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Israeli Women Seek New Role

by Linda Matchan
Boston Globe

TEL AVIV — It would have been easy to get the impression, at the Sixth National Feminist Conference held in Israel in May, that feminism is a major force in this country.

Some 500 Israeli women jammed into the high school where it was held, and where pink (not blue) Israeli flags draped the walls.

Women crowded into workshops on "Recovering From Rape" and "Feminist Issues on Pregnancy." In a session called "Sexual Exploitation by Professional Helpers" women shared harrowing personal stories about being sexually propositioned and abused by their doctors, lawyers, therapists. Others lined up three deep to collect literature on everything from feminist jewelry to shelters for battered wives.

But the energetic women at this conference may well be most of the feminists there are in Israel. Leaders of the women's movement here say they doubt there are more than 500 in the country. That's barely a dent in Israel's population of roughly 4.1 million people.

Even the most committed advocates of equal rights for women here will admit the Israeli feminist movement, which began about a decade ago with consciousness-raising groups and action committees, is today having problems gaining ground.

"It's a minority group. It's unorganized. It's not nationwide," acknowledged Joanne Yaron, a journalist who helped coordinate the conference.

It is loosely coordinated, at best, with the exception of the National Feminist Conference held annually in Israel.

It is difficult for someone not hooked into the feminist network to track down some of the feminist groups, since their addresses change frequently.

There are feminists in Tel Aviv only remotely aware of what women's movement groups are doing in Jerusalem just 40 miles away. Around the country, women's centers close frequently. Most often, the closings are because of money problems and burnout.

NOGA, Israel's only feminist magazine (the title is the Hebrew word for "Venus") is having trouble finding a distributor, admitted Rachel Ostrowitz, one of its editors.

Most of the feminist activity in the country — shelters for victims of violence, women's resource centers, a publishing house, among other projects — is concentrated in the large centers of Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, and Haifa, although several other groups do exist elsewhere. Efforts to unite them all into a single coordinated feminist movement have never managed to succeed with any national impact.

Feminism, it seems, is winning no popularity contests here. It is almost an either-or proposition in Israel: you're either a feminist or you're not. It is common to hear a feminist sum up someone in the other camp with a remark such as "she's nice — too bad she's not a feminist."

And it's common to hear a non-feminist dismiss the feminist movement here as merely "strident," or ignore it, or discount it — as antifamily, as a frivolous fringe group at a time when Israel has more important concerns, as a foreign import perpetuated by Americans, an import which does not transfer well to a Mideast culture. (In fact, most of the feminists at the conference were native-born Israelis, though a number of feminist projects have been funded by the New York-based

Jewish women's organization, US/Israel Women to Women.)

Even women who are sympathetic to feminist ideals have trouble with the notion of a formal feminist movement. Yona Ballas, for example, a Kfar Saba artist and mother of three, is proud to point out that much of her artwork — etchings of pregnant women staring longingly outside of windows, of wistful-looking women with babies — have themes that she considers feminist.

But would she call herself a feminist?

"I don't want to be a feminist," Ballas says without hesitating. "They are radical . . . It is difficult to be a woman here, but feminism doesn't show me a way to make it easier . . . Feminists ask me to fight my husband, and I don't want to fight him."

Said Jerusalem's Shifra Jacobson, 30, who describes herself as a radical feminist here: "Feminism is just a dirty word in Israel. In general, it's a word that can't be mentioned without people getting into hysterics. Immediately, you're seen as a lesbian. You hate men. You don't know your place."

But the feminist movement in Israel persists. It has a lot to take on, and it has chosen to take on almost everything.

The question of religious law, for example. Since 1953, certain matters pertaining to the marriage and divorce of Jews in Israel have been under the exclusive jurisdiction of rabbinical courts, which make judgments on the basis of their interpretation of Jewish religious law which has its source in the Bible, the Talmud, and in the codes of Jewish law.

Under religious law, for instance, a wife can ask her husband for a divorce, but only he can grant it. A wife whose husband has deserted her and who has left the country (and is therefore outside the jurisdiction of the religious courts) cannot marry anyone else.

Rabbinical courts do apply legal, social, and financial pressure upon recalcitrant husbands in divorce cases — although the extent to which they do is a source of argument in Israel and an indication of how thorny the issue really is. (There is "a tremendous amount of reconciliation," according to Dov Frimer, the director of the Institute of Jewish Law at New York's Touro College School of Law, who has practiced law in Israel. But, reconciliation is happening "less and less," according to Ofra Friedman, a legal advisor for Pioneer Women/Na'amat, the Movement of Working Women and Volunteers.)

In any case, the court's authority is limited. There have been instances in which husbands have extorted money and property from their wives as a price of granting a divorce. In one notorious case, a man who refused his wife a divorce 25 years ago was sentenced to jail until he changed his mind. He is still in jail, and nothing more can be done.

The absence of separation between religion and state in family matters is an aspect of life in Israel that has infuriated many women, including Shulamit Aloni, a member of Knesset and longtime champion of women's rights who maintains that legally, women in Israel are little more than the "property" of their husbands. She has been vocal and blunt about addressing it:

"The clergy is very, very strong here," Aloni said in a recent interview. "And as long as (matters of) marriage and divorce remain under the jurisdiction of the most orthodox clergy, the status of women will continue to be bad."

The feminist movement has spoken out on other issues. It has pitted itself against what feminists broadly call the "sexism"

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"Civilization & Jews" To Air On WSBE-TV October 1



Abba Eban

by Robert Israel

A major 10-part series that chronicles the history of the Jewish people will air on Channel 36, WSBE-TV this fall. Entitled *Heritage: Civilization and the Jews*, the program will premiere on Monday, October 1 at 9:00 p.m. on Rhode Island's

public television station. The second installment of the series will air Tuesday, October 2, also at 9 p.m. Thereafter, remaining episodes will be telecast on Mondays at 9:00 p.m.

The quality and impact of the series is (continued on page 7)

On Being Single And Jewish

by Karen A. Coughlin

The Singles Activities Director

"There are two separate worlds — one single and one married," says Judith Jaffe, who for the past 15 months has been senior adult coordinator at the Jewish Community Center in Providence.

Jaffe, a divorcee for 12 years and the mother of two grown children, feels "There is mutual misunderstanding between single and married people — misunderstanding that education could dispel." And Judith Jaffe is well prepared to provide some of that education as she earned a Master's Degree in Psychology from Loyola University in 1979 where she focused many of her research projects on the problems of single adults.

As she discusses several important



Elliot Schwartz

to me," she says, almost as if being single were a contagious disease.

"Married men and women might fear that a single friend could 'steal' their spouse," she adds.

"Among single people who are searching for a spouse and are not comfortable with single life, there can be envy of those who are married," Jaffe says.

The word "pain" begins to be heard in Jaffe's further comments.

"After the breakup of a marriage, there is usually a grief period of about a year, as after the death of a spouse," she says. Painful too, she adds, is the frequent breakup of friendships made when the single was part of a couple.

"Even if the two women from a couples foursome have been close friends, very often that friendship ends. That is very painful for the single woman," Jaffe adds.

These are some of the problems singles face in our society, and groups like The Center Singles hope to make it easier to face them. Jaffe's group sponsors once-monthly brunches featuring guest speakers, game nights, happy hours, square dances, outings of various kinds, wine-and-cheese gatherings, dine-outs and discussion groups. It provides baby-sitting services for single parents, and in short, tries to provide ample opportunity for Jewish singles from a wide variety of age groups and educational backgrounds to

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Judith Jaffe

aspects of the facts of single life, the listener, married or single, might squirm with a little discomfort, but cannot help but hear how honest and perceptive her comments are.

"There's a disease between married and singles, as there has been at times between blacks and whites, Jews and Gentiles," she says.

"Single people may threaten married people," Jaffe notes. Married people tend to think, "Oh my God, that could happen

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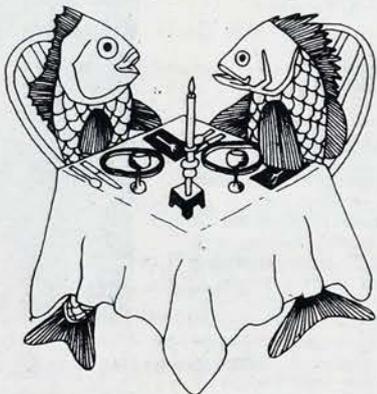
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Local News

Camp Yawgoog Temple To Be
Dedicated August 12

Yawgoog Boy Scout Reservation has a new Jewish chapel consecrated in June with Rabbi Marc Jagolinzer officiating. The new Temple of the Ten Commandments is well attended by scouts of the Jewish faith from Rhode Island, Massachusetts and troops from New York who are in Camp each week. The Torah for the chapel has been loaned for the summer by Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston.

The Jewish Committee on Scouting, Narragansett Council B.S.A., has had this new chapel constructed after a prolonged fund-raising campaign and has asked Rabbi Jagolinzer to again officiate as the Temple is dedicated on August 12, 1984 at 3:30 in the afternoon.

Very propitiously, Scout is Reverent Sunday at Camp Yawgoog is also August 12. After dress parade ceremonies, the Temple of the Ten Commandments will be dedicated in the memory of Abraham I. Aron. The Temple is situated directly opposite the parade field.

Abraham I. Aron was an active scout in the West Shore District as well as involved in R.I. Jewish community activities. In scouting, Abe Aron led a troop sponsored by Temple Beth Am in

Warwick. His leadership and scout committee work culminated in becoming a commissioner in the West Shore District in charge of Cub Scout and Boy Scout roundtables. He was awarded the Commissioners Key and honored in 1974 with the Capt. George Bucklin Medal.

Narragansett Council called on Abe to revitalize the Jewish Committee on Scouting in 1978. The task was undertaken as a labor of love in behalf of Jewish values and scouting.

Abe Aron served on the board of Temple Beth David and the Anshe Kovno Schul. He was Youthleader (USY) of Temple Beth Am and also ritual Committee Chairman. He served three terms as President and board chairman of Temple Beth Am. His other credits include working for the Jewish Federation, Israel Bonds and the B'nai B'rith.

While serving as chairman of the Jewish Committee on Scouting, Abe Aron died. His work continues and he will be lastingly remembered by this Jewish chapel at Camp Yawgoog.

The public is invited. Those who have personal memories of Camp Yawgoog will want to spend the afternoon. Plan on arriving prior to the 2 p.m. dress parade.

Chabad House Judaic Living Center

About nine years ago, Chabad Lubavitch of Southeastern New England, began planning for a multi-purpose Jewish Heritage Center.

It would be designed to provide vitally needed outreach services to unaffiliated Jews throughout Rhode Island, southeastern Massachusetts, and northern Connecticut. Its staff would go wherever it could to help stem the rising tide of assimilation, drug use and intermarriage. Its activities would be aimed at helping increase the level of Jewish awareness and observance within all segments of the Jewish population.

In 1980, a search committee was formed of community leaders and lay personnel, including Shmuel Berman, Leibel Estrin, Thomas W. Pearlman, Hershel Smith and David Sears.

After an exhaustive three-year search, the committee decided on a private 18-room facility that once served to house students from local colleges, like Johnson & Wales, RISD and Brown. Arrangements were quickly made, and on the 18th day of Elul, the Chabad House of Southeastern New England officially opened its doors.

The new Chabad House is a three-story, multi-family dwelling. The first floor has been turned into a multi-function room that can handle up to 75 people easily; the second floor serves as the home of resident Chabad Rabbi, Rabbi Michael Phillips and his family; and the third floor will house students and guests for Shabbatons, retreats and other activities.

Located at 360 Hope St., Providence, the Chabad House is a "Center for Living Judaism" according to the regional director of Chabad Lubavitch, Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer. "It is a place that combines Jewish heritage and Jewish hospitality; a place that will appeal to the heads, hearts and souls of all members of the Jewish community." The Chabad House offers a variety of classes, covering everything from beginning Hebrew to advanced concepts in Jewish mysticism.

In addition, the Chabad House sponsors holiday workshops for unaffiliated adults, including new Americans, informal rap sessions for area college and high school youth, winter and spring sessions dealing with such subjects as drug abuse, intermarriage and "religious" cults.

Chabad also provides the chance to experience an authentic Shabbos or holiday meal at the home of one of its members. Already this year, a number of students have spent Shabbos or holiday at various homes within the Chabad community, including Mr. and Mrs. David Sears, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Silverman, Mr. and Mrs. Leibel Estrin, Mr. and Mrs. Yossi Vaknin, Attorney and Mrs. Z. Hershel Smith, as well as homes of the Chabad rabbis themselves.

Last, but certainly not least, Chabad offers something for the Jewish "heart" —

Shabbat and holiday services that combine lively Chassidic melodies with the warmth and comfort of the European "sh'tible" (local neighborhood shul). According to Director of Religious Services and Activities, Rabbi Yitchock Dubovich, "There are many people who would love to experience the depth and feeling of authentic Torah-true Judaism, and the Chabad House is set up to let them do just that. For example, at the Chabad House, the pace of davening is a bit slower. We go out of our way to explain the meaning behind many of the prayers. And we try to include a lot of singing and Chassidic dancing, so everyone can join in — even the kids."

The house also serves as a base of operations for all the outreach activities Chabad has been noted for. These activities include educational visits to "Talmud Torahs" and schools throughout southeastern New England, campus activities aimed at reaching unaffiliated college and high school students, Chanukah candle-lighting ceremonies at all area hospitals and nursing homes, distribution of thousands of Purim kits and hundreds of pounds of hand-baked "Shmura" matzoh, and much more.

These activities are funded locally through the generosity of community leaders and are designed to increase the level of Jewish pride and identity among the Jewish community.

For more information, call 273-7238.

Hunger Group
Declares VH Day

A concert to benefit local soup kitchens will be held at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 14, at the Mathewson Street Church, 134 Mathewson Street in downtown Providence. The concert will feature performances by the Big Zucchini Washboard Bandits, the Latin American folk group Tierra Adventro, and poets Earl LeClaire and Kathy Lannigan.

The concert is sponsored by Artists for Oxfam, an ad-hoc group of Rhode Islanders who fast once per month and donate their food dollars to international hunger relief projects of Oxfam America. In light of the food crisis in Rhode Island, Artists for Oxfam has declared August 14 "VH Day," or "Victory Over Hunger Day." Proceeds from this concert will be donated to Amos House and Feed My People, soup kitchens in the Providence area.

Tickets for the concert will be available at the door. A \$4.00 donation is requested. The concert will be air-conditioned, and free parking will be available. International foods will be for sale.

For more information on the concert or on food relief projects, contact Artists for Oxfam, 273-4499.

ORT Holds Summer Olympics



At the ORT One-Half Mile Race were, (left-right) Bonnie Cimino, Jeanne Lafazia, Sue Huling, Pat Perry and Joan Ross.



