.

For further information, contact the Community College campus or satellite location nearest you.

Pawtucket Library Announces Adult Winter Programs

Irish Genealogy, Retirement Planning, Basket Making, Financial Planning, cooking classes, and clinics in the law and cosmetics are being offered by the Pawtucket Public Library Adult Programs. Pre-registration is required, and the size of some of the classes is limited. For further information, call the Community Services Office at 725-3714.

Video Cassettes Are On Loan From The Providence Library

There's more to borrow at Providence Public Library than books. Among items on loan at no charge are Polaroid cameras, security engravers, records and video cassettes.

In video cassettes there's something for everyone. Topics span the gamut of interests. Films include Jimi Hendrix concerts, romances such as *Love Story* with Ryan O'Neal and *Love Is a Many Splendored Thing* with Jennifer Jones. Those of interest to children include films such as *The Mark of Zorro* and *The Wacky World of Mother Goose*. Most are in color.

Cassettes are available during library hours. To borrow them, telephone Providence Public Library 521-7722.

LILLIAN WOOLF

CRANSTON — Lillian Woolf, 66, of 11 Glenwood Ave., Cranston, died unexpectedly Tuesday at her apartment in Miami Beach where she was vacationing with fellow members of the Majestic Senior Guild. She was the widow of Dr. Hayvis Woolf.

She was born in Providence, a daughter of the late Samuel and Annie (Kaplan) Wexler, and had been a Cranston resident for thirty-five years.

Mrs. Woolf was a member of Temple Torat Yisrael, its sisterhood, and the Jewish War Veterans Auxiliary. She was a past president and lifetime member of Cranston Hadassah, and past president of the Auxiliary of the Rhode Island Optometric Association. She was also an honorary director of the Rhode Island Radio Information Service, which was founded by her husband.

She is survived by two daughters, Marcia Hicks of Easton, Mass. and Meryl Woolf of Cranston; three brothers, Bernard Wexler of Cranston, Sidney Wexler of Washington, D.C. and Irvin Wexler of Longmeadow, Mass.; and a sister, Jeanette Broomfield of Cranston.

Funeral services were held today at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

UEC Schedules Courses For Developmental Program

Urban Educational Center of Rhode Island College will again offer its recently-developed appraisal of college skills program in the spring semester as well as courses to improve reading, writing and math for college-bound students, and a comprehensive General Equivalency Diploma (GED) program.

English-as-a-second language will also be offered as part of the UEC overall developmental program for adults in the minority or low-income sectors to help prepare them for higher education or a vocational career.

For more information call 456-8185.

Brown Offers Computing Seminar

The Continuing College of Brown University will offer an all-day seminar in beginning and intermediate computing on Saturday, January 14 in Foxboro Auditorium, Brown's revolutionary computer teaching lab.

The morning session will run from 9 a.m. to noon and will include a slide presentation on the history of computers and an introduction to their use. It will also give each participant hands-on experience with the lab's Apollo DN 300 computers.

In the afternoon session, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., instructors will teach elementary programming concepts and participants will apply them as they learn to design and create a small program.

Foxboro Auditorium is designed as a lecture hall with about 60 computer workstations — high-level personal computers linked to communicate with each other and with the instructor's computer. It is the first teaching laboratory of its kind in the world.

The cost for the entire day is \$20; either session may be taken separately for \$12. To register or to receive more information, call (401) 863-2474.

RISD Courses Will Suit Many Interests

Totem Carving, Stenciling, Restoration of Antique Furniture and Advertising Art are a few of the 90 spring courses offered by Rhode Island School of Design's Continuing Education Program as cures for cabin fever.

Courses begin the week of January 30 through February 4 and include: 14-week credit and non-credit courses, a Culinary Arts Evening Program, Interior Design and Scientific/Technical Illustration Certificate Programs, children's programs, and a wide variety of special workshops and trips. In-person registration can be conducted Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday until 4:30 p.m. through February 6 at the Continuing Education Office, corner of College and North Main Streets. Early registration by phone or mail is highly recommended.

