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## Meir Shitrit, Man On The Move



Meir Shitrit

YAVNE, ISRAEL — Member of Knesset Meir Shitrit, 34, is a man in a hurry. He thinks fast, speaks fast and moves fast, and this quality, combined with an engaging smile and a generous endowment of charisma, has a curious effect on people around him: they too begin to move fast.

Take his town of Yavne, here, some 15 miles south of Tel Aviv. It had a colorful history, but by 1969, when Shitrit was 19, it had become an obscure, neglected repository for unskilled immigrants from Arab lands. The town was run down, its young people were leaving and those who remained were sunk in apathy.

Shitrit asked the town council to build a community center. The council refused. So he organized a mass protest by virtually all the town's 5,000 residents, contacted members of the Knesset, Israel's national legislature, and attracted newspaper reporters to Yavne. He got his center.

But just as his political career began, he was called to army duty. Five years later, when he was a captain, he was granted a 30-day leave to campaign for mayor. At 24, he became the youngest mayor elected in Israel's history. He was released from the army to take office as mayor.

"If the town council didn't turn us down, I never would have gotten into politics," he said with a grin that quickly jumped into a chuckle, then a laugh.

Of course he would have gotten into politics anyway, or else been a leader in another area of Israeli society. Shitrit is one of a new generation of Israeli leaders, born after the Holocaust and the establishment of the State of Israel, men and women who bring the same pioneering spirit of earlier Israel to solving today's problems.

Shitrit is one of those in politics, but others with sharp intelligence and similar dynamic verve are teaching in the universities, operating in medical centers, developing businesses and honing the cutting edge of high technology in cities and on farms — all sharing the vision of a strong, healthy Israel at peace.

"My platform had been to develop the town, and suddenly I was scared," Shitrit said, recalling that there is a great difference between getting elected and succeeding in office. "So many hopes were pinned on me, and what did I know? But I was determined to succeed. I began by making big changes, bringing young people into municipal offices. I did things I wouldn't dare do today, and I got away with it."

In the past ten years, Shitrit has turned Yavne into a boom town. He has attracted non-polluting industry to strengthen the tax base, obtained generous land grants and mortgages for construction of attractive, single-story houses, convinced educational leaders to try some new approaches in Yavne's schools and

generally helped the townspeople to think more highly of themselves, their town, and their potential.

He has also become a spokesman for many people in need, as by his support for Project Renewal, a comprehensive effort of diaspora Jews and Israelis to help Israelis in distressed neighborhoods. American Jews contribute to Project Renewal by additional contributions to the United Jewish Appeal/community campaigns.

Shitrit's personal biography was something of a success story even before he became Israel's youngest mayor. He was born in Ksarassouk, Morocco and his family's passage to Israel when he was eight was a harrowing six-month journey which he remembers vividly.

The family began with forged visas, from Jewish Agency emissaries working clandestinely to help Jews desperately trying to escape from Morocco. There was a secret, nighttime departure to Fez, and a border crossing into Spanish Morocco, followed by a stifling voyage to Spain in a ship's hold. The family was cared for at immigrant camps in Malaga, Gibraltar and Marseilles operated by the Jewish Agency, the principal beneficiary of UJA/community fundraising campaigns. A sea voyage followed and the family set foot on a dock at Haifa. In Israel the Shitrit family lived in Neviot, an immigrant town in the barren Negev, in a tin shack, with neither electricity nor indoor bathrooms.

"My father had been a shopkeeper in Morocco and he could only find rugged farm work," Shitrit said, "but I never once heard him complain. He used to say, 'Even Moses didn't succeed in entering the Promised Land, but we have!'"

A year later, the family moved to Yavne, again into a tin shack, but later graduating to a wooden bungalow and finally a "real" three-room row house constructed largely of plasterboard.

Shitrit raced through high school, graduating at 15. He attained a coveted matriculation certificate at the Kfar Batya agricultural boarding school at 16 while working in the school's citrus grove to pay for his tuition and meals. Kfar Batya is one of a network of Youth Aliyah schools which have been supported through the Jewish Agency by UJA/community campaigns.

Shitrit supported himself as a librarian and later as a high school science teacher as he earned his degree in microbiology and biochemistry at Bar-Ilan University by age 19.

One more thing about Meir Shitrit: he's a born optimist. "Look," he said. "If we can create a fine quality of life in Yavne, we can do it all over the country. That's why I decided to get into national politics, and that's why I plan to become a minister in the government as well."

## Washington Report: U.S. Wants Economic Answers From Israel

by Wolf Blitzer  
Jerusalem Post

Every autumn, Israel is supposed to present the United States with a detailed document outlining its economic and military aid needs for the coming fiscal year. This so-called "White Paper," usually numbering about 100 pages, is prepared jointly by the Defense and Treasury Ministries.

Senior U.S. officials at the State Department, the White House, the Pentagon, the Agency for International Development, the Treasury, the Office of Management and Budget and the Central Intelligence Agency carefully study the paper before submitting to the President their recommended levels of assistance to Israel in the coming foreign aid package. The President, after some internal debate and consideration, is then to include that aid package in his annual budget proposal, sent to Congress at the end of January.