(Left to right) Steve Sirota, Dennis Vinhatiéro, Dennis McCarry, Wayne Wilfand, Paul Wilde, Stan Gallek, Bob Arr, Michele Keir (ORT V.P. Special Projects), Dr. Bob Smith and Marilyn Smith.

On the second day of the World Summer Olympics, the Providence Chapter of Women's American ORT (Organization for Rehabilitation through Training) held a special track meet entitled the "ORT Mile and 1/2 Mile Race." The event was held on Sunday, July 29, 1984, at Brown University Stadium on Elm Grove Ave. in Providence at 10:30 A.M. The "ORT Mile and 1/2 Mile Race" was part of the Brown Masters Invitational Track Meet sponsored by the Rhode Island Track and Field Foundation and Brown University. The track meet had many of the events of the World Summer Olympics, such as running, javelin throwing, discus throwing, and pole vaulting.

ORT's participation in the Brown Track Meet was three fold: for enjoyment, advertising, and as a fund raiser. Sponsors made a generous donation to ORT, and as a result were represented by a particular runner in each race. Thirteen runners represented \$1300 in donations given to ORT. These donations will go toward the 1984 opening of the LAOTI (Los Angeles ORT Technical School) School in California, the second ORT school in the United States. This will be a "high tech" school, training its students in computer technology and other skills related to jobs in California's Silicon Valley, and the "high tech" society in which we live. Funds raised will be used towards renovating the building purchased and furnishing it with the most up-to-date equipment as well as providing teacher's salaries, and scholarships to students.

The first, second, and third place winners of the Men's (1500 meters) ORT Mile were Paul Wilde of Providence (finishing time of 5 minutes and 25 sec.), sponsored by Senator Lila Sapinsky, Dr. Bob Smith of Barrington (5 min., 40 sec.), sponsored by Conetone Party Services and T. Sardeilli and Sons, and Steve Sirota of Cranston (5 min. 42 sec.), sponsored by Made-Rite Aluminum. Also completing the race were Dennis Vinhatiéro of Warwick (5 min. 44 sec.), sponsored by Mayor Walsh, Stan Gallek of Warwick (5 min. 51 sec.), sponsored by DeFelicé Realtors, Dennis McCrary of North Providence (5 min. 56 sec.), sponsored by Mayor

DiPrete, Bob Arr of Warwick (6 min. 47 sec.), sponsored by Mark Patinkin, and Wayne Wilfand of Warwick (who also tied at 6 min. 47 sec.), sponsored by Sinel, Wilfand, and Vinci, CPA's, Inc.

The three winners of the Women's (800 meters) ORT 1/2 Mile were Pat Perry of Saunderstown (3 min. 33 sec.), sponsored by Torbots, Joan Ross of East Greenwich (3 min. 38 sec.), sponsored by Winkleman Travel and Dr. Ed Katz, Sue Huling of Cranston (3 min. 50 sec.), sponsored by Ross-Simons. Also finishing the race were Jeanne Lafazia of Riverside (3 min. 51 sec.), sponsored by Senator Richard Licht, and Bonnie Cimino of East Greenwich (4 min. 11 sec.), who deserves a lot of credit for not only donating to ORT, but for doing the actual running. Ms. Cimino will be running for Secretary of State this coming fall.

Souvenir sun visors with the logo "Brown Masters" on them were given to all the runners as thanks for participating in such a worthwhile event. Large, marble-based trophies were awarded to first, second, and third place winners.

Chairpeople of this ORT event were Michelle Keir (V.P. Special Projects) and Leah Zisseron. There was even an Ice Cream Cone (Marilyn Smith-sponsor) cheering on her runner. ORT hopes to make this event an annual fundraiser. Both the runners and the sponsors were enthusiastic about future events of this nature. The runners enjoyed participating and helping the sponsors to raise money for such a worthwhile cause. Start practicing for next year!

Education At Ohawe Sholam

At Congregation Ohawe Sholam, East Ave., Pawtucket, classes are now being formed.

Adult Education classes begin Tuesday evening, October 23 and include Torah reading for adults, reading Hebrew for Adults, Reading Hebrew for Russian Americans and a special mini-series "The Meaning and Significance of the High Holidays, Prayers and Customs," which begin on September 18.



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From The Editor

A Summer Idyll

by Robert Israel

In the early 1950's, we stayed at one of those summer homes at Narragansett Pier that have since disappeared, a home where several families crowded together in rented rooms and shared a common room and a kitchen.

As a child, it was ideal: there were hoards of other kids to play with, a yard where tall weeds and grass grew wild, a playground across the street and the beach only a few minutes away.

The man from the Fish and Ice plant delivered blocks of ice for the icebox. There was local corn at dinner and, for dessert, thawed frozen strawberries with sour cream.

My father drove down to join us in the evenings and the weekends. I remember running to him one day on the beach. The waves were huge that day, or so they seemed. I wanted to tell him about the waves, but the words wouldn't come out. Take your time, he told me. Describe what you saw. Many years later, I have come to realize that was my first lesson on how to be a writer.

Today, living in the same town where my early summer memories were born, I am surrounded by the lushness and beauty of the overgrown woods and the long

expanse of lawn that greets the coming of day with thick dew. In the evenings, before the mosquitos drive us inside, there is a calm and a seabreeze that soothes the mind and quiets the soul.

Throughout the summer there has been an abundance of wild flowers: black-eyed susans, daisies, red, white and pink tea roses, and now, orange trumpet flowers. Finches have fluttered past the window. Last week, a hummingbird was seen nosing around the geraniums.

A fisherman neighbor of mine took some time away from fixing his lobster traps and remarked what a fine day it had been, and how, that week, he had been fortunate to catch enough fish that made up for last month's slow days.

"Summer is too short," he said. "It seems we pay for this little break all year around. When it finally comes, it's glorious, but only for a short while."

I'm sure all of us would like to extend the summer into winter, to bring a bit of Florida up north. If that could be accomplished, the snow birds could stay in Rhode Island and not have to fly south to roost.

But as I live through this idyllic summer and remember the summers that have passed, I find myself thankful for each day, for each season, and for each opportunity to describe and share what I experience.

School Is Not Church

by Marc A. Pearl

The U.S. Congress may soon ask for the President's signature on an ill-advised and constitutionally suspect bill that would open America's public schools to a wide variety of religious activities. This so-called "Equal Access Act," even in its revised form, would permit political, as well as religious groups to meet in public schools.

Disguised as a civil liberties measure, "equal access" is another attempt by the Religious Right and its congressional supporters to get around the Constitution and put government sanctioned prayer into public school. Jerry Falwell of the Moral Majority admitted as much when he said that he knew the Constitutional Amendment on school prayer was going to be defeated, "but equal access gets us what we wanted all along."

What will this "new" and "improved" "Equal Access" bill mean?

1) Outsiders will still be allowed to come into public secondary schools and take part in religious and political activities. Though they cannot "control, direct or regularly attend" such activities, classrooms will be open to any extremist cult leader or political proselytizer who is "invited" by the students.

2) If a school allows one non-curriculum related club (e.g., a chess club or Boy Scout troop), they must admit any and all student groups, no matter how extremist. "Our high schools," Norm Redlich, dean of the NYU Law School has written, "are not London's Hyde Park and should not be open forums." The proposed legislation erodes the authority of school officials. Religious proselytizers, fringe cults, and "political" groups such as the Ku Klux Klan and the Nazis, would have the doors of our schools swung wide open for them. Instead of encouraging extra-curricular activities, "equal access" may well discourage them, and force school officials to abolish these programs rather than lose control over their students.

3) This legislation denies religious minorities full protection from impermissible coercion to participate in religious activities. Catholics meeting with Catholics, Protestants with Protestants, and Jew with Jews will only accentuate our differences and promote divisiveness in a setting, the public schools, that should be the opposite.

4) Whether as chaperones or disciplinarians this bill requires employees — teachers — to supervise each group. This type of government entanglement with religion is unconstitutional.

It is the right, as well as the duty, of all American Jews to let their feelings be known on religious activity in our public schools. Speaking out on behalf of the First Amendment is just as important as

informing our representatives of our position on foreign aid for Israel. Our elected officials cannot be allowed to think that we are no different from single-issue constituencies who rally behind the Religious Right. Our credibility and continued success on behalf of Israel may well depend on our ability to protect the Bill of Rights, particularly the First Amendment.

The preservation of religious liberty transcends the presidential campaign and goes to the very heart of our constitutional rights. A phone call or a short letter to your representative opposing "Equal Access," and an appeal to friends around the country to do likewise, will demonstrate our community's concern about social justice. Only through a grassroots effort can we be successful in thwarting attempts to "Christianize America."

While we may not win this latest "Equal Access" battle, the Jewish community must remain vigilant. Other battles await us.

Marc A. Pearl is Washington representative of the American Jewish Congress.

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Israel On Tisha b'Av

by William Safire

Don't believe the guff you've been hearing from defeated doves in Israel and disappointed liberals in the U.S. and in our State Department about what they claim is the failure of Israel's voters to choose a direction for their country.

The Israelis seemed to have every incentive to reject the policies of the right: galloping inflation, dissension about the war in Lebanon, the retirement of Menachem Begin and the exhortation of a media eager for the triumph of Labor's Shimon Peres.

Despite all these pressures, most Israelis refused — for the third time in a row — to turn back to Labor. Instead, the voters sent the message to politicians that the leadership offered by both major parties was unacceptable, and that the politicians should choose a government of all the parties to get the nation's act together.

The same sources who predicted this unexpected outcome two months ago now tell me that the voters' refusal to give power to either side could not have been more timely. The right-wing Likud had failed to bite the bullet on the economy; at the same time, dovish Labor had misread the mood of the country and of the armed forces after the war.

What was needed was precisely what happened: Israelis gave a swift kick in the teeth to the Old Order, to both the Government and its opposition. Now a chastened Mr. Peres will meet with the Likud's lame-duck leader, Prime Minister Shimon Peres, either to divvy up offices and waste time wrangling until the next election, or to use this brief respite from partisanship to heed the voice of the people.

To the limping left, that Israeli voice is saying: Cut out the hand-wringing about a "Vietnam syndrome" after Lebanon; although most generals voted with Labor, the privates went 55 percent to 45 percent for the Likud. Stop negotiating with phantoms over the West Bank and start dealing with the rights of Arab Israelis. Stop blaming an erosion of Labor support on the new political clout of Jews from Arab lands, and wake up to the hardening of Labor's political arteries — either of the Likud choices for the Knesset are under 40 years old, while only one of the new Labor members can make that claim.

To the rigid right, the voters are saying: Stop relying on your religious party connections to form a government and start reaching out for biggest party status. Recognize that Israel's greater danger now is economic weakness, and that the

Begin-Shamir Government was too fearful of unemployment to deal with inflation, for which it deserved to be rejected.

To both parties, the voters' message should be clear: Use this time for economic austerity leading to recovery, and no one side will be blamed for the necessary pains and cuts in spending that such austerity must entail. Beyond that, both parties must pick better candidates for the next campaign.

Personalities count. Mr. Peres tells me he plans to choose "a government of wide shoulders, to bear a heavy burden." Obviously Yitzhak Rabin, the former prime minister who turned out to be Labor's most effective campaigner, will be important to such a "ministry of all the talents."

In the Likud, behind Mr. Shamir stand Moshe Arens, David Levy and Ariel Sharon. There is talk of the dreaded Mr. Sharon for the Finance Ministry, because his opponents hope he would dig his political grave while getting the tough job done. Another possibility for the role of Dr. Gloom is party-switcher Ezer Weizman, the Jewish John Connolly.

Mr. Shamir seeks a rotation of the top offices, but that may be too discombobulating. Mr. Peres is trying to upgrade the Foreign Ministry into the No. 2 job for Mr. Shamir, so that Labor's Mr. Rabin can get the usual No. 2, the Defense portfolio. Mr. Levy cannot be eager for any wide coalition since it will surely rehabilitate his chief rival within the Likud, Mr. Sharon. And Labor's left wing hopes the attempt at unity will fail so that a narrower deal can be cut between the left and the religious parties. The maneuvering is politics at its most delicious.

The game of musical chairs will get the attention here this week, but the underlying story is the politicians' grudging response to the voters' demand for a deep breath and a new start. Labor's leader had been forced to offer to share power with his strongest rival and the Likud cannot honorably refuse that offer. The splinter and religious parties will no longer wield inordinate power.

On the eve of Tisha b'Av, anniversary of the destruction of the Temple, Mr. Peres and his political foes have been given the historic role of reconstructing Israel's stability. They will come together to share the unpopularity, and will then step aside for a return to healthy partisanship in a robust democracy.

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Letters TO THE EDITOR

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To The Editor:

The American Jewish Committee strongly opposes the provision passed by the House of Representatives denying public schools the right to prohibit silent prayer.

Since any person in a public school today is perfectly free to pray silently any time the spirit moves him to do so, this provision is totally unnecessary.

As far as a formal period of silence is concerned, we believe this constitutes a devotional exercise that circumvents the Constitutional prohibition against Government-sponsored prayer in public schools.

The unseemly haste with which this action was taken in a surprise amendment to a broader educational bill, when coupled with the rapid passage of Equal Access legislation, creates a troubled atmosphere that will send a signal to many Americans that this week was not a good one in Congress for supporters of the Constitutional separation of church and state.

The issue is, in any event, now before the U.S. Supreme Court, which has agreed to review the Alabama moment-of-silence statute that was struck down as unconstitutional by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit in the case of *Wallace v. Jaffree*.

We hope that the House's hasty action may still be corrected in the Senate. We urge the Senate to reject the silent prayer provision as passed by the House.

Dr. David M. Gordis
AJC Executive Director

To The Editor:

The advocates of this 'equal access' legislation openly proclaimed that its passage would be a way to get religion into the public schools. And they're right. Under the guise of free expression for

students, the bill will open our public school doors to religious and cult groups, some of which use high pressure proselytizing techniques. In addition, the measure could open to racist and extremist organizations the opportunity to operate in our public schools.

Seymour D. Reich
ADL

To The Editor:

The American Jewish Committee considers the recent passage by the House of Representatives of the Equal Access Bill as a sharp departure from Congress's traditional caution and concern that religious liberty and separation of church and state not be tampered with.

We are especially concerned that this bill was little debated in either the Senate or the House, and that a suspension of the rules was used to rush it through the House.

The measure as adopted is open to abuse by those who proselytize and seek to impose their religious preferences upon others. It would even allow extremist hate groups such as the Ku Klux Klan and the American Nazi Party to gain access to the public schools.

The only bright spot in this rather disturbing picture of congressional action is that even as Congress was considering such radical legislation, two U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeals, in Georgia and Pennsylvania, rendered decisions in two cases that struck down as unconstitutional public school religious activities that are very similar to those authorized by the Equal Access legislation.