To obtain a catalogue with a complete schedule of spring courses, call (401) 331-3511, ext. 281 or write RISD/CE, 2 College St., Providence, R.I. 02903.

Nursing Scholarship Is Established

The LTCNS (Long-Term Care Nurses Section of Rhode Island Health Care Association) has created a scholarship fund. These two \$500.00 scholarship awards will be used by licensed nurses presently employed in Long Term Care to pursue further nursing education.

The criteria are as follows: The applicant must: 1) Be employed in Long Term Care for at least two years (not necessarily the same facility); and 2) Be presently enrolled in a nursing program (with sixteen credits earned); he/she may be a part-time or full time student.

For further information and an application please contact: Rhode Island Health Care Association, Barbara Notte, R.N., DNS, 944-2450, Briarcliffe Healthcare Facility, P.O. Box 7236, Johnston, R.I. 02919; Jean Butler, R.N., DNS, 274-4200, Wayland Health Center, 140 Pitman St., Providence, R.I.; or Sue Grant, R.N., DNS, 846-6300, Bay View Convalescent Center, 93 Miantonomi Rd., Middletown, R.I.

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by Dr. Steve Imber

Dear Readers:

As we begin the new year, it seems like a very appropriate time to consider parental resolutions — all kidding aside. So, I've developed a list of resolutions for myself which I thought I would share with you.

Resolution 1:

When my children are kind to each other (which they are more than they are not), I will share my enthusiasm with them.

Resolution 2:

When my children perform their daily routines as expected, I shall try not to take such blessings for granted. Instead, I'll try to remember to praise them for their efforts.

Resolution 3:

When my children have a problem, I will try to carefully listen to them and show understanding, rather than irritation or impatience.

Resolution 4:

When my children raise my consciousness by getting off to late morning starts, turning their rooms into disaster areas, or ignoring perfectly good dinners, I will try to share my concerns briefly and save the declarations for happier occasions.

Resolution 5:

When my children need some evening quality time with their father, I'll try to get closer, regularly.

Resolution 6:

When my children are in the process of disturbing our domestic tranquility, I'll try to remember to help them to anticipate the consequences of their continued actions.

Resolution 7:

When my children are exceeding the speed limit in a clearly zoned area (e.g. the

hallway), I'll try to recall that somewhere between idiotic idle threats and punitive punishments lie reasonable consequences.

Resolution 8:

When my children recognize fatherly flaws, I'll try to recollect the great significance of appropriate role-modeling.

Resolution 9:

When my children discover one of the wonders of life, I will try to share their enthusiasm.

Resolution 10:

When my children drive me to distraction, I'll try to remember to take the keys away, but only until they can return to the road — and not a moment longer.

Resolution 11:

When my children have a great day in school, I will herald it, both with them and with their teachers.

Resolution 12:

When my children act like children, I'll try to remember that they are children.

Resolution 13:

I'll try to remember each of the above resolutions by posting a photocopy of them on my refrigerator.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Dr. Imber is a professor of special education at Rhode Island College, President of the International Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders, a psychoeducational consultant.

Questions about learning and behavioral problems of children or adolescents may be addressed to him at 145 Waterman St., Providence 02906 (401-276-5775). All communication will be held strictly confidential.

Lectures Planned At Brown

Brown University's Program in Judaic Studies in association with the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island will present a spring series of lectures on the general theme, "Classics, Class, and Country: New Dimensions of Judaic Studies."

Classes of Judaism will be represented by David Weiss-Halivni, Professor of Talmud at The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, who will present the first Saul Lieberman Memorial Seminar at Brown. Lieberman, who died last spring, was the greatest Talmudic scholar of the twentieth century. Halivni's topic is "Reconstructing Earlier Versions of Talmudic Texts, Methodologies and Goals of Exegesis," on Monday, February 13, at 2:00 p.m. at the Program building, 163 George St.