But given the chaotic political situation in Israel following the elections, most U.S. and Israeli officials in Washington recognize that this year's Israeli officials in Washington recognize that this year's Israeli White Paper is not likely to reach

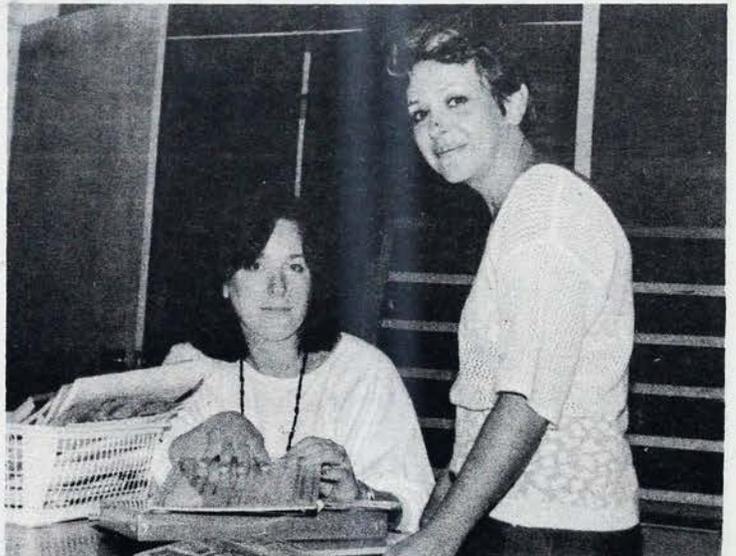
the Americans for some time. Until a new government is established — one that has a specific economic program ready for implementation — there is no way the military and economic technocrats in Israel can prepare the study. The Americans want to hear specifics this year.

Secretary of State George Shultz, himself an economist and someone who has taken an enormous interest in the plight of the Israeli economy, has made clear in recent months that he wants to see Israel come up with an exact plan to tackle these economic problems. The U.S., he has said, is not just going to provide increased financial assistance to Israel. That, by itself, is no real solution to what the Americans see as some basic "structural problems" facing the Israeli economy.

These defects, Shultz has told Israeli officials in many meetings over the course of the past two years, must be addressed urgently. The U.S. is not anxious to come forward with any blueprint of its own on what Israel must do to get its economic health in order. Israeli economists, U.S.

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## Temple Emanu-El's Religious School: Exciting And Innovative Learning



Teachers Minna Ellison (left) and Cindy Gilman (right) and Temple Emanu-El's Religious School. Photo by Robert Israel

by Robert Israel

At the Temple Emanu-El Religious School earlier this week, Evelyn Brier, principal, Minna Ellison, Special Program Coordinator and Cindy Gilman, Pre-School instructor, were examining new teaching materials and making plans for the coming school year. From watching the three women prepare for the start of school, and talking to them about their plans, one quickly sees that this year at Temple Emanu-El Religious School will be a school year full of excitement and learning adventure.

"One of the newest programs at the religious school," Mrs. Brier said, "is the Pre-school. It has been founded for children 3½-5 years of age and will be taught by Cindy Gilman. It's a new and innovative, hands-on approach to the Jewish holidays and Jewish learning, introducing the young student to the

Bible, music, dramatics, role playing and puppetry. The goal is to introduce Jewish holidays and learning in a fun-filled atmosphere. The students will learn by being involved in making and doing, making puppets for Purim, challot for Friday night, which, in turn, they will bring back to their home life. It is open to all young children at a cost of \$50.00 for the year, and Temple Emanu-El affiliation is not necessary for enrollment."

When further describing the aims and objectives of the Pre-School, Cindy Gilman, who also writes a Yiddish column *Maneh Loshn, Yiddish Loshn* for this newspaper, had this to say:

"I'm hoping to instill a sense of Jewish pride rather than academics into the young student," Cindy explained. "If there is one thing I hope to convey, it's a sense of joy and love about being Jewish and

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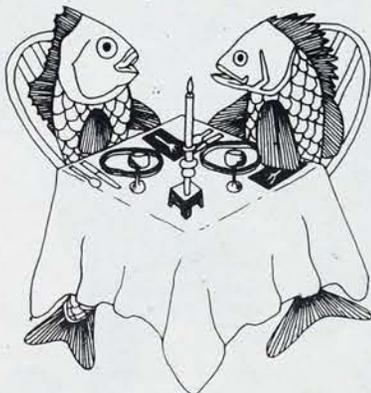
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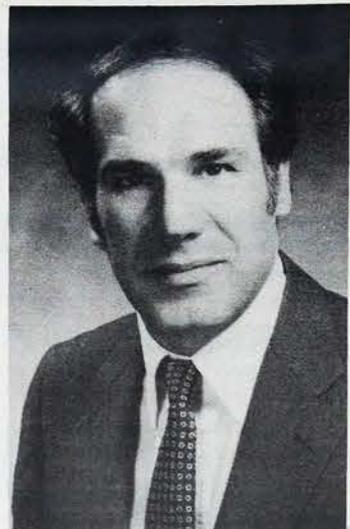
**Local News**

**Alperin Named to Board of  
Jewish Theological Seminary**

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Melvin G. Alperin, president of Brewster Industries and a resident of Providence, has been named to a three-year term on the Board of Overseers of The Jewish Theological Seminary of America. His selection, which was confirmed at the June meeting of the national advisory body, was announced by George Strichman, chairman, and Seminary Chancellor Gerson D. Cohen.