The American Jewish Committee will closely monitor how this controversial law is implemented, and will remain ready to challenge unconstitutional practices that may grow out of its administration.

Howard I. Friedman

Israel's National Unity

Democracy is often a flawed and messy system for resolving the eternal problem of power. Israel's current problem in translating its popular will into a new government illustrated the wisdom of Winston Churchill's dictum that however cantankerous democracy may be, the other systems are worse.

Israeli President Chaim Herzog echoed public sentiment when, exercising his constitutional obligation, he designated Labor Party leader Shimon Peres to form a "strong and stable government." Peres will be free to form whatever coalition government he can, yet President Herzog made it plain that most Israelis long for a national unity government "based on cooperation among all the central groupings in the nation."

This means a governing cabinet that includes members from both the Labor alignment and the right-wing Likud bloc led by Yitzhak Shamir. Such a coalition is needed because, although Labor emerged from the recent elections with a three-seat plurality in the Knesset (parliament), neither party achieved majority status. To govern, either would have to form a coalition with several small special-interest parties that won 35 of 160 Knesset seats.

In the event that Peres wished to form a governing coalition with some of the smaller parties, it is not certain he can. The religious parties are partial to Likud. Any attempt to woo them would alienate the secular, progressive branch of the Labor alignment and would require that Peres offer large concessions on both power and policy. It may be that Labor could not offer such concessions and remain stable as a party. Even if such a government could be formed, it would be weak and tenuous.

Hence Peres declared that he would make an effort to carry out the popular mandate evoked by Herzog. Peres said he would try to form "as broad a government as possible, a government of national unity, which will bridge the rifts that have been discovered in the ground of our

existence."

It is this need to address the conflicts within Israeli society that makes the call for a national unity government appropriate.

Israelis are talking more openly about "rifts" that divide North African Jews from European Jews; hawks from doves; the wealthy from the poor; Arabs from Jews; Orthodox Jews from Reform and Conservative Jews; religious militants from secular citizens who wish to prevent Israel from being dominated by religious fanatics. In describing the animosities engendered by these conflicts — and the violent rhetoric practiced by Rabbi Meir Kahane — President Herzog spoke of an "absence of tolerance and dialogue." Without mentioning Kahane by name, Herzog denounced the new Knesset member's public call to expel all Arabs from Israel and the occupied territories as "frightening and disgraceful."

Above all, a national unity government appears necessary to cope with what Herzog called "an economic situation that may well be the most dangerous and difficult this state has ever known." Inflation now runs at 400 percent. Israel has the highest per capita foreign debt in the world, plus a growing balance of payments deficit and an expanding black market.

Ironically, it seems that only a national unity government can take the politically unpopular steps needed to impose an austerity program. If such steps are put off any longer, Israel will become more dependent on the U.S. and on a military-industrial complex that already accounts for 25 percent of industrial exports.

If the current crises in the economy and society of Israel are not resolved through the messy methods of democracy, there is a danger that Israel, like any democracy, might turn to other leaders willing to use other methods. That would usher in something much worse than democratic confusion.

Jewish Terrorist Sentenced

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Yosef Tzuria, one of 27 indicted members of the Jewish terrorist underground, was sentenced recently to six years in prison for his part in a conspiracy to blow up Islamic shrines on the Temple Mount.

Tzuria, a 25-year-old resident of Ramat Hasharon, was convicted of having observed the Temple Mount in preparation for a possible attack and having posed as an officer in order to purchase silencers for guns.

Three years of his sentence were suspended by Judge Yisrael Weiner of the Jerusalem District Court who said that in handing down sentence, he had weighed the seriousness of the crime on one hand, and the "defendants positive personal attributes" on the other hand.

It's only a shame, the judge continued, that someone like Tzuria would get involved in such a conspiracy. He said that among the reasons against being lenient were the potential damage to the state that might have been caused by such an attack on the Temple Mount, the effect it would have had on Moslems around the world and the need to deter others from repeating those acts in the future.

The court was surprised by the request of Tzuria's lawyer Yaacov Rubin, who asked that his client be released on reserve duty next month, as "an act of repentance." The request was denied.

Jews & Blacks: Indelible Bond

Jews and Blacks share an indelible bond from their collaboration in the civil rights movement that overrides present antagonisms, according to Basil Paterson, writing in the current issue of *Present Tense* magazine, published by the American Jewish Committee.

Paterson, former New York State Attorney General, analyzing the strength of past relations between Blacks and Jews, recalls: "Members of the NAACP and other black Americans were deeply aware that Jews suffered for thousands of years as victims of bondage, countless pogroms and the Holocaust; American Jews were equally aware that Blacks have suffered kidnapping, slavery, segregation, and continuing discrimination."

He adds, "In those early days and for many years thereafter, we shared a common struggle. Together Blacks and Jews were in the forefront of the American civil and human rights movements. We marched together in Birmingham and Selma. We prayed together and died together."

Despite current tensions, Paterson emphasizes that it was the old-style coalition of Blacks and Jews that succeeded in electing Black mayors in Chicago, Philadelphia and Los Angeles. "Many of us have continued to come together to reconfirm common goals of economic and political justice, an end to discrimination in whatever form and the vital importance of world peace," he explains.

Ellen Stone, editor of the Cambridge, Mass. Jewish journal, *Genesis 2*, asserts, "The current controversy over the Jesse Jackson campaign has obscured the fact that Jews continue to support Black causes in large numbers."

"Jews have found themselves in positions that make them visible, middle-level agents of a largely gentile society that oppresses Blacks," Ms. Stone continues. "The History of the supposed disintegration of the Black-Jewish coalition is a history of Blacks and Jews being set against each other."

In Boston, she notes, a number of

situations exist where Jews and Blacks are working cooperatively, both to improve their own relationship and to achieve mutual community-wide goals.

She points out: "The interaction between Boston's Black and Jewish leaders during the King (1983 black mayoral candidate Melvin King) campaign reflected what observers described as generally good relations between the city's Black and Jewish communities."

This has not been a quick or easy process, according to those interviewed by Ms. Stone.

Leonard Zakim, co-chairman of the Greater Boston Civil Rights Coalition and executive director of the ADL's New England branch, is quoted as stating that building a Black Boston-Jewish coalition has been a long and sometimes uncomfortable task. He uses an annual Black-Jewish seder as an example. "Only seven persons took part in the first seder four years ago," he recalls. "The next year there were 15, but it was held in an atmosphere of distrust and doubt about the commitment of either group to each other's concerns. This year, 200 participants, about half Blacks and half Jews, sat together at the ritual meal."

Nationwide, the American Jewish Committee has sponsored campus workshops between Black and Jewish students, co-chaired by Cherie Brown, an intergroup relations expert of Boston, and Joyce Duncan, a human relations consultant based in New York City.

These approaches represent the only common sense hope for putting out the dangerous fires that were fanned in the past few months by those on both sides of the controversy, who consciously or not, were playing into the hands of our enemies. Jews and Blacks must once again come together, not tear each other apart.

Those who counsel otherwise must be vigorously opposed for what they are — enemies of America, Jewry and decent people everywhere.

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Yeshiva Graduates Enter Prestigious Law Schools

Thirty-seven out of 38 Yeshiva University graduates who applied to law schools during the last academic year have been accepted by at least one American-Bar-Association-approved law school, giving the University a 97.5 percent law-school acceptance rate for the year.

The undergraduate, liberal arts and science divisions of the University are Stern College for Women (SCW) and Yeshiva College for men.

Michael Hecht, associate dean of Yeshiva College and University pre-law advisor, announced that all 29 1984 graduates of Yeshiva College who applied to law schools were accepted by at least one law school. Seven of the eight SCW graduates who applied were accepted.

The students will be attending some of the most prestigious law schools in the nation, Dean Hecht said. One will be attending Harvard Law School and one will be attending Yale Law School. Four have been accepted at Columbia University School of Law and 11 have been accepted at New York University Law School.

Some graduates will be attending Yeshiva University's own Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law.

Soviet Jewry Update

(JTA) — A small group of students staged a hunger strike across the street from the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D.C. last week to express solidarity with 100 people on a similar strike in Riga and Leningrad to protest the three-year prison term given to Zakhar Zunshain recently for "anti-Soviet propaganda."

Those fasting (but not abstaining from water due to extreme heat) from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. were Philip Machlin, U.S. chairman of the North American Jewish Students Network; Moshe Ronen, North American president of the Network; and Craig Zetley, national co-chairman of the National Jewish Law Students Network. They were joined in their vigil by Baruch Tegene, an Ethiopian Jew who now lives in Montreal, and Shlomit Shalom, an Israeli swimmer who was a member of the Israeli Olympic team at the Olympic Games in Munich in 1972. The chairman of the World Union of Jewish Students (WUJS), David Makovsky, has just begun a three-day hunger strike at the Western Wall in Jerusalem. Makovsky had invited Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Labor Party leader Shimon Peres to participate in the strike at the wall. They declined because of the elections; however, they both sent him telegrams saying they had contacted the Soviet Union about Zunshain and giving Makovsky their support.

Simultaneous one-day strikes were held by students of the Network all over the world — in Leningrad and Riga and affiliates of the WUJS in Israel, Europe, Australia, South America, South Africa and Canada.

The demonstrators in Washington began their protest by displaying placards. However, six D.C. police officers told them they would have to stand two blocks away unless they removed their placards. The group then disposed of their signs and regrouped across the street from the Embassy where a daily vigil has been held for

many years. They were joined after noon by the daily group.

One non-Jewish visitor to the Soviet Embassy carried in one of the protestors' news releases, and it was not returned. As a rule, the Soviets do not accept any written matter from the protestors and rarely is a demonstrator admitted to the Embassy.

Shalom's visit to Washington is part of a trip organized by the WUJS to commemorate the deaths of 11 Israeli athletes in Munich in 1972, and "to bring home to America and Canada the impact of the massacre on the media and the worldwide television audience," according to a spokesman.

Shalom took part in an all-night vigil on the evening of July 26 at Queens Park in Toronto, commemorating the Munich massacre. She then went to the Olympic Games in Los Angeles where the memorial program will be jointly sponsored by the Simon Wiesenthal Center. It was hoped that many of the Israeli athletes participating in the Olympics would participate. After the Olympics, she will take part in another program in Vancouver.

In a related story, one hundred and eighteen Jewish families in the Soviet Union have written President Francois Mitterrand of France asking him to help them obtain an exit visa and leave for Israel. A copy of the letter was made available to French reporters in Moscow. The 118 families from Moscow, Leningrad, Odessa and other major cities, said they "feel no hostility toward the Soviet Union," but want to leave for their own country, Israel. They said their departure is urgent because of their "unbearable conditions." Jewish sources say that over 25,000 Jews in the Soviet Union are still waiting for their exit visas. The Soviet authorities have granted only 222 visas during the first four months of 1984.

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National/World News

Washington Report: U.S. Officials Gloomy Over Israeli Economy

by Wolf Blitzer
Jerusalem Post

The State Department has concluded that Israel's economic situation is considerably worse than earlier believed.

In the immediate aftermath of the Israeli elections, several senior U.S. officials have privately suggested that Israel is going to have to get its economy in some semblance of order to avert a possible total collapse.

Consequently, there has been a reluctant but increased recognition among the Americans that a national unity government in Jerusalem, designed to focus on painful economic measures aimed at a recovery, might be the best course for Israel right now.

U.S. officials would have preferred a strongly-based Labor-led coalition government which might have simultaneously addressed the economic issues as well as a peace dialogue with Jordan. But since the election results appear to indicate that any Labor-led coalition would be weak and fragile, the Americans appear to be increasingly resigned to the prospect of a wall-to-wall Labor-Likud coalition.

There has been a deep sense of disappointment and frustration over the election outcome privately expressed among the Administration officials as well as many supporters of Israel in Congress.

Before the election, Secretary of State George Shultz was reported to have asked his Middle East policy specialists to list options available to bring Israel and the Arabs into a revived peace process. Now, however, U.S. officials say there is little hope for talks beginning soon.

Publicly, the Americans have refused to characterize the outcome of the election, fearful of interfering in domestic Israeli politics. The State Department issued a statement noting only that U.S.-Israeli relations will remain strong irrespective of the political party in power in Jerusalem.

Underlining the deep concern in Washington of the worsening economic plight in Israel, the State Department's senior Middle East specialist drew a very gloomy picture for members of the House Foreign Affairs sub-committee on Europe and the Middle East on July 25.

Assistant Secretary Richard Murphy, responding to questions posed by Democratic Congressman Stephen Solarz of New York, said he did not want to "over-dramatize" the situation, but he went on to note that the economic facts were bad.

He cited the increase in the inflation rate from 200 to 400 percent, and quoted Israeli economists as predicting that it might even reach 1,000 percent unless emergency action is quickly taken.

Murphy said there has been a dramatic reduction in foreign investment in Israel and that Israel's balance of payments deficits were increasing. "Everything is getting worse," he said.

He also noted that wages have "outstripped" production in Israel, adding that remedial steps are "going to be

painful."

Congress is currently considering two separate pieces of legislation which directly affect the Israeli economy — the pending \$2.6 billion economic and military aid grant for the coming fiscal year and the authorizing legislation aimed at establishing a free trade area between the U.S. and Israel.

Murphy suggested that several serious differences between the U.S. and Israel on the free trade area continue and that despite the strong support of both governments for the concept, an early resolution was unlikely.

The substance and tone of his remarks on this matter were in marked contrast to the optimistic assessment voiced in recent days by Israeli Minister of Commerce and Industry Gideon Patt.

Meanwhile, U.S. diplomats in the Arab world are seeking to put the best face possible on the outcome of the Israeli election, fearful of enhanced despair among the Arabs and possible openings to the Soviet Union.

Throughout Murphy's testimony, there was a constant reference to the accepted consensus at the State Department that a stalemate in the peace process merely creates opportunities for the Soviet Union to gain influence in the Middle East. "The vacuum in the peace process is an open ticket for the Soviets," he said.

He insisted that the Soviets have played a "destructive role" in the peace process.

That was why, U.S. officials later said, Murphy strongly repeated support for President Reagan's Sept. 1, 1982 Arab-Israeli peace plan and why he insisted that a revived U.S.-led diplomatic initiative was imperative as soon as possible.

Murphy, who reviewed the current situation in the Middle East, insisted that Jordan remains ready to enter the peace process with Israel.

"Jordan has maintained its continuing interest in seeking a political solution to the conflict with Israel," he said.

He also insisted that Syria would have to become involved in any revived negotiations.

Murphy said that Syria has recently been helpful in easing the situation in Lebanon. "In Lebanon," he said, "we see welcome signs."