The issue of caste and class will be treated by Eugene Genovese, Professor of History at the University of Rochester. His lecture, co-sponsored by the Department of History and the Program in Afro-American Studies, will take up the topic, "Biblical Slavery in the American South." It will be held on Sunday, March 18, at 7:30 p.m. in Wilson 102. Professor Rhett Jones, chairman of Afro-American Studies, will preside.

Judaism and nationalhood will be the theme of Professor Aviezer Ravitzky, of the Department of Jewish Thought at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, who serves this semester as Scheuer Visiting Associate Professor of Judaic Studies at Brown. His topic, "The Jewish Identity of Israeli Society," will be discussed on Sunday, April 8, at 7:30 p.m. in Wilson 102.

All lectures are free and open to the public. The series is made possible by a grant from the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island Endowment Fund.

YWCA Registration Is Open For Winter Classes

The YWCA of Greater Rhode Island, 324 Broad Street, Central Falls has announced the opening of registration for classes which begin on January 9, 1984. Some of the new classes being offered include Personal Typing, a Job Search Workshop, and Women in Transition. For more information on registration or a copy of the new program brochure, stop by the YWCA of Greater R.I., 324 Broad Street, Central Falls or call 723-3050.

Community Arts Council Presents Winter Programs

The Pawtucket Community Arts Council presents a series of programs for the winter. The programs are for all ages and include Creative Dance After-school program for boys and girls 6-8 year olds, Opera Previews for Pawtucket Arts Council Opera Subscribers, an Intergenerational program, and an Ukrainian Egg Decorating Workshop. These programs are co-sponsored by the Pawtucket Community Arts Council, Pawtucket Parks & Recreation Department, Pawtucket Public Library, and the Leon Mathieu Senior Center. For further information on programs and membership benefits, call 725-1151 or write Pawtucket Community Arts Council, 200 Main St., Pawtucket, R.I. 02860.

CCRI Offers Spanish For Medical Personnel

Doctors, nurses and allied health professionals can learn to communicate with Spanish-speaking patients and their families by enrolling in a special course offered by the Community College of Rhode Island.

"Spanish for Medical Personnel II" is designed to enable individuals to master enough oral Spanish to communicate effectively in a hospital or medical setting. The three-credit, 15-week course will be offered on Wednesday evenings, 7:00-9:30 p.m., at the college's Flanagan Campus in Lincoln.

Classes begin Wednesday, January 25, 1984.

For registration information, call the CCRI Registrar's Office at 825-2125 in Warwick or 333-7097 in Lincoln.

Yale Gets \$1.6 Million Gift

(JTA) — Yale University has received an "extraordinary" gift of \$1.6 million to establish two new endowed professorships in its Judaic studies program, according to the current issue of the Newsletter for that program.

The Newsletter, in reporting on the gift, said such endowed scholarships "enable Yale to attract and encourage the finest faculty members, at work on the frontiers of knowledge and dedicated to the university's intellectual life."

The Newsletter reported that the gift would be used to create a senior professorship in Hebrew language and literature, and a visiting professor in the humanities.

The Newsletter reported that the donors indicated they wanted not to be named publicly.

The Newsletter declared that "the university's tradition of excellence in the study of language and literature, a vital part of undergraduate education, will be enhanced by the appointment of a distinguished senior teacher and scholar in Hebrew language and literature."

The Newsletter added that the appointment also "will do much to strengthen the Judaic studies program, for the comprehensive understanding of the subtleties and nuances of Jewish culture depends fundamentally on adequate knowledge of its language and literature."

The visiting professorship, whose incumbent will be appointed each year from various areas in the humanities, including

philosophy, art and music, "will complement and enrich the teaching and scholarly activity of the university's permanent senior faculty in Judaic Studies," the Newsletter reported.