"We believe that Syria has been one of the helpful players in these recent developments. We also believe that Lebanon needs peaceful, cooperative relations with both Syria and Israel. No lasting solution is possible which fails to take into account the interests of both of these important neighbors. We will continue to encourage Lebanon to deal directly with Israel on the issue of Israeli withdrawal from south Lebanon and security arrangements along their border."

Murphy, however, expressed regret that Lebanon had decided to shut down the Israeli Lebanon Bureau in Beirut. He noted that Syria had been strongly opposed to the Israeli presence in the Beirut area and had pressured hard to see

it removed.

Realistically, U.S. officials said, no serious new initiative was possible before the U.S. elections in November and before a strong Israeli government comes to power. In the interim, Washington will be largely treading water, trying to avoid any further setbacks to its interests in the region, while taking a relatively low profile.

One of the most embarrassing aspects of the election outcome for many supporters of Israel in Washington, especially in the Jewish political leadership, was the election of Rabbi Meir Kahana to the Knesset.

Kahana, a former New Yorker who founded the Jewish Defense League, is a very familiar figure on the American scene. Arab propagandists will now suggest that Kahana's elevation to the Knesset merely underlines the real intentions of Israel as a whole.

Kahana's oft-repeated statements calling for the Arabs to leave Israel have been well reported in the U.S. news media.

Certainly, Kahana's credibility on the American lecture circuit and radio and

television "talk shows" will now be enhanced — to the obvious displeasure of Israel diplomats, American Jewish leaders and other friends of Israel.

Defense Minister Moshe Arens, interviewed on ABC's "David Brinkley" program the day before the election, lashed out against Kahana as representing only a tiny fringe element of the Israeli society who would not be elected. But Arens, like so many other pundits, was wrong.

Thus, there were some very depressing assessments expressed by U.S. officials and public opinion molders, reminding some long-time observers of the similarly gloomy predictions awaiting Israel and the American-Israeli relations after Menachem Begin's initial election in 1977 and his re-election on 1981.

One American Jewish optimist noted that the situation did not totally collapse then "and it won't now."

"Don't worry so much," he told Jewish friends. "Israel has had many crises in the past and overcame them. It will do the same this time."

Jewish Leaders Angry Farrakhan Addressed Press Club

NEW YORK (JTA) — American Jewish leaders expressed anger and consternation at the National Press Club for providing Black Muslim leader Louis Farrakhan with a platform recently for his anti-Jewish and anti-Israel rhetoric.

But the Club's president, John Fogarty, who is Washington bureau chief of the San Francisco Chronicle, defended the Club's decision and said that if the opportunity had been provided, he would have invited Hitler to address the Club.

Fogarty also said he would allow Rabbi Meir Kahane, the New York-born leader of the extremist right-wing Kach movement in Israel, to address the Club now that Kahane has been elected to the Knesset.

Farrakhan addressed the press club for some 90 minutes, part of which was a speech, followed by a brief question and answer period. He assailed the American Jewish leadership as "spiritually blind," and accused them of having "abnormal" power over the United States government.

The head of the Chicago-based Nation of Islam group also said that "the Israel that is the creation of the Zionists" is "based on falsehood and cannot exit when truth comes." He said American Blacks are the "real chosen people."

Reactions By Jewish Leaders

Nathan Perlmutter, director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, said that providing Farrakhan "with a bullhorn for his ravings, the press is magnifying his significance. The result is print pollution..."

Albert Chernin, executive vice chairman of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, assailed the Club for "providing a known bigot with a platform."

Theodore Mann, president of the American Jewish Congress, called on the Rev. Jesse Jackson to "unambiguously repudiate Louis Farrakhan personally." Mann asserted that "people pay attention to Farrakhan only because of Jesse Jackson's refusal to repudiate his anti-Semitic associate."

Jackson, who staged an unsuccessful bid for the Democratic Presidential

nomination, has in the past months refused to repudiate Farrakhan personally, although he has sought to distance himself politically from his ally and supporter.

Farrakhan has outraged the American Jewish community with his disparaging remarks about Israel and Judaism which he called a "dirty religion." Some reports said he had called Judaism a "gutter religion." He called the creation of Israel on "outlaw act" and also termed Hitler a "wickedly great man."

Nonetheless, Farrakhan said recently he did not owe anyone an apology for his past remarks. He said, "There must be an unwritten law that Israel and Jews cannot be criticized, particularly by Blacks. Anyone who does so must bear the burden of being called an anti-Semite."

Press Club President's Rationale

Fogarty, in a telephone interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in Washington, said he had no regrets about having Farrakhan appear at the Club. "I think he came off as advertised," he added. In response to accusations that the Club was helping to make Farrakhan a media star, Fogarty noted that Farrakhan has already appeared on all the major network news broadcasts.

In allowing Farrakhan to speak at the Press Club, Fogarty continued, there was an opportunity for him to appear before a "neutral" forum, which he did not control and was subject to reporters' questioning. He said there were about 20 minutes of questions and answers following Farrakhan's opening speech.

The decision to allow Farrakhan to appear before the Press Club, which Fogarty said is designed to provide all types of individuals a forum to speak, was taken by the club's 26-member speakers' committee and was approved by Fogarty.

Fogarty said that before Farrakhan's appearance recently, the Club received four letters criticizing the decision. Since the luncheon, he said he has received 20 phone calls critical of the Club's decision.

Fogarty, in keeping with Club tradition, presented the Black Muslim leader with a certificate of appreciation and a Press Club windbreaker.

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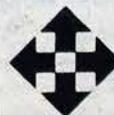
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Shimon Peres: Israeli Model Of Endurance

N.Y. Times

TEL AVIV — Shimon Peres, who was chosen to form a new Israeli Government, has arrived at the high point of his political career after years of bruising struggle, much of it within his own Labor Party.

The Prime Minister-designate, who turns 61 years old Aug. 16, began his work in the Government as a close aide of Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, whom he served for 12 years, most of them in the Defense Ministry.

It was a period of rapid advancement, but it was also marked by sharp criticism of Mr. Peres, who is known as a compulsive worker who rarely sleeps more than four hours a night.

He lists books as his hobby, and delights in quoting from them in speeches. His opponents, on the other hand, have over the years delighted in characterizing Mr. Peres as a schemer and a man without real political convictions.

Much of the criticism of Mr. Peres dates back to the early 1950's, when Mr. Ben-Gurion put him in charge of some of the Prime Minister's most delicate political projects. Mr. Peres, then in his 30's, operated with the full authority of Mr. Ben-Gurion, with the result that he sometimes bypassed responsible Cabinet officials.

Meir Reportedly Infuriated

Golda Meir, then Foreign Minister, was said to have been infuriated when she learned of Mr. Peres's secret missions to develop ties with African countries and of his visits to France and West Germany on military purchasing trips. He was also criticized for clandestine dealings with France on the construction of Israel's first atomic reactor, in the Negev.

At another point, critics assailed Mr. Peres for appropriating Defense Ministry funds to establish a chain of technology-based military industries that later branched out into the manufacture of consumer goods.

Some of the most wounding blows in Mr. Peres's career were struck years later, particularly by Yitzhak Rabin, the last Labor Prime Minister, who appointed Mr. Peres to his Cabinet — a decision Mr. Rabin said he had come to regret. Among other scathing comments about his former colleague in his memoirs, Mr. Rabin wrote that he could not believe a word that Mr. Peres said.

Mr. Peres's feud with Mr. Rabin may go back to 1959, when Mr. Rabin was appointed chief of the operations branch, the second highest position in the Israeli Army, and complained of what he called Mr. Peres's excessive authority in the Defense Ministry.

Sniping Within the Party

There was also resentment elsewhere in the party establishment over what was described as Mr. Peres's having been "parachuted" into Parliament in 1959 on Mr. Ben-Gurion's orders, ahead of veterans whom party regulars considered more deserving.

Mr. Peres's detractors could not fault his Zionist background, which was impeccable. He was born in Poland Aug. 16, 1923, to Isaac and Sarah Persky, and emigrated to Palestine in 1934. His father, a businessman, kept that family name, but Shimon and his brother Hebraized it to Peres (his name is pronounced SHEE-moan PEAR-eh).

At the age of 20, he was elected secretary of the Labor Youth Movement. In 1947 his career as a kibbutz farmer in Galilee ended when he was invited by Levi Eshkol, a future Prime Minister and then in charge of obtaining arms for the Jewish underground, to serve as an aide. With the



Shimon Peres

proclamation of independence the following year, Mr. Peres emerged as an aide in the Defense Ministry.

He married the former Sonia Gelman, and they have three children, a daughter who teaches linguistics and two sons, one an agronomist and the other an air force pilot.

Rising in Defense Ministry

After independence, Mr. Peres was sent to the United States as head of an Israeli defense mission. He used his three years there to take courses at New York University and Harvard. In 1952 he returned to Israel as Deputy Director General of the Defense Ministry and the next year was promoted to Director General, the top post, at the age of 29.

He became Deputy Minister of Defense shortly after his election to Parliament, and served in that office four years under Mr. Ben-Gurion and then two years under Mr. Eshkol.

When Mr. Ben-Gurion quit the Labor Party to form the rival Rafi Party for the 1965 elections, Mr. Peres followed his mentor. He served one term in Mr. Ben-Gurion's party and then returned with others to Labor in a separate Rafi faction. Mr. Peres held a series of lesser portfolios in Governments led by Mr. Eshkol and Mrs. Meir.

He made a bid for power, trying to fill a void after the top Labor leaders, including Mrs. Meir and Mr. Dayan, were discredited because of the armed forces' unpreparedness for the 1973 war. An influential party member, Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, recruited Mr. Rabin to block him. Mr. Rabin won the nomination and the election and appointed Mr. Peres Defense Minister.

In 1977, Mr. Rabin again defeated Mr. Peres for the party nomination, but the Prime Minister later dropped out after it was reported that he and his wife had violated Israeli law by keeping dollars in a Washington bank after he left his post as Ambassador there in 1973. The nomination fell easily to Mr. Peres, but he took the helm of a party in disarray and ultimately lost the election in the first Labor defeat in Israel's history.

As opposition leader, Mr. Peres was regarded by many of his colleagues as too mild-mannered in style and unnecessarily restrained in discussions of such subjects as foreign relations and security.

Freidan Says Women's Movement Can Energize Judaism

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Structural changes are needed in Jewish communities in the United States and Israel if the "new life" created by the women's movement is to be allowed to energize Judaism, feminist-author Betty Friedan told a conference here Monday night.

She noted that Jewish women's issues are "issues of survival," both in terms of the Jewish future and the survival of the human race in the nuclear era.

Friedan spoke to an overflow crowd at the opening session of the 20th American Jewish Congress American-Israel Dialogue at the Van Leer Jerusalem Foundation here. The four-day meeting, which is examining the role of Jewish women in Israel and America, includes prominent feminists from both countries.

Joining Ms. Friedan was Rivka Bar-Yosef, professor of sociology at Hebrew University and first advisor to the Prime Minister on the state of women in Israel. The evening was chaired by Theodore Mann, president of the AJCongress.

Friedan told the participants that when she visited Israel 10 years ago, feminist ideas were perceived as threatening to the survival of the

family. "Now it is clear," said the author of *The Feminine Mystique* and *The Second State*, "that only with women's full equality, will we have the continuation of a strong family."

Jewish Women As Scapegoats

Friedan also warned that Jewish women have been used as "scapegoats" in the international arena by "regimes of the left and the right" who have targeted them for attack at international women's conferences in order to divert attention from fundamental social and political problems.

She advised the Jewish communal leaders in Israel and America to prepare for the upcoming United Nations-sponsored "International Women's Decade Conference" to be held in Nairobi in 1985.

In the past, countries that most strenuously attacked Israel at these conferences were countries that opposed equality for women and used an assault on Zionism to direct attention away from legitimate women's issues, she noted.

Bar-Yosef stressed that while Jewish women in Israel and the United States face many similar problems, Israeli women face special problems intrinsic to their own society.

"Civilization & Jews" To Air On WSBE-TV October 1

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extraordinary. Encapsulating five millennia of Jewish history in the context of the Jews' relationships with other Western religious traditions and the development of secular Western civilization, the series is narrated with clarity and insight by Abba Eban.

Eban, who visited Rhode Island last year and spoke at Temple Beth-El in Providence, filmed a segment of the series at the Touro Synagogue in Newport. That particular segment, which chronicles the origins and development of Jewish history in the United States, will be aired later this fall. Eban is best known as Israel's first representative to the United Nations and for serving as vice president of the General Assembly in 1953. He is also a prolific writer. His most recent book is entitled *The New Diplomacy: International Affairs in the Modern Age*.

"Jewish history is a dramatic story," says Eban. "It has been told in parchment, sculpture, music and writing; but it has never been told on television as vividly as we tell it."

Tracing Jewish Roots

The first program in the series covers the period of time that begins about 5000 BCE and ends with the establishment of King David's centralized monarchy. The episode establishes the empires of Egypt and Mesopotamia, civilizations that existed for almost 3000 years before the emergence of the Hebrews, and recounts the patriarch Abraham's covenant with God. The Exodus provides a primary theme in the program.

The major theme of the second program is the emergence of a Jewish identity based on ideas rather than territory. It explores the interaction of ideas between the Jewish world and the nations of Greece and Rome.

The first two programs also introduce anti-Semitism throughout the history of

Jewish life in the world. Abba Eban, in a powerful tone, recounts the early attacks against Jews in Spain, despite their having brought translations of early Greek literature and philosophy to the country. He explores how Jews were persecuted in England and banished from the country, how the Talmud was put on trial in Paris and later burned along with other Jewish manuscripts, and how Jews were even blamed for the Black Death, or the bubonic plague, which killed Jew and non-Jew alike throughout Europe in the late 1300's. In a beautifully photographed sequence, the countryside of the early Jewish settlements is shown. The narration by Eban is frequently interrupted to include the voices of other speakers who reenact the plight, anguish and joys of the Jews during this part of their history. Manuscript paintings from the time are used as an integral visual aid, as well as the inclusion of period music.

Comprehensive History

By the tenth episode, *Heritage* will have told its story in the words of primary sources ranging from the Egyptian Book of the Dead and the Bible to the histories of Philo and Josephus; from the writings of medieval sages to the philosophy of Maimonides. The series will draw on the political philosophy of Marx, the insights of Freud, the vision of Zionist Theodore Herzl, and the essays of Einstein.

Executive producer of *Heritage* is Marc Siegel, who has an extensive background of film productions with Jewish themes.

The program will also serve as the centerpiece for a comprehensive educational program to be offered by the Community College of Rhode Island in cooperation with Channel 36. Information about the credit-course based on the TV series can be obtained by calling CCRI's office of off-campus programs at 333-7127.

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Around Town

by Dorothea Snyder



A popularity contest wasn't on the day's agenda.

But it did turn out to be a popular election by the happy campers who unanimously chose its director among the best Camp Jori has to offer.

"I didn't put them up to this," a smiling Marshall Gerstenblatt says. "Honestly."

I believed the amiable and energetic director who tabulated this year at the Point Judith campsite as his twelfth and camping, in general, his twenty-first year.

Touring around the camp, he points out three athletic fields, the crystal clear pool where swimmers' splashing sprays refresh us from the late morning sun, the old dining hall converted into the spacious Ruth and Samuel Markoff Arts and Crafts Center, and the Ruth and Max Alperin Dining and Recreation Hall.

Marshall shows his pleasure over the camp's progress. The campers with whom I sit at lunchtime like the new changes and additions, too. As hot a day as it was, cross

KIDS ARE WHY WE'RE HERE

breezes easily cooled off a damp tendril or two.

In between our hike through the camp's grounds, Marshall unfolds his philosophy about kids, staff and camp. "I'm people oriented more than program oriented. I want high quality staff. My kids are individuals. I want staff who are caring and understanding to their needs. I deal with kids and their relationships to other kids in camp. We want everyone to have a good summer, and we'll always go the extra mile to ensure that.

"If I've got good people, I can adjust their talents and they can plug into an activity." Camp Jori has 22 staff and 110 campers. "Being small," he notes, "enables me to do that. With that number of staff, I can be extremely selective in the people I hire. I can also be structural program-wise."

The campers who spot their director leading me here and there were quick to clamor for his response. A big "Hi!" from him was worthier than the chocolate cake dessert at lunch. They could have both.

He bats a homerun for youngsters pleading for him to do so. Always an exchange of words and pleasantries and humor. He is a kid's person. Staff, too, feel free to come to the combined office home cabin occupied by Marshall and his wife, Barbara, who assists with the camp's kitchen organization. His daughters, Andrea, 16, and Lori, 14, "have grown up in camp," he says.

"We don't sit in our house and record information," Marshall explains, indicating that he is out there with the kids and joins in with them. "My doors are open 24 hours a day. We let our counsellors know this. After all, we're part of what is here."

A group of 8, 9 and 10-year-olds was

asked what they liked about camp. Carole Tolchinsky says, "I like the game room, the new dining hall, the friends I've made at camp, and I like most of the activities in the daytime and nighttime." Nancy Oster says, "I like the game room, the director, my counsellors, my bunk." "I like everything, mostly the director," says Amy Fink.

Robin Meisler was in agreement with her friends on every count. "I like general swim, the Water Whiz at Misquamicut, the gold rush activity. I mostly like Marshall the best," pipes in Debbie Hackett. "I like candy call," Danielle Smith says, and "I like Marshall the most." "I like Friday night services too," adds Karin Zell.

Lisa Fink and Suzanne Pritzker think alike. Both express that they "like Marshall and candy call." Alice Mosseri chimes the last sentiment with "I like all the activities, the game room, the pool and the director."

The senior boys shared some input into the interview. Troy Marzetta, eager to contribute, says "We have fun and hardly ever run out of things to do. The food's okay. We advise everybody to come to this camp." Russell Oster said he liked the changes at camp, the new dining room and the game room. "It's a cool camp," quipped Jack Brown.

There is a sign that is attached to the fireplace mantle in the Marshalls' cabin. It reads, "Advice to Crew — 'If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something.'"

By all happy appearances and feelings in the atmosphere at Clarke Road, nothing seems to be overlooked at Camp Jori. If anything has been overlooked, it won't be for long.



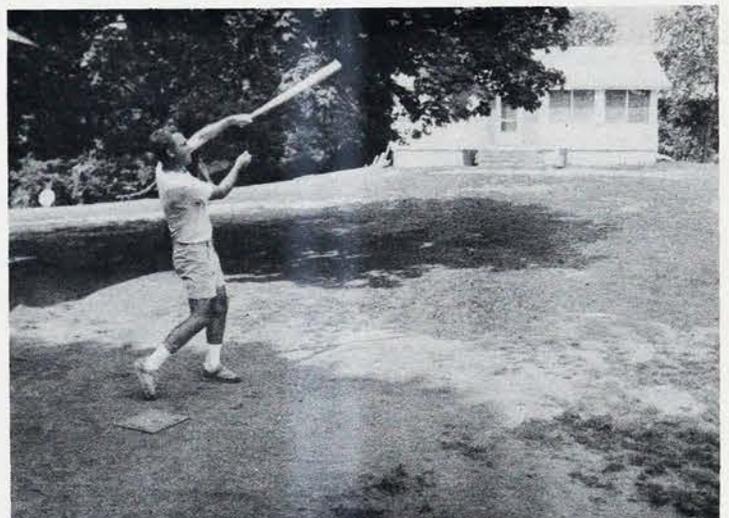
Sitting lively on the steps of the rec. hall are bottom row, from left, Suzanne Pritzker, Danielle Smith, Lisa Fink. Middle row, from left, Amy Fink, Karin Zell, Robin Meisler. Top row, from left, Carole Tolchinsky, Nancy Oster, Alice Mosseri, and Debbie Hackett with her arm around counselor Reva Schlessinger. (Photos by Dorothea Snyder)



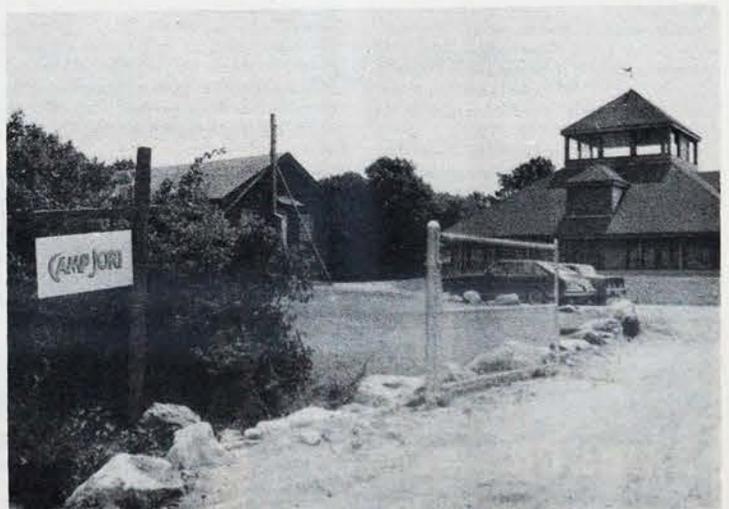
Getting ready for the line-up are Joel Greenstein with bat, Danny Boren next to him, Derek Shapiro, Seth Shapiro, David Roemer, Ben Mirkin, Eric Levine, Joseph Allen. They're assisted by counselor Susan Roiff and David Halpert.



A bit of cheesecake from half the senior boys' cabin. From left to right, Michael Levine, Jeff Finger, Jack Brown, Troy Marzetta, Steven Pansey, Russell Oster, Bill Moss, Brian Karp. At rear is counselor Ilya Freedman.



"Casey at the Bat?" — Director Marshall Gerstenblatt sends the ball sailing.



Welcome to Camp Jori . . . and the newly dedicated Ruth and Max Alperin Dining and Recreation Hall seen from the camp's entrance.

Education

Cindy Gilman: Teacher, Performer & Psychic



by Robert Israel

Cindy Gilman, who writes the monthly *Mameh Loshn*, *Yiddish Loshn* column for this newspaper, is a Yiddishist, a teacher, performer and a psychic.

Cindy, who taught at the Temple Beth Am-Beth David religious school and at Temple Torat Yisrael's Bet Talmud last year, will be teaching at Temple Emanu-El's religious school this year. She will be teaching a pre-school class and a course for the high school entitled, "The Golden Age of Second Avenue," which will introduce students to the Yiddish culture that flourished in this country around the turn of the century.

"During the first semester, we'll be learning about Yiddish music and literature," she told me, "and during the second semester, I'll be teaching the students how to perform an actual Yiddish vaudeville show, with the students themselves writing the comedy routines and the sketches."

Cindy, who hails from Boston, received her training in Yiddish while a student at the Workmen's Circle School. At age seven she began singing professionally.

"The more I learned," she said, "the more I wanted to learn about Yiddish music and culture. I performed in the Catskills and in a Yiddish theatre in Miami Beach, Florida. Because I was so young at the time and shorter than the other performers, they dressed me up as a young orphan and I sang the orphan songs."

But what of that other part of her life, her psychic abilities? Cindy Gilman is unusual in that she makes a good deal of her living from working as a psychic.

"I first became aware of my psychic abilities when I was very young," she said. "But I didn't think it was anything special. I figured all kids had this thing. I was beginning to feel things... forecast events. I foretold illnesses and problems and it was part of me. I thought it was part of all children."

Later on, when she was performing as a Yiddish entertainer and singer in the nightclubs when she was in her 20's, she began to "pick up information from people in the audience, which I incorporated into my act."

When she returned to Boston after several years in New York, Cindy went about trying to educate the public about psychic experiences and to expose the public to "people who are not legitimate, the quacks, who misrepresent the psychic experience." She did this by appearing on

radio talk shows and on television.

But just what is psychic ability? "Psychic ability is being able to pass on information that is received through perception, through meditative thoughts. When I give a reading about someone, I get a visual picture and I'm able to perceive future events. I am also to perceive the passage of energy, which is called psycho-kinesis. Because I am known as a psychic sensitive, when I'm working with a person, information comes to me and I feel a person's health problems within my own system.

"I've been involved in psychic work for the past fifteen years and have covered every aspect of it. What I do frequently now is what I call psychic counseling. I do a reading about someone and can tell about that person's past as well as present and future because often there are problems from the past that have not been resolved and there is a block that prevents the person from moving ahead into the future. Through my counseling, I am able to see avenues another person might not be able to see."

People usually come to Cindy Gilman to ask if she has insight into their personal life, most frequently seeking information about their love life, what lies ahead in their professional life, questions about money and so forth. People have also come to her for ways of finding lost relatives or lost articles.

"Another part of my work is to work with the police," she said. "I find this kind of work very rewarding. I am often called in to work on missing children cases, which can be very painful. Usually, when a psychic is called in to find a missing child, he or she is called in as a last resort, when all other avenues are closed. When I'm called in I often have to deal with the grim results."

Cindy, who is available for private psychic consultations, believes that everyone has ESP.

"We all have these abilities in different magnitudes," she said. "If you know if someone is calling you before the phone rings, or if you bump into someone on the street after having thought about doing just that minutes before it happens, this is also ESP."

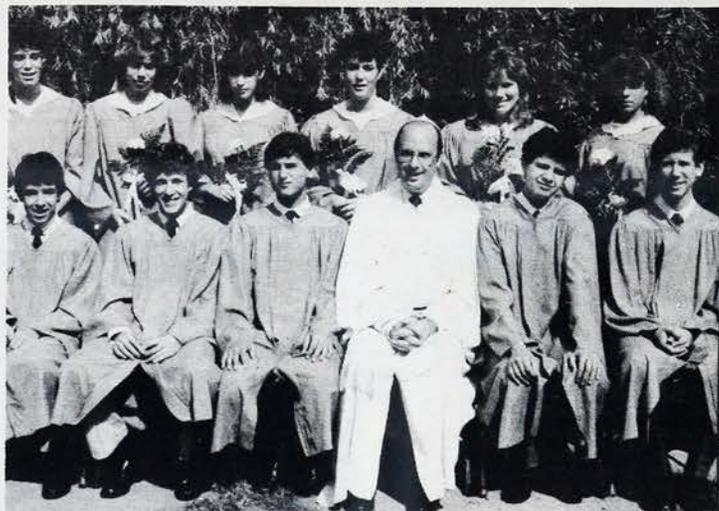
Does Cindy Gilman think that her work as a psychic interferes with her Judaic background?

"I think ESP is a natural ability," she said. "I have a strong faith and involvement in Judaism and my involvement as a psychic has only strengthened my abilities. Many Jewish people shy away from ESP because they feel it may conflict with their religious philosophy, but if you examine that philosophy, you will find that it is steeped with esoteria. The Bible is filled with stories of people who had strong psychic abilities, from the Prophets to the Kabbalah all the way to the Chasidic rabbis."

Free Adult Ed Classes

The Rhode Island Regional Adult Learning Project, (Project RIRAL) which offers free adult education programs, is beginning a special summer semester this school year. Although RIRAL is based in Northern Rhode Island, its classes are available to all residents of the state. RIRAL offers instruction in basic reading, basic math, and basic grammar; preparation for the high school equivalency exam; and instruction in English as a second language.

Registration for the summer term may be made by calling 762-3841 or by visiting the office.



CONFIRMATION CLASS OF JUNE 1984, TEMPLE BETH EL

Seated, left to right: Scott Rosenbaum, Jeffrey Barry, Danny Forman, Rabbi Leslie Gutterman, Boris Tabenkin, Peter Corwin; standing, left to right: Stephanie Nachbar, Susan Block, Laura Curran, Alison Goldberg, Lori Ann Selya, Lori Pass.

Computers Aid Math Education

Computers are a very important part of the mathematics education curriculum, according to the authors in the 1984 Yearbook of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM), *Computers in Mathematics Education*.

"Although the responsibility for computer education does not, and should not, rest solely with mathematics education, the innate mathematical bases of the technology — and experience with its use as a mathematical problem-solving tool — place a heavy burden on mathematics educators to provide leadership and chart direction for computer education," says Elizabeth M. Glass, Connecticut Department of Education.

Advances in computer technology will make an imprint on both mathematics and the teaching of mathematics. The speed of the computer's calculations makes some mathematical ideas more important because it has made them more usable, according to one mathematician. "The role of the teacher will change notably, but the importance of the teacher will be magnified," says Glass.

Using the principle that "the computer is used to instruct when it provides learning experiences not available by ordinary means," Audrey B. Champagne and Joan Rogalska-Saz, Learning Research and Development Center, University of Pittsburgh, have developed a program by which students simulate the handling of blocks. The blocks, which are proportional representations of units, tens, hundreds, and thousands, model the decimal numeration system.

"Microcomputers can be used effectively in the elementary schools in a variety of ways. In the lower elementary grades, a microcomputer can be particularly effective as a learning center," says William H. Kraus, Wittenberg University. He then goes on to describe some computer activities designed to provide not only drill and practice but also enrichment experiences.

"Courseware materials should be viewed... as learning activities that can support and enhance the mathematics curriculum as it evolves in our schools," according to Suzanne K. Damarin, Ohio State University. She describes courseware designed to enrich three basic mathematical topics: geometry, estimation, and basic concepts of probability and statistics.

"With the impact of technology on our lives, students should be studying topics today that are related to something that is happening today," Thomas T. Liao and E.