The Newsletter also reported a "generous gift," the size of which was not indicated, in memory of Jacob Perlow, an immigrant who settled in New York City and prospered in real estate, to create the Jacob Perlow Fellow in Judaic Studies and the Humanities. Perlow's niece, Toni Greenberg, a coexecutor of the Perlow estate, was instrumental in the gift, the Newsletter reported.

The Newsletter said the Jacob Perlow Fellow will be appointed by the University from nominees proposed by the Hebrew University in Jerusalem to encourage "fruitful exchanges between Yale and Israeli scholars."

NCJW Offers Advocacy Training Institute At Meeting

Almost 700 members of the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW), of varying ages and backgrounds, from hometowns throughout the United States, are expected to attend the 1984 Joint Program Institute (JPI). They will learn advocacy skills and the legislative process at the four-day educational conference, whose theme is social policy and the economy. The event will be held January 30-February 2, at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C.

NCJW delegates will receive detailed legislative and federal agency briefings from legislators and various experts, focusing on the impact of domestic social and economic policies on the American people. They will explore specific issues such as hunger and poverty, crime, unemployment and health care and public education.

Workshops on legislative processes, including the complexities of how a bill becomes a law, briefings on American foreign policy and an update on the U.N. Decade for Women Conference will also be included. National President Barbara A. Mandel will deliver the keynote address at the opening dinner, Monday, January 30.

JPI participants will put advocacy into practice while in Washington. Delegates will practice a vital opportunity the Soviet Embassy on behalf of Soviet Jews, Tuesday, January 31. On Wednesday, February 1, they will meet with their respective senators and representatives to express concerns on issues covered in the Institute.

Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA) will be the recipient of the NCJW Social Action Award at the closing luncheon Thursday, February 2.

Featured speakers during the 1984 JPI will include: Max Lerner, newspaper columnist, who will present a "Pre-election Overview" and Meir Rosenne, Israel Ambassador to the U.S. Economist Dr. Robert Kutner, contributing editor to *The New Republic*, will provide an overview on the "Social Costs of a Viable Economy."

The Conference will conclude with workshops on "Bringing JPI Home," where delegates will learn how to translate their newly acquired knowledge and skills into programs of direct service and advocacy when they return to their hometowns.

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Continuing Plight Of Soviet Jews: Report From UCSY Convention

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such as Yakov Mesh, Lev Elbert, Victor Brailovsky, Iosif Begun and Yuri Tarnopolsky. But, after scores of individuals spotlighted in this way, this media strategy may now be meeting with diminishing returns.

"Individual cases like Shcharansky illustrate the problem," says Glenn Richter, national coordinator of Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry. "If he leaves Russia the problem will still remain. The issues will continue, only the players will change." To the press and general public the successive sufferers soon begin to look faceless and interchangeable.

During the past few months, a few other kinds of techniques have worked reasonably well in gaining press coverage. For instance, the day after Soviet Premier Leonid Brezhnev's death was announced, Richter's group held a "Brezhnev is Dead" demonstration at the New York offices of Aeroflot, the Soviet airlines. CBS covered the demonstration live and a number of other broadcast and print outlets gave it play shortly after.

"We gave them a local angle on the breaking news story of the week," says Richter, displaying a perceptiveness of the media's own needs as keen as his knowledge of the Soviet Jewry issue. He admits that much of his job entails designing events in such a way that they will get attention from the media. "Do we manipulate events for the media?" he asks rhetorically. "Of course. In order to get coverage you fulfill stereotypes. You give them the screaming crowds. No one wants to cover a press conference concerned with a particular issue. I mean, who wants to show talking heads?"

But Richter has also found that timeliness does not insure that an event will get covered. On Rosh Hashana eve, a few days after the Soviets shot down a Korean jet carrying 269 passengers, the SSSJ returned to Aeroflot. This time they demonstrated with shofars, trying to dramatize the link between the barbarousness of the jet incident and the repressiveness of Soviet emigration policy. An ABC camera crew stopped by, but to Richter's knowledge, neither that network, nor any other news outlet ran the story. Frustrated, Richter says that it's getting harder and harder to predict who will cover what.

"The press runs in cycles," he says. "They'll report on Soviet Jewry for awhile, then move on to other things. Everything gets its day in the sun and then is dropped."

Of course, the Jewish newspapers lavish extensive and continuous coverage on all aspects of the Soviet Jewry issue as part of their larger Jewish coverage. They treat the issue in much the same way that local newspapers cover their sports teams, public schools and city government — as a regular beat.

A few activists complain that the general media don't treat it similarly, as part of an ongoing story of specifically Jewish oppression. Avi Weiss, a long-time colleague of Richter, accuses the media of often "de-Judaizing" the issue, removing it from what he sees as its context within broader Jewish issues.

In an op-ed piece he did for the *New York Times*, Weiss recalls writing the passage, "Avital and Anatoly are fighters for human rights and Israel." Published, it became simply, "Mr. and Mrs. Shcharansky are fighters for human rights."

Weiss charges that some news people report supportively on the issue as a "counter-balance" to critical reporting on Israel, which he complains drives "a wedge between Soviet Jewry and Israel." While admitting the media have done "a respectable amount of reporting on the Soviet

Jewry issue," he says, "They're stressing it as a human issue, not as a Jewish issue."

Human Rights Issue

But working journalists say it could hardly be otherwise.

"In the media, Soviet Jewry is more powerful as a human rights issue than as a Jewish issue," says Suzanne Garment, an associate editor of the *Wall Street Journal*. "You have to remember that we in the media are in the business of exciting and educating a wide, general audience — and the best way to do that is in the most universal terms possible." Garment says this leads editors to group Soviet refuseniks together with numerous other oppressed peoples. In the limited space available, the human rights of all these groups are treated as generic issue.

The real problem, she says, is that "The press gets tired of any humanitarian issue after awhile, especially when that issue seems intractable."

With relations between the two super-powers getting frostier, the prospects of any progress in the human rights arena are bleak. Yet Soviet Jewry activists say they must keep the story alive in the press.

Igor Reichlin, a journalist who emigrated from the Soviet Union three years ago, says: "Without the West's awareness of their plight, the refuseniks would never get out of the Soviet Union." But he adds that the resumption of cold war rhetoric will only add to the difficulties faced by American journalists.

"The American correspondent is already in limbo in Russia," says Reichlin, who is from Leningrad. "If he reports all the things he gets from his sources, he runs the risk of either losing all contact with those sources or being removed from the country by Soviet authorities."

"Since reporters are discouraged from digging for the news, they end up reporting only the most glaring injustices. As a result, most things can never be reported directly by the American media."

Furthermore, says Reichlin, the media depend heavily on lively quotes and strong visual images. When reporters do not have access to face-to-face interviews and up-to-date film footage, the chances are slim that their stories will get on the air.

And competition for news space is fierce. Journalists say they are continually bombarded by hundreds of important and worthwhile issues, each one screaming for attention. The mere magnitude of these issues means that few will be heard and many will be drowned out.

Plight of Shcharansky

This situation was highlighted a year ago when Anatoly Shcharansky went on a 120-day hunger strike to protest the deplorable conditions in his prison. The few stories written about him then represented almost the only coverage he had gotten since his dramatic public sentencing in 1977.

In solidarity with Shcharansky, Avi Weiss staged a six-day hunger strike in front of the Soviet Mission on 67th Street and Lexington Avenue. He recalls being joined by over a thousand people who fasted, prayed and protested each day on Shcharansky's behalf.

One of New York's best-known anchor-men Channel 2's Jim Jensen, lived directly across the street from the mission. At the time, Jensen's face was visible throughout the city on bus and billboard ads bearing the slogan of his news show: "If it concerns you, it concerns us."

Recalls Weiss: "Every day Jensen would walk by and we'd shout out to him. 'It concerns us, does it concern you?' But he would keep walking. Channel 2 never covered the protest; nor did anyone else for that matter. Obviously, what concerned us did not concern them."