Joseph Piel, State University of New York at Stony Brook, provide an example that makes their point. In their words, "The activity described... uses a tool of technology to analyze a situation involving technology and society that most high school students face every day." To solve the "yellow light problem," students must consider the factors involved in the design and timing of traffic lights. Using the computer, they can test their designs by simulating traffic conditions.

Math Through Programming

"There is a role for programming in mathematics education. But as you consider the options, make a clear distinction between the study of programming, which belongs to the domain of computer literacy and computer science, and the use of programming to achieve learning objectives in mathematics. Programming in mathematics education is defensible to the extent that it helps achieve goals for school mathematics," say John S. Camp and Gary Marchionini, Wayne State University, Detroit.

Another who supports teaching children to program computers is Richard J. Shumway, Ohio State University. "It is my basic view that as soon as children are in schools they should have opportunities to program computers to solve mathematics problems."

"If programming is integrated with the mathematics curriculum, then the extra time spent learning to program is minimal," says Susan Smith, an intermediate grade teacher in El Paso, Texas. "Programming can be incorporated into, and enhance the learning of, new concepts and skills... The teacher introduces a new skill, the students work a number of problems until they think they can tell the computer how to do them, and finally the students program the computer and test their program. This programming activity gives students additional practice on the concept, tests their understanding of the concept, increases their programming skills, and gives them a better understanding of computers."

"Almost two decades ago, Morris Kline (1966) recommended that 'by utilizing real problems chosen from the world in which the student lives and involving phenomena which he himself experiences we may be able to motivate the study of mathematics.' To date, Kline's recommendation has had little impact on secondary school mathematics curricula or its teaching."

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Social Events

Rothmans Married 50 Years



Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rothman

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rothman of 36 Roger Williams Green, Providence, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a party held in their honor at the home of their daughter in Canton, Mass.

The party was given by the couple's two children Martin Rothman of East Providence and Gloria Pollack of Canton. Guests attended from Rhode Island, Connecticut, Massachusetts and New York.

NCJW Names Executive

NEW YORK, NY — Iris Gross, Director of Central Services, National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW), will be designated a Certified Association Executive (CAE) at a special recognition ceremony in Minneapolis, MN. The award ceremony will be held in conjunction with the American Society of Association

Executive's 64th Annual Meeting & Exposition, August 4-8.

CAE designation is the culmination of a rigorous testing and evaluation process. Applicants must have either five years experience as an association executive or three years as a chief staff executive. Once those requirements are met, candidates must submit a personal data form and successfully complete a comprehensive, one-day examination which tests their general knowledge of the association management profession.

Ms. Gross is an executive with the National Council of Jewish Women, which, established in 1893, is the oldest Jewish women's volunteer organization in America. NCJW's more than 100,000 members in 200 Sections nationwide are active in the organization's priority areas of women's issues, Jewish life, aging, children and youth, and Israel.

Dr. Jeffrey A. Ross Podiatric Surgeon

Dr. Jeffrey A. Ross will be certified as a Diplomate of the American Board of Podiatric Surgery on August 15.

Dr. Ross practices in Houston, Texas. He is a Fellow in the American College of Foot Surgeons. In the five years he has lived in Houston, he has run in five marathons including those in New York and Boston.

He is the son of Irving Ross of Providence and Irving Katz of Great Neck, New York. He is the grandson of Sadie Goldstein of Providence and the late Louis Goldstein.

B'nai B'rith Garden Club To Meet

The B'nai B'rith Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, August 16 at noon in the Club Room of the Four Seasons Apts. in East Providence. The program will consist of a luncheon-cookout and the installation of officers.

For further information, call May C. Litchman at 751-6255.



Making arrangements for American Cancer Society Ball to be held at Roseliff on August 18 are, left to right, Mrs. Burton Sackett, publicity co-chairman; Mrs. Leland Jones, chairman of Career Ball; Mrs. Bea Rosenstein, publicity chairman; Mrs. Oscar Leach, state chairman of special events.

Providence YMCA Tennis Tournament

The Providence YMCA and the Providence Recreation Department will conduct the second annual Providence YMCA Open Tennis Tournament on Friday, August 10 through Sunday, August 12 at the Hope High School tennis courts on Hope Street in Providence. The tournament will include men's singles, A & B, and doubles, ladies' singles and doubles and mixed doubles.

Boys and girls will have events in the 15 and under categories.

The deadline for registration is Thursday, August 9 at 10:00 a.m. Contact Patrick Markey or Tony Dodge at the Providence YMCA, 456-0100 for more information.



Neil Steinberg With Investment Firm

Neil D. Steinberg of Providence, former vice president in the Corporate Banking Division of Fleet National Bank, has become an associate in DWQ Associates, a Providence-based investment banking firm specializing in mergers, acquisitions and divestitures. He had been with Fleet for nine years.

Joan Segal Promoted

PLYMOUTH, MA — Joan E. Segal has been promoted to Assistant Business Unit Manager of Flexible Packaging at Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc.

In this position, Ms. Segal will assume additional responsibilities in the areas of sales forecasting, development of advertising and promotion budgets, and monitoring of department expenses.

Ms. Segal joined Ocean Spray in 1981 as New England Regional Sales Manager, and since 1983 has held the position of Marketing Staff Assistant.

Ms. Segal holds a B.A. from the University of Vermont, and is presently working toward an M.B.A. at Boston College. She currently resides in Boston, MA.

Barbara Macy Receives Law Degree

Barbara J. Macy, daughter of Att. and Mrs. Edwin A. Macy, graduated on May 27 from Northeastern University Law School with a Doctor of Juris Prudence Degree. She was chosen by her class to be their commencement speaker.

Ms. Macy attended the Mary C. Wheeler School and Boston University from which she graduated magna cum laude. She plans to practice law in the Boston area. She is the granddaughter of the late David and Bella Kniznik of Providence and David and Sara Macy of Fall River.

Cancer Fund-Raiser For Miriam Hospital

The third annual "Cancer Fund-Raising Lawn Party" will be held Aug. 18 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 178 Doyle Ave., Providence. Funds raised will be contributed to the **CANCER RESEARCH PROGRAMS** at Miriam Hospital, Providence. In addition to free sandwiches, salads and beverages, the event will include live music and entertainment by Strike Force and the Larry Jordan's Inner Circle. Those unable to attend may contribute by mailing a check or money order payable to Cancer Research to Ivor Mason, 178 Doyle Ave., Providence, 02906. Also, individuals or organizations who would like to assist in any way, by donating time or food for the festivities, may call 751-0215 after 5 p.m. weekdays or anytime during the weekend.



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On Being Single And Jewish

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meet one another.

"Family is the backbone of Judaism," Jaffe says, "and yet if something is publicized as a family activity, I don't feel wanted. I stay away from 'family' services, and I won't use the word 'family' in announcing any of the Center Singles events.

"I'm constantly trying to refine the needs of the various segments of the single community," Jaffe says. "I don't want to see one Jew lost to Judaism. What right do I have to let one Jew go through my fingers?"

The group's dynamics work on two levels, she says. First, it is important to let singles see they are not alone, that there are lots of other people out there who have similar life styles, similar needs. "People may come here alone, but we hope they will make friends both with members of the opposite sex and of the same sex.

"We discuss what to do about loneliness, anger and rejection. This helps to start the integration process that can bring singles to feeling comfortable with their state," Jaffe says.

On a second level, and more importantly, she adds, all of this appeals to her values as a Jewish communal worker. "If a Jewish fellow and a Jewish woman meet in our group and marry, then we've helped to perpetuate Judaism." In connection with this, Jaffe notes that singles tend to feel that volunteering is something for married people, something they'll do when they're married.

The Jewish community needs workers in all agencies, Jaffe feels, and single people are an untapped resource here. Volunteering also tends to 'work' for singles personally in that it helps them to feel needed and increases their social contacts. Volunteering, she feels, can be an important element of the networking process from which singles benefit.

"A good network of friends can be more important to the single or the newly single than can access to a therapist," Jaffe contends, "and that's what we're here for.

"We have a single adult committee here at the center, and some have become board members," she adds.

Although the Center Singles group is all about making friends and making marriages, it is not about searching. "You stop searching when you feel completely alone and when you've accepted your single life style," the coordinator says. "The feeling of completeness is a very healthy thing. If one accepts the finality of the end of a marriage, then the adjustment to single life can begin."

Then things get even better, she feels, because with this adjustment comes freedom where there are restrictions in marriage. No one tells you what to do, what to wear, how to behave.

What can the Jewish community at large do for its singles? "Because Judaism is so family-oriented, the temples could have dinners for singles and for others alone in the community on Shabat and Rosh Hoshanna," Jaffe feels.

And most interestingly, Jaffe feels "People should assume the matchmaking can be a valid way of making contacts, but people are afraid of getting involved. It would be nice if every temple had a matchmaker," she says.

Center Singles has 700 people on its mailing list and averages 30 new names per month. But attendance at individual events varies from 20 to 35 or less for discussion groups where smaller numbers are an asset.

Judith Jaffe, with Ellen Steingold of the Jewish Family Service, will be teaching a course "Divorced and Jewish" as part of Temple Emanu-El's Tuesday night adult education program.

On taking leave of her, I remark that she really looks wonderful and very together. She quickly comes back with, "That's because I'm single."

Jewish Single Adults

When Jewish single adults speak out, their voices are for the most part not angry, not strident, but rather controlled and reflective. When they come together for singles' activities like those sponsored by the Shalom Singles of the South Shore Jewish Community Center it is for companionship and because, as Maurice Bryer, a widower from Canton says, "We have two things in common. We're single and we're Jewish."

Bryer, a widower for one year who has

five children, two of whom are still at home, says, "I felt I had to get out and meet new people and do things with a group. I feel I'm very vulnerable because I'm so new to single life."

The group he joined, Shalom Singles coordinated by Liz Diamond, has an active membership of about 150 people with a female-to-male ratio of about three or four to one. How do the women feel about this?

"The women find a great deal of companionship with one another," Bryer says, adding that on a recent trip to Provincetown on Cape Cod, there were four men out of the 26 people attending.

Bryer wishes more men would join the group, but he feels men "hold back and are afraid." A possible solution to this problem would be to do more things jointly, "in connection with the group in Provincetown or the one in Newton," with which Shalom Singles has shared some activities in the past, he said.

Ruth Cantor is co-chairperson of Shalom Singles and a divorced mother of two children who live with her in her suburban South Shore home. As a single parent, she faces issues both from her background in Judaism and her present status as a person "in between" the role of the single and that of the parent.

"From my background I was raised to be married. From a Jewish point of view, I feel the pressure to be married. It's ingrained in me. My late mother was more of a problem at the time of my divorce than was my husband," she says. "My mother simply could not accept the fact that there had to be a divorce."

"I grew up with the old notion that the woman gets married; the husband becomes the doctor or the lawyer. I guess there's still a bit of old world feeling about marriage for me," Ruth says.

When first divorced 10 years ago, Ruth, an administrative assistant for an accounting firm in Boston, admits that "finding a mate was then my number one goal."

"But not anymore," she says, "I've gotten more comfortable with being single. No one tells me what to do, and I can raise my children as I see fit. At first I was afraid to be alone, but not any more."

Ruth has also faced the financial pressures that come with being a single parent. The state of Massachusetts taxes her as a single person — period, with no consideration of the fact that she is raising two children. "Other singles might have elderly parents to support," she adds.

"But my temple was very considerate of the financial pressures on me for many years," Ruth says. Those pressures, she adds, have since diminished somewhat.

Before joining Shalom Singles, Ruth tried a now-defunct singles group at her temple. "We'd meet and chat at one another's houses, but it failed largely because it needed more organizational direction behind it and because of the small numbers it attracted."

"Perhaps if the temples had a leader for single adults as they do for youth groups, it might help," Ruth adds.

Ruth echoes some of the things Judy Jaffe's research and experience have taught her. "Single divorced women pose a threat to married women. I don't have any interest in married men."

"Married women don't mind inviting single men to their gatherings, but they don't tend to include single women," she says.

The best way to meet eligible men is through friends, Ruth feels, "but couples usually don't know many single men, and sometimes don't want to take the risk of fixing people up."

"Right now, I'm content," Ruth says. I think most singles would like to marry someday, especially as they get older. But for now, meeting other single women for companionship is important to me, and that's the bulk of my social life."

Dr. Edward Fink of Providence, a psychiatrist at Butler Hospital, is a divorced father of two children. He has had several years of involvement in Jewish singles groups, and feels that some of the limitations on what they can do stem from financial constraints. Other limitations to their effectiveness, he feels, come from the problem of scheduling singles events for "prime time" in temples and community centers because of their family orientation.

He suggested that perhaps a supra-group or umbrella group that would encompass a larger area but would include local singles groups could be formed to increase the numbers of singles participating.

One of the local Unitarian Churches has inter-faith singles activities, Dr. Fink noted, but added that these would not necessarily replace activities sponsored by the community centers or temples.

Dr. Fink feels that the Jewish community at large can work with singles in a way that is analogous to the way it works with married couples. "If temples sponsor dances, theater and various education groups for couples, then in the same way, these could be sponsored for singles."

"There is a significant difference in needs between singles who have children and those who don't," Dr. Fink claims. As a single parent, Dr. Fink said he worries most about the continuing development of his relationship with his children.

"I'm concerned about their getting the adult support they need. For example, I would assume the role of monitoring their doing homework if I lived with them," he said.

"Children of divorced parents have a lot of losses in contact with the extended family — with aunts, uncles and grandparents. And the contact they do have is often infrequent and riddled with problems," he added.

Young singles do have an increased fear of making the commitment to marry, Dr. Fink agreed. "They see the frequency of marital breakup around them. In addition, young people today are developmentally more self-focused; it's my career, my hobby and so on."

This self-focus can be good for singles in that it can lead to marriages of people who are developmentally at similar stages, he said.

"Then we wouldn't see the marriage of the successful professional to the woman who ended her education and career early in order to support her husband," he said.

In general, Dr. Fink sees any form of coercion to marry within the fold of Judaism as a "form of politicizing in the most general sense." Though he says he himself

would prefer to marry a Jew, he would marry a non-Jew if that seemed the best thing to do. A single adult Jew is an adult first, he feels, and doesn't do well to relinquish his adulthood by letting someone else tell him what to do.

Jewish Educator — Parent

Elliot Schwartz, director of the Bureau of Jewish Education and the father of three unmarried sons, brings the perspective of a Jewish educator and parent to the issue of single life for the adult Jew.

He speaks passionately and thoughtfully of the need to reach out to single adults and to provide them with activities to which they can relate and gravitate.

"I feel that the Jewish single has not been given enough attention in our agency network. We provide for our senior citizens, our children, our infirm, but not for them," he said.