But to Jensen, things looked different from the other end.

"Demonstrations go on nearly every day in front of the Soviet Mission," he explains. "And it's impossible to keep track of who's protesting what."

Asked about this specific incident, Jensen says he has no recollection of encountering either Weiss or the protestors. And he angrily denies the allegation that he was not concerned with Shcharansky's plight. "If you hear a siren all day long," he adds, "it just becomes an annoyance."

That, in sum, is the problem now facing the Soviet Jewry movement.

Shcharansky and others are still in jail. There are more than 300,000 Jews still waiting to leave Russia. On all fronts, publicity for Soviet Jewry continues to be urgent. Yet for a variety of reasons — not least, the tragic persistence of the issue — Soviet Jewry has become less and less newsworthy.

Still, few activists are willing to give up the fight.

"We have to be realistic," says Kate Halpern, public relations director of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry. "You can't expect articles on the op-ed page of the *New York Times* every day when you don't see that coverage for the nuclear arms race — the most significant issue of our day."

It is to deal with this dilemma that Lynn Singer has hired her high-priced public-relations firm.

"We simply can't let ourselves become frustrated," she says. "We've made a major commitment to two-and-a-half million human beings, and we have to keep that commitment to the best of our ability. That means we're going to keep plugging away for every column-inch of press coverage we can get."



As Atlantic City, N.J., and Las Vegas, Nev., continue to compete viciously over which owns the title of gambling capital of the United States, millions of men and women would love to gamble on the outcome, if anyone would take their bets.

The explosion of interest in gambling has been matched by the numbers addicted to this activity. Compulsive gamblers tell of an indescribable high that comes with gambling and of an obsession that turns into the only focus of their lives. The costs — to compulsive gamblers themselves, family, friends, employees — are astronomical.

It's tough to estimate the totals spent on gambling, but a clue is that gamblers lost \$1.6 billion at Atlantic City casinos in 1983. Legal gambling is placed at close to \$20 billion last year alone.

Nearly two-thirds of us gamble occasionally. We buy lottery tickets, place bets on bingo games, jai alai, dog and horse races and, of course, in casinos. Millions of us play poker with friends and participate in the office football (baseball) pool. Legal gambling opportunities are everywhere. Gambling is legal in 46 states, Puerto Rico and elsewhere in the Caribbean. Lotteries are sponsored by 17 states and the District of Columbia. For most people, gambling is a fun, sometime event.

But not so for the compulsive gambler! And the National Council on Compulsive Gambling estimates that about 12 million Americans fit under that title. This has tripled the estimate of 4 million as recently as 1976. In some areas of the United States, membership in Gamblers Anonymous, the self-help group for compulsive gamblers, has tripled just in the past three years. Membership is soaring in Gam-Anon, which holds meeting for the families and associates of compulsive gamblers, as well as Gam-a-Teen, which is for their children.

The devastation caused by compulsive gambling doesn't end with the families. Growing numbers of companies feel the impact of employees who gamble compulsively. Many employees embezzle or otherwise steal from employers and, at a minimum, steal time from their jobs to gamble. "About 40 percent of my patients are involved with some kind of crime," says one expert. "But they all steal from

their families and employers — if not actual money, then time."

It's no surprise that many compulsive gamblers turn to fraud, tax evasion, embezzlement and other kinds of theft. A study by the Council of Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey indicates that the average debt of those interviewed was \$80,000.

Recognizing the compulsive gambler isn't easy. Unlike those addicted to drugs and alcohol, addiction to gambling has no obvious physical signs. Men and women of all ages and backgrounds are susceptible and, in fact, women now account for between 10 percent and 15 percent of compulsive gamblers.

Only one decade ago, perhaps 1 percent of compulsive gamblers were women. The upsurge to an estimated 10 percent to 15 percent is an ominous and disturbing trend.