"There isn't recognition that a problem or a vacuum exists, particularly in our temple structure," he added. "Temples must provide social outlets on a level that will interest the single."

"As married couples, we become involved in our own clique," Schwartz says. But there are many unmet needs out there among the singles and the single parents, he feels.

This was brought home to Schwartz when "three years ago we started a Home Start program intended to reach out to Jewish families with holiday materials for use in the home. After it was publicized, we got many responses from single parents. Of 175 responses, 20 were from divorced and single parents or from Jews who had intermarried," he said.

Schwartz sees as threatening to the vitality of future Jewish families the declining Jewish birth rate, the decreased number of young people opting for marriage at all, the statistic that tells that 50 percent of all people married in the last decade are now divorced and the substantial increase in the number of intermarriages among Jews.

"Single people in their 30's sometimes feel marriage is optional. Some feel that they can even choose to have children without getting married," Schwartz noted.

"There's a kind of naiveté about all that," he agreed. "These young people, many of them very well-educated, should be exposed to equally well-educated Jews of their own age who have found fulfillment and joy in Jewish family life."

"You know," Schwartz said, "we've recently seen the development of the Havura, which is a fellowship of people who are similar in age or interests, and who meet in one another's homes for Jewish fellowship. So far it has been limited to couples with families. But wouldn't it be wonderful if we could identify Jewish singles and bring small groups of them into these homes to feel the warmth and love they have to share?"

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On The Bookshelf

Tales Of Holocaust Reviewed

Childhood. By Jona Oberski; translated by Ralph Mannheim. Doubleday & Co., 245 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10167. 1983. 119 pp. \$11.95.

Welcome Tomorrow. By Arnold and Ellen Reisman. North Coast Publishing, P.O.B. 11119, Shaker Heights, OH 44120. 1982. 176 pp. \$6.95.

The Diary of Dawid Rubinowicz. By Dawid Rubinowicz; translated by Derek Bowman. Creative Options, P.O.B. 601, Edmonds, WA 98020. 1982. XVI, 87 pp. \$10.95.

These I Do Remember: Fragments from the Holocaust. By Gerda Haas. Cumberland Press, Freeport, ME 04032. 1982. XXII, 287 pp. \$16.95.

Reviewed by Mark Friedman

The enormity of the Holocaust makes its reality difficult for most to grasp. We can only begin to understand the human dimension of this tragedy through the stories of individuals. These four books tell individual and very personal accounts of the Holocaust. Three were written by people who experienced the Holocaust as children; the fourth is an ambitious effort to combine several personal accounts into a survey of the Holocaust.

Childhood is a brief memoir written by Jona Oberski in 1977. It tells the unusual story of his life in occupied Holland and his bizarre childhood experience in Bergen-Belsen. Oberski was two years old when the Nazis marched into Holland and seven at the liberation. The book is written in a simple style so as to enable us to see the Holocaust through the eyes of a child. This device works well and results in a most moving book. One might, however, have liked to see a postscript by the adult Oberski. *Childhood* was originally written in Dutch and has already appeared in seven languages.

A less effective device is used by Arnold and Ellen Reisman in *Welcome Tomorrow*. As the book opens the authors are on a train to Poland, until suddenly the vista changes into a vision of Poland in 1939, when Arnold celebrated his fifth birthday. The memoirs follow Arnold and his family from occupied Poland to the Ukraine to central Asia, drawing a very warm picture of the Russians and a very cold one of the Poles. Reisman's adventures, crisscrossing half the breadth of Russia by himself at the age of eight, are at times reminiscent of Kosinski's *The Painted Bird*. But this privately published book suffers from having too much historical hindsight projected onto a child's story. The author's perspective shifts awkwardly from then to now and the lack of an editor's touch is visible in the irregular treatment of foreign terms and names.

Dawid Rubinowicz was twelve when he began his diary in occupied Poland. His diary has a quality that no memoir written after Auschwitz can have. It tells the story of someone trying to cope with life under the Nazis, not knowing what tomorrow would bring. One can see Dawid changing with the passage of time, maturing rapidly, yet weakening under the brutal tension and insecurity. The diary ends with Dawid's deportation in the summer of 1942. As Dawid's fate is unknown, the editors chose to close the book with a selection of photographs of the Holocaust.

These I Do Remember by Gerda Haas is a largely successful attempt to present a comprehensive survey of the Holocaust through selections from several memoirs

and diaries. These personal accounts are well supplemented with background material on the Holocaust and on world events, and with maps, glossary and bibliography. The only new material presented in Haas' own story of life as a young woman in Nazi Germany and in Theresienstadt, and her ultimate rescue on the famous Musy train to Switzerland. *These I Do Remember* is a very personal book for Mrs. Haas, following her up to the present and even including current photographs of her family. It is an excellent first book for someone to read on the Holocaust but is less satisfying for someone acquainted with the literature.

All four books are about the Holocaust experiences of young people and show how their authors grew up quickly, and perhaps grew old, under those conditions. They all became very independent, often becoming the providers or caretakers for their parents while still children. These stories of individuals, simple people in complex times, and of their families, open up the Holocaust to the reader as other types of books cannot.

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To Dwell in Unity: The Jewish Federation Movement in America Since 1960. Philip Bernstein. The Jewish Publication Society of America, 1930 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103. 1983. 394 pages. \$19.95.

Reviewed by Lionel Koppman

Thanks to responsible American Jewish newspapers, many readers know what Jewish Federations do in their local communities and how hard their leaders labor to perform *tzedakah* — social justice. Not so easily understood are the accomplishments of federations collectively and of their leadership network and service body, the Council of Jewish Federations (CJF).

This lack of understanding is due to the complex nature of organized Jewish life. Israel, Soviet Jewry, hard-pressed and oppressed Jews elsewhere overseas, the dazzling array of domestic services — there are local, national, and international organizations that serve virtually every cause. They receive credit, in their own name, for the fine work that they do. But where would they be without the local federations? Collectively, the federations have become the dominant communal force on the American Jewish scene.

Philip Bernstein, the chief executive officer of the CJF from 1955 until his retirement in 1979, has performed a genuine mitzvah in giving us *To Dwell in Unity: The Jewish Federation Movement in America Since 1960*. The title is apt. The federation movement has brought together the most diverse philosophies, views, and priorities to work together for purposes which all of us can share.

Philip Bernstein's book picks up chronologically where Harry L. Lurie's work, *A Heritage Affirmed*, leaves off. Lurie, Bernstein's predecessor as CJF executive, analyzed the origins and growth of the federations from their beginnings in 1895 to 1960. Bernstein concentrates on the major events in Jewish life and sets forth the key issues addressed by the federations and agencies, actions taken, and the principles and policies guiding these actions.

An outstanding achievement was the leadership CJF took in convening the Conference on Human Needs in Israel in 1969. The conference was a creative "first" for

Israel. It involved 200 key leaders from the world's free Jewish communities in defining the goals for human services in the next five to ten years, with the priority programs required to achieve these goals.

Other major achievements accomplished through joint efforts include the cooperation of the United Israel Appeal and CJF with the World Zionist Organization in reconstituting the Jewish Agency for Israel; merger of the UIA and Jewish Agency in the U.S.; creation of the National Foundation for Jewish Culture and the Joint Cultural Appeal; establishment of the emergency fund for community relations in the Middle East, with central planning, allocation of projects and funds, and accountability; the federal block grant for Soviet Jewish refugees in cooperation with HIAS; and transformation of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency into an independent organization after being under the aegis of the Jewish Agency for Israel.

Aside from this reference to JTA, the author devotes only two paragraphs to the American Jewish press. Since the American Jewish press has proved itself as a force in Jewish Education, he could have written more about it in his chapter on that area.

In 1976, CJF undertook the kind of self-appraisal every dynamic organization should undertake periodically. The review involved 1,500 community leaders. Its aim was to link more closely the CJF agenda with the agendas of its local affiliates in priorities, in national and local planning, in defining standards, and in making decisions and setting policies.

That Jewish communal leaders recognize the importance of CJF is reflected in the fact that 2,500 to 3,000 of them flock annually to the General Assembly — the largest major domestic Jewish gathering. Bernstein calls it a "unique meeting ground for North American Jewish leaders."

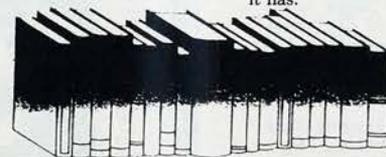
This is a good book. People involved in their Jewish communities and in Jewish life, leaders and those preparing for leadership, contributors to Jewish charities, college students wanting to know more about careers in Jewish communal service, and others interested in learning how Jewish federations function will find much in *To Dwell in Unity*.

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Press Is Bullhorn For Farrakhan, ADL Director Says

NEW YORK — Nathan Perlmutter, national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, made the following statement in reaction to Minister Louis Farrakhan's remarks at the National Press Club in Washington:

"Minister Farrakhan speaks for a small minority of Black Muslims. The majority of Black Muslims, by far, are followers of Minister Wallace Deen Muhammad. By providing Farrakhan with a bullhorn for his ravings, the press is magnifying his significance. The result is print pollution — and a disservice to the large majority of Black Muslims, to Jews, and in the guise of reportage, a distortion of Black-Jewish relations. "It's high time for the press to brake the round of outrageous ravings from Farrakhan and indignant responses from Jews. It can do so by simply refusing to serve as his megaphone."



Israeli Women

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inherent in Israel, against the negative attitudes toward women they feel are commonplace.

They point, almost immediately, to advertising. There is an infamous grapefruit commercial, for example, a public service announcement on television encouraging Israelis to eat grapefruit. It has been shown on prime time for the last few months. It shows a line of women — obviously braless — tossing grapefruit to a group of leering men.

Advertising in Israel often uses the female body (in various states of dress and sometimes undress) to sell products or ideas, and women depicted in advertising campaigns are often portrayed as helpless or brainless or kitchenbound — no matter what the product being advertised.

There are the violent and sometimes pornographic magazine ads that have attracted attention even in the United States. *Lilith*, a New York based Jewish feminist magazine last year ran a cover article on pornography in Israel. They pointed to themes of sadism and gratuitous nudity in several widely-distributed publications — the use of topless teen-age girls, for instance, to advertise children's clothing, or of what appears to be a rape scene to advertise perfume.

Feminists here point to the occurrence of violence against women — the fact that "an estimated 7000 to 10,000 sexual assaults per year occur in Israel to women between the ages of 3 and 80," according to a pamphlet distributed by the Tel Aviv Rape Crisis Center.

Feminists point to inequities in the workplace. They are concerned about the fact that women earn 70 percent of what men earn on the average, per work hour, because they say only a small number of women reach senior positions where high salaries are paid, and because salaries between men and women "commonly" differ for the same work, according to Ofra Friedman. The work is defined differently, and she said women get the lower scale.

Feminists are concerned about the shortcomings of the child-care system in Israel, although they grant that Israel's facilities are high quality and praise the fact that they are widely available and generously subsidized for women in financial need. They are disturbed, though, that day-care centers are very costly for professional women, since fees are determined on a sliding scale, and that neither kindergarten fees nor housekeepers are tax-deductible for working women.

The movement has had a tangible and significant influence in Israel. In the last few years, for example, battered women's centers and rape crisis centers have been established; a media-monitoring project initiated; a book on divorce rights published; a feminist magazine begun; women's studies programs developed in Israeli universities.

Israeli President Chaim Herzog in an interview published recently in *Na'amat Magazine*, said "If I compare the situation of the women in Israel to other lands, like Moslem nations or Africa, we can be proud."

There is no uniformity on why movement toward equal rights for women here has been slow in coming — only that it has.



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ART

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... Portrait of a Patron, through to Oct. 7, RISD Art Museum, 224 Benefit Street, Providence.

... Style and Identity: Chinese Costumes Under Manchu Rule, through to Sept. 30, RISD Art Museum, 224 Benefit Street, Providence.

... Exhibit of Technological Art, Wadsworth Atheneum, Hartford, Connecticut; through to September 2.

... Wickford Arts Festival, July 7 and 8; historic Wickford Village; 10 a.m.-7 p.m. both days.

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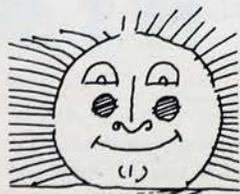
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DRAMA

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The Puppets Are Coming To Children's Museum

On Tuesday, August 14 from 2-3 p.m., Puppets Unlimited will be at The Children's Museum of R.I. Puppeteers Robert Rogers and Gregg Glaser will show Museum visitors the different characters they use in their shows and how to operate them. Tuesday evening, Puppets Unlimited moves on to Slater Park to perform "Pinocchio" at 7 p.m. Children can make puppets in afternoon workshops at The Children's Museum Wednesday and Thursday (August 16 & 17) from 1-4 p.m.

Mornings are full of activities too, at The Children's Museum. August 14 from 10-11:30 a.m. children will turn shapes and shells into necklaces in "Shape-Up." On August 15 they will use a Braille to write their names in "My Way, Your Way." Visitors will create appetizing works of art by painting with pasta on August 16 and 17 from 10-11:30 a.m.

The Museum, located at 58 Walcott St. in Pawtucket, will be open on Monday (VJ Day) August 13 from 1-5 p.m.

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The audience is invited to visit with the actors after the show on the lawn of the theatre to get autographs and take pictures. Refreshments are served during intermission.

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The fungus among us? No, this tentacled creature is Audrey II, who will be featured in *Little Shop Of Horrors* at Boston's Colonial Theatre, opening August 1 through September 1. More information and ticket reservations can be made by calling (617) 426-9366.

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SHALOM SINGLES

Are you looking for a luxurious cruise you can afford? You can stop your search! Join Shalom Singles (ages 35-55), sponsored by the South Area Jewish Community Center for an enchanting evening cruise in Boston Harbor on Wednesday, August 29. Featured on board will be the fabulous Glenn Miller Orchestra and Winiker Swing Orchestra. You can enjoy snacks and a full service bar.

The group will meet at the Center at 1044 Central Street, Stoughton at 6 P.M. and carpool to Long Wharf, Boston. The cruise is from 7:30-9 P.M. We will be back in Stoughton by 10 P.M. The cost is \$9.50 for members and \$12 for non-members.

Pre-registration with pre-payment is required by Friday, August 24. To register please call Liz at the Center, 821-0030, or 341-2016.

Treat yourself to a wonderful 'vacation day' in lovely Hull. Join Shalom Singles of the South Area Jewish Community Center on Sunday, August 19 for a beach party and barbeque at a member's home. All food and drinks will be provided. Bring a bathing suit, towel, and beach chair and meet at the Center, 1044 Central Street, Stoughton to carpool at 11:45 a.m. The party is limited to the first 25, so pre-register now by calling Patti, 821-0030 or 341-2016.