"They are the last ones to come out of the closet," observes Dr. Robert Custer, a psychiatrist and acting director for mental health and behavioral sciences of the Veterans Administration.

"Women have traditionally been the ones to save money and nurture the family," Dr. Custer adds. "But with more and more women working and gaining access to credit and less restrictive lifestyles, it has become increasingly easy for women as well as men to gamble."

But gender doesn't make much difference in the characteristics of compulsive gamblers. "The profiles are remarkably similar," Dr. Custer notes. "These people are bright, articulate, competitive, industrious and productive. They have a need for stimulation, can't tolerate boredom."

"They don't relax. In fact, the mold fits the workaholic. You might say it's the workaholic personality gone berserk."

"Compulsive gambling is an unrecognized national epidemic," states Ernie Wexler, vice president of the National Council on Compulsive Gambling. "If you closed every casino and racetrack and shut down all the lotteries, you wouldn't stop compulsive gamblers."

With this grim situation facing us and the escalating costs, what is being done to help compulsive gamblers and their families? What should be done?

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Have your blood pressure checked this year (at least once). High blood pressure increases the risk of: stroke, heart attack, and kidney failure.

Exercise. You don't have to run or swim (which are great) but take brisk or long walks several times each week.

Use the stairs rather than the elevator especially when descending.

Watch your diet. Try to control your weight. Eat from the four food groups. Avoid "popping" vitamins without proper direction.

Be selective about use of "health information." Don't believe everything you read related to health practices. Some health "advice" can be dangerous to your health.

Keep your home safe. Try to avoid carelessness in your home by keeping stairways clear of hazards. Use approved and well maintained appliances.

Avoid as much unnecessary stress as possible. Try to keep yourself under control and use common sense. Following the advice listed may minimize harmful stress.

(from the R.I. Department of Health, Office of Health Promotion)

Guide On Health Care In Rhode Island Is Now Available

"HealthSource," a comprehensive new reference series to inform social workers, discharge planners and health care professionals of changing regulations, sophisticated treatments and available resources for providing continuity of health care is now available in Rhode Island.

Developed by Quality Care, Inc., the nation's largest independent home health care company, "HealthSource" consists of six units, each addressing a different aspect of discharge planning. The first unit will highlight discharge planning as a mechanism for meeting continuing care needs, while subsequent units will focus on identifying, assessing and classifying continuing needs; exploring health care resources; evaluating the process for providing continuity of care; developing a health care linkage system; and continuing care in the future. Information contained in the "HealthSource" series is being developed under the supervision of an advisory board of experts in the health care field.

"Currently, there's no single source that provides comprehensive information on discharge planning for professionals involved in that particular aspect of health care," noted Joyce Ruddock, Director of Quality Care's Providence office. "HealthSource" will meet that need by addressing a broad array of topics pertaining to discharge planning and continuity of care coordination.

"HealthSource" units will be distributed free of charge every two months by Quality Care to interested health care professionals involved in discharge planning and continuing care activities. With the first unit recipients will also get a binder to facilitate organization and storage of the entire reference series. "Continuity of care is a vital component of the health care delivery system," said Joyce Ruddock. "And we believe 'HealthSource' will be a valuable resource for helping professionals to stay abreast of new developments in this rapidly changing area of health care.

Social Seniors Of Warwick To Meet January 11

The Social Seniors of Warwick will hold a meeting on Wednesday, January 11 at 1 p.m. at Temple Beth Am-Beth David. Refreshments will be served.

Deposits and reservations for the trips to the Beacon and Montreal and to the Nevelle must be made at this meeting. Contact Sally Goldman, Estelle Miller or Ethel Troberman for reservations.

Adult Education Program Begins

The Warwick Parks & Recreation Department is accepting applications for January programs. Adult classes include beginner quilting, advanced quilting, yoga, aerobics and racquetball for women. For children, programs are available in gymnastics and racquetball. For further information, call Parks & Recreation at 738-2000, ext. 356.

Trinity's Humanities Series To Continue With "Fool For Love"

Trinity Square Repertory Company's award-winning Humanities Program, "The Dramatic Work as a Historical/Cultural Document," continues with an examination of issues in Sam Shepard's *Fool for Love*, playing January 13 through February 26. The Humanities Series is sponsored by the Rhode Island Committee for the Humanities, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, and offers essays and post-performance discussions by area scholars to the public in conjunction with Trinity's eight-play subscription series.

Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Sam Shepard's play, *Fool for Love*, is "a savage comedy of the American West... a violent work dealing with the incestuous love/hate relationship between a half-brother and half-sister... a play of enormous force and vitality... pure magic!" (*N.Y. Daily News*) *Newsweek's* Jack Kroll says, "it measures the pulse of passion... that immeasurable force that pulls human beings towards one another while with equal intensity propels them away." David Wheeler, who directed Shepard's *True West* at Trinity Rep, directs Richard Jenkins and newcomers Deirdre O'Connell, Tom Bloom and Paul Haggard.

The Humanities discussion dates, scholars and topics for *Fool for Love* are as follows:

Saturday, January 21 and Sunday, January 29 after the 2 p.m. performances, Karen Newman, Assistant Professor of Comparative Literature, Brown University, explores the nature of incest in literature.

Tuesday, January 24, after the 8 p.m. performance, Rosalind Ladd, Professor of Philosophy, Wheaton College, looks at the meaning and use of lying as it appears in art and life.

Wednesday, February 8, after the 2 p.m. performance, Arnold Weinstein, Professor of Comparative Literature, Brown University, explores the concept of Self in American Literature.

All essays and post-performance discussions at Trinity Square Repertory Company are free and available to the public whether or not the play has been attended. Essays are available in the lobby of the theatre located at 201 Washington St., Providence. For further information and/or ticket reservations, please call the box office at (401) 351-4242.

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The first CODAs were introduced late in 1981 and, since then, at least 1,000 major companies have established them, while

countless more either plan to offer a CODA or are weighing its merits. After the Internal Revenue Service issues its final regulations on CODAs, probably in early 1984, employee benefit advisers expect a new explosion in their popularity. Here's how the plan works.

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Salary reduction plans sound a lot like IRAs, and they do share many characteristics. As in an IRA, income accumulates tax-free until you withdraw it from the account.

Unlike an IRA, though, CODAs allow you to contribute more than \$2,000 a year. The maximum is 20 percent of your pay, up to \$30,000, although most companies set lower contribution limits, and the plan

must meet federal qualifications. You also can maintain an IRA and thus create two nest eggs for your retirement.

Withdrawals represent a second key difference. Withdrawals from an IRA are added in and taxed with your other income. Unless you income average, you can't do much to lower the resulting tax.

Withdrawals from CODAs, however, might qualify for a special tax treatment, called 10-year averaging. The money from your salary reduction plan is considered separately from your other income — as if you had received 10 equal installments over 10 years. For instance, if you withdraw \$50,000, you'll make a separate calculation on your taxes — say, as a single taxpayer receiving \$5,000 10 times. In sum, you will pay the tax on \$5,000 multiplied by 10, rather than pay one tax on the lump sum of \$50,000, explains Lloyd S.

Kaye, principal at William M. Mercer Inc., a consulting firm.

To qualify for this tax treatment, you must receive the money in a lump sum distribution and have either reached the age of 59½ or left the company. The lump sum must represent your entire interest in the plan, and you will have to belong to the CODA for at least five years.

Tapping into your own money can become complicated. Under the proposed IRS regulations, you can withdraw the money while you are still employed and under age 59½ only if you can demonstrate hardship and immediate need for money not reasonably available elsewhere. The IRS has said informally that its final regulation will allow withdrawals for such events as unusual medical bills and college tuition. To make it easier for employees, many firms permit borrowing against the account (with limits).



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