The cost is \$5.00 for members and \$8.50 for non-members. Pre-payment is required by Tuesday, August 14th.

CENTER SINGLES

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MISCELLANEOUS

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Major Jewish Organizations Decry U.S. View Of Syria

The description of Syrian behavior as "helpful" by a senior State Department official is "astounding" and "depressing," the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations said recently.

In a telegram to Secretary of State George Shultz, the Conference said testimony on Wednesday (July 25) by Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy signaled "an apparent reversal in our country's policy toward Syria."

Mr. Murphy said Syria was playing a "helpful" role in restoring stability in Lebanon after "blowing up" the U.S.-sponsored 1983 Israel-Lebanon troop-withdrawal agreement. Assistant Secretary Murphy, former U.S. ambassador to Syria, testified at a hearing of the House Foreign Affairs subcommittee on the Middle East and Europe.

Kenneth J. Bialkin, chairman of the Conference — an umbrella group representing 38 national Jewish secular and religious organizations — said in a telegram to Secretary Shultz in Washington:

"The statement is astonishing because the despotic Syrian regime, by supporting

terrorism and sabotaging the Israel-Lebanese agreement, has publicly challenged our country and demonstrated its contempt for and hostility to our purposes. Indeed, you yourself have called Syria 'the center of the problem' of Lebanon. The latest statement by the Assistant Secretary seems to signal an apparent reversal of our policy toward Syria, one that we find deeply disturbing.

"Mr. Murphy's remarks are depressing because they appear to signal American acceptance of Syria's success in turning the Gemayel regime in Beirut into a puppet state.

"When Mr. Murphy speaks of Syria's 'helpful' role in restoring stability in Lebanon, he is condoning and indeed praising Syria's de facto control of Lebanon. 'A stable Lebanon and a stable Beirut' under Syrian domination are the very antithesis of long-standing U.S. policy in the region, which President Reagan himself defined as the restoration of the independence and sovereignty of Lebanon. If it is now the Administration's policy to concede domination of Lebanon to Syria, this is a sad day for America's role in the Middle East."

Jews Of South Africa

By Sheldon Kirshner

(Part One Of A Two-Part Series)
PRETORIA, July 23 (JTA) — Five thousand South Africans launched a cultural cum-political movement here two months ago that raised eyebrows all over South Africa, particularly in the Jewish community.

The formation of the Afrikanervolkswag (AV) brought together under one banner an outright anti-Semite, a radical rightwing politician, the son-in-law of a former Prime Minister, and a one-time deputy minister of education. It was enough to make Jews take notice, or wince.

Dr. Sylvia Kaplan, national president of the South African Association of Arts, said she was "absolutely horrified" by the emergence of the AV and appalled by the Nazi-like tone generated by the AV's inaugural mass meeting. South African newspapers were equally aghast.

In Parliament, the AV was roundly condemned. The Minister of Education, no doubt speaking for the ruling Afrikaner-dominated National Party, ridiculed the AV's claim to being solely a "cultural movement." Roger Burrows, an opposition MP, asked the government for assurance that no state funds would be given to the "(white) supremacist, racially divisive" organization.

Elements Comprising The AV

Bursting upon the South African scene like a thunderclap, the AV is far to the right of the National Party, which in 1948 introduced apartheid. To the AV, the present National Party has traitorously deviated from apartheid by introducing constitutional proposals that would give Asian and Coloreds — but not Blacks — a limited voice in policy determination.

In the view of observers, the AV comprises disgruntled, frustrated rightwingers, disaffected lower middle class Afrikaners (South Africa's first white settlers, mainly Europeans of Dutch, French and German stock) and Pretoria-based civil servants. All these groups appeared to be represented the night of May 5 when the AV was launched into prominence. Eugene Terre Blanche, accompanied by a uniformed guard of six young men wearing swastika-like emblems and heavy black boots once favored by the SS, put in an appearance. Terre Blanche, leader of the Afrikanse Weerstandsbeweging, has been quoted as saying that South African Jews would be deprived of political rights under an AV regime. Joining him were the following personalities:

*Jaap Marais, head of the Herstigte Nasionale Party, who is regarded both as an anti-Semite and an anti-Zionist. The party, which publishes a newspaper called Die Afrikaaner, has no parliamentary seats.

*Carel Boshoff, a professor, and his wife Anna, daughter of Hendrik Verwoerd, who served as Prime Minister until his assassination in 1966.

*Andries Treurnicht, leader of the 18-seat Conservative Party. His deputy, Ferdie Hartzenberg, has reportedly said that it would be difficult for Jews to serve in a government formed by the CP. (Although Jews here are suspicious of Hartzenberg, they do not think that Treurnicht, a former minister, is anti-Semitic. Thomas Langley, a CP member of Parliament, stated categorically: "We're not anti-Jewish at all. Get it out of your mind.")

Although the AV is shot through with anti-Semitic rabble-rousers, AV's chairman, Carel Boshoff, has stayed clear of the Jewish question so far. The AV, in short, has not adopted a public position on Jews. Yet Jews cannot ignore its existence. A random sampling of Jewish opinion found that Jews are either disturbed by the AV, or confident that its influence will be minimal.

Aubrey Joffe, a Pretoria lawyer, doesn't close his eyes to the AV. "I wouldn't ignore it, but in the context of South African politics, it's a total irrelevancy," he said.

John Moshal, president of the Council of Natal Jewry, in Durban, observed that the formation of the AV might even be a sort of blessing in disguise, because Afrikaners would be forced to take sides and would opt for the middle-of-the-road National Party (which has cordial relations with the Jewish community but once didn't). Chris Moolman, an Afrikaner editor in Port Elizabeth, said that the AV has no appeal for Afrikaners.

If the AV fails to attract the loyalty of Afrikaners, as is generally thought, it will not pose any threat — real or imagined — to Jews. In general terms, anti-Semitism is a fairly inconsequential phenomenon in contemporary South Africa, if only because non-whites are usually on the minds of bigoted whites.

"It's safe to say that anti-Semitism has never been an instrument of any South African government," pointed out Michael Katz, the youngish chairman of the Jewish Board of Deputies, the umbrella organization of South African Jewry. Yet, as Katz would probably agree, the Jewish community has not always been so blessed as it is today.

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The Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs will offer a 10-week Pre-Retirement Planning Program beginning September 19, 1984 at the Pawtucket Public Library, on Wednesdays from 6-9 p.m.

The program includes information on financial planning, use of leisure time, improving self-esteem, psychological aspects of aging, continuing education, health issues and much more.

The cost for the program is \$10.00 per person, and it is limited to 20 persons.

Obituaries

ARYE SHARON

TEL AVIV, July 29 (JTA) — Arye Sharon, a noted Israeli architect who headed the Housing Ministry during the early years of the State, died in Paris last week at the age of 84. He was buried in Israel. Sharon designed some of the best-known buildings in Israel, including the Beilinson, Ichilov, Soroka and Assaf Harofe hospitals as well as the Ohel Theater building, the Beth Brenner workers' hostel in Tel Aviv and the Kinneret rest home in Tiberias.

ROSE RUBIN

CRANSTON — Rose Rubin, 72, of 108 Narragansett St., a former credit manager, died August 2 at the Bay Towers Nursing Home, Providence. She was the wife of Jacob B. Rubin.

Born in Mineville, N.Y., she was a daughter of the late George and Sophie (Heimovitz) Rosenthal. She lived in Cranston since 1957.

Mrs. Rubin formerly lived in Hartford, where she retired in 1956 after 20 years as a secretary and credit manager for the Goodrich Tire & Rubber Co. She was a member of Congregation Shaare Zedek-Sons of Abraham, its Sisterhood, the Women's Associations of the Jewish Home for the Aged and Miriam Hospital, the Pioneer Women, Hadassah and Meeting Street School.

Besides her husband she leaves three sisters and a brother, Esther Freeman, Sadie Rachelson and Nat Rosenthal of Hartford, and Celia Hoffman of Boston.

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

NATHAN RESEVITZ

SEPULVEDA, CALIF. — Nathan Resevitz, 87, of Sepulveda, California, a former New Bedford businessman, died July 25 after a long illness.

Mr. Resevitz was a native of New York City where he lived until 1948. He was the owner of Nat's Deli and Catering Service in New Bedford until 1959, when he moved to California.

Survivors are two daughters, Mrs. Beverly Freeman of Warwick and Mrs. Renee Levine of Woodland Hills, California; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Burial was in Mount Sinai Cemetery in Los Angeles.

BESSIE ROSENZWEIG

PROVIDENCE — Bessie Rosenzweig, 91, a resident-member of the Jewish Home for the Aged, Hillside Avenue, died August 1 in Miriam Hospital. The late Harry Rosenzweig was her husband.

A daughter of the late Reuven and Yitta Lattner, she was born in Poland, and lived in Providence about 30 years.

She leaves a son, Charles Rosen of Honolulu, Hawaii; two daughters, Marcia Mittleman of Delray Beach, Fla., and Goldie Cohen of Needham, Mass.; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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



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Cooking With Olive Oil: Perfect For Summertime

by Meryl Ain
Jewish World

Although for thousands of years, olive oil has been prized around the world as a special ingredient in cooking, in this country it has acquired the undeserved reputation of being heavy and unhealthy.

However, recent studies have discovered that regular use of olive oil leaves no deposits in the blood or arteries and actually helps to break down serum cholesterol. With this good news comes the ideal opportunity to begin to experiment with olive oil in your summer cuisine. It is excellent in salads and vegetable dishes, so popular in the summertime, as well as perfect for barbecue marinades. Year-round, it is also a good choice for sauteing, broiling, grilling and roasting.

Olive oil is a natural vegetable product composed mainly of three unsaturated acids as well as vitamins A, D and E and iron. In tests conducted by the American Heart Association's Nutrition Committee, it was shown that olive oil was just as successful as polyunsaturated oils in reducing levels of blood cholesterol.

Actually, olive oil contains no cholesterol whatsoever and rather than being heavy, is light in taste and consistency. It contains about 100 calories per tablespoon which is the same as most other vegetable oils. Yet because it is concentrated, less can be used at a time, thereby saving calories.

The recipes below were provided by Bertolli Olive Oil, which is produced in Italy.

SPECIAL SALAD

- ¾ cup olive oil
- ¼ cup lemon juice
- 1 Tbsp. poppy seeds
- 2 Tbsp. sugar
- 2 tsp. snipped fresh chives
- 1 tsp. dry mustard
- ½ tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. pepper
- 1 head Romaine, washed and torn

- 3 cups spinach leaves
- 1 bunch watercress
- ½ cup raisins
- ½ cup toasted walnuts

In measuring cup, combine first eight ingredients. Blend with wire whisk or fork. In salad bowl, combine remaining ingredients. Just prior to serving, pour dressing over salad; toss to blend. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

BEEF MARINADE BERTOLLI

- ½ cup olive oil
- ½ cup soy sauce
- ½ cup dry sherry
- 1 Tbsp. tomato paste
- ¼ cup minced green onion
- ¼ cup minced green pepper
- 1 tsp. dry mustard
- 1 tsp. honey
- ¼ tsp. freshly ground pepper
- 1½ lbs. beef for London Broil

In measuring cup, combine all ingredients except beef. Blend well. Place beef in shallow baking dish. Pour marinade over beef. Turn to coat. Cover and refrigerate three hours or overnight.

To broil, remove from marinade. Broil four inches from heat to desired doneness. Turn once. Brush frequently with remaining marinade. Makes 6 servings.

MARINADE FOR FISH (grill or oven)

- ¾ cup olive oil
- ½ cup lemon juice
- 1 bay leaf, crumbled
- 1 Tbsp. slivered lemon peel
- 2 tsp. minced fresh dill
- 5 drops tabasco
- 6 Salmon Steaks (or other thick fish steaks)

Combine ingredients for marinade. Pour over fish in shallow baking dish. Turn to coat completely. Marinate at room temperature for 30 minutes. Broil four inches from heat for about 10 minutes. Garnish steaks with lemon and parsley. Makes 6 servings.

MARINADE FOR LAMB (grill or oven)

- ¼ cup olive oil
- ¼ Tbsp. Dijon-type mustard
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 2 large cloves garlic, minced
- ¼ tsp. crushed mint
- ¼ tsp. crushed rosemary
- ½ tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. pepper
- 1 Tbsp. chopped parsley
- 2 lbs. lamb cut into 1-inch cubes
- 1 green pepper cut into 1-inch squares
- 1 red pepper cut into 1-inch squares
- 8 medium mushrooms

Combine marinade ingredients. Add lamb, mix to coat pieces completely; cover and refrigerate for at least three hours. Remove from refrigerator 30 minutes prior to cooking. Alternate meat, peppers and mushrooms on skewers. Broil four inches from heat until browned, turn and brush with marinade often. Makes 4 servings.

MARINATED VEGETABLE SALAD

- ½ cup olive oil
- ½ cup red wine vinegar
- ¼ cup finely chopped parsley
- 2 medium cloves garlic
- 1 Tbsp. Dijon-type mustard
- 1 Tbsp. honey
- ½ tsp. basil, crushed
- ¼ tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. freshly ground pepper
- 6 cups assorted vegetables such as: broccoli, cucumber, snowpeas, mushrooms, cherry tomatoes, celery, carrots, asparagus, peppers, green onions, chick peas, artichoke hearts.

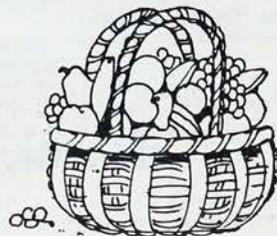
In blender container, combine all dressing ingredients. Blend until smooth. Pour over vegetables. Toss to blend. Cover and refrigerate at least two hours. Serve on crisp salad greens.

RATATOUILLE NICOISE

- 1 medium eggplant, cut into strips (about 1 lb.)
- 2 medium zucchini, sliced
- 1 Tbsp. salt
- 6 Tbsp. flour
- ½ to ¾ cup olive oil
- 2 green peppers, cut into strips
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 large cloves garlic, minced
- 4 tomatoes, cut in wedges
- 1 pkg. (10 oz.) artichoke hearts, thawed
- 2 Tbsp. capers
- 1 Tbsp. fresh basil, chopped
- ¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese
- ¼ cup chopped parsley

In bowl, combine eggplant, zucchini and salt. Toss. Allow to stand 30 minutes. Drain and dry on paper towels. Toss with flour.

Heat three tablespoons oil in 12-inch skillet. Add ½ vegetable mixture and saute until golden. Transfer to bowl. Repeat with remaining half. Add to bowl. Saute onion and pepper with garlic in two tablespoons oil. Add tomatoes and artichokes; cook several minutes. Layer zucchini mixture, tomato mixture, cheese, parsley, basil and capers into 1½ quart baking dish. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Makes 6 to 8 servings.



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