A graduate of Dartmouth, Mr. Alperin is a prominent member of the Providence Jewish community, having served as president of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, and as a representative of the national Council of Jewish Federations. He is a trustee of the Jewish Home for the Aged and of his synagogue, Temple Emanu-El. He has been active in enlisting support for the Seminary within the congregation.

The Jewish Theological Seminary, with schools in New York, Los Angeles, and Jerusalem, is the academic and spiritual center of the Conservative Movement in American Judaism. It trains rabbis, cantors, teachers, social workers, and other



Melvin G. Alperin

professionals for the Jewish community, educates lay leaders and scholars in Judaism, and reaches out to the wider society through such programs as the Eternal Light on radio and television, The Jewish Museum, and various lecture series.

**JCC Sponsors  
Israel Trip**

Last fall's JCC-sponsored trip to Israel was such a success that the Center is doing it again this year. The 1984 tour will leave Logan Airport for Tel Aviv on Monday, October 22, via El Al Airlines, and return Monday, November 5. Transportation between the JCC and Logan will be by chartered bus.

The comprehensive tour includes 9 days of escorted sightseeing in Tel Aviv, the Southern coastal plains, the Lower Galilee, Tiberias, the Negev, Eilat, and Jerusalem. Dorothy Weiner of Wiener Travel, who handled last year's tour as well, has planned a flexible itinerary with highlights for both first-time travelers and repeaters. All accommodations are at 5-star hotels, and the package includes a full Israeli breakfast daily.

Jeanette Riter, JCC tour chairman, notes that last year's trip was sold out well in advance, so those interested should register early. Call the JCC at 861-8800 to obtain a copy of the trip brochure.

**Letter Observance At  
Touro Synagogue**

On August 19th at 1:30 p.m. the Annual George Washington Letter Observance will take place in Touro Synagogue. The Rev. Jack Corcoran will be guest speaker. The public is invited to attend.

A native Newporter Rev. Corcoran is a graduate of Rodgers High School ('49) and Brown University ('53). After graduating from Brown the Reverend served in the U.S. Navy for four years.

Ordained a priest for the Maryknoll Missionaries in 1963, Reverend Corcoran spent the next 16 years living and working in the Republic of Korea.

Since 1979 he has been the Rector of Maryknoll Seminary in Ossining, New York. Rev. Corcoran plans to return to the Republic of Korea in the near future.

**"Raising Jewish Families"  
Topic Of Talk By Cincinnati Rabbi**

Rabbi Zelig Sharfstein, Chief Rabbi of the Rabbinical Board of Cincinnati (Vaad Ha Ir) will speak on "Raising Jewish Families," Sunday, August 19 at 3:00 p.m., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Z. Hershel Smith, 134 Brown St., Providence.

As the head of the Rabbinical Board, Rabbi Sharfstein's responsibilities include maintaining the kashrut standards of Cincinnati area hospitals and religious institutions, as well as supervising many other facets of religious life and observance on a community-wide basis.

In addition to his duties as Chief Rabbi of the Rabbinical Board, Rabbi Sharfstein is a noted scholar, educator and speaker who has lectured to Jewish groups all over the country.

Rabbi Sharfstein's talk is open to the entire community. Anyone wishing more information is invited to call Mrs. Chana Smith at 274-7744.

**Temple Emanu-El Forest  
Established In Israel**

"An Afternoon at the Matches" inaugurates the establishment of Providence's Temple Emanu-El Forest in the joint project of the Jewish National Fund and United Synagogue of America National Park at Safad, Israel.

Some forty members of Temple Emanu-El, Providence, recently enjoyed an afternoon of top notch tennis watching the Virginia Slims Tournament at the Newport Casino followed by a reception at the home of Bernard and Claire Bell, to kickoff the establishment of a 10,000 tree forest by the synagogue.

Thanks to the outstanding efforts of the event co-chairmen, Bernard Bell, retired president of Milhender Co. and Joseph Weisman, president of Plainville Stock Co., over forty percent of the project's \$50,000 goal has been pledged to date.

The United Synagogue National Park of Israel at Safad is a multi-faceted study and recreation center being established with the support of Conservative synagogues from around the United States. It will encompass forests, an educational center, an open-air synagogue, nature trails with resource and orientation center, recreational and play areas, a sports complex, camping sites, picnic spots and an amphitheater.

**Family Court  
Needs Volunteers**

The Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program at Family Court is in immediate need of additional volunteers, Mary M. Lisi, Program Director announced. CASA is an innovative program which utilizes volunteers to monitor cases involving abused or neglected children.

In its fifth year, the CASA program trains volunteers to advocate for the best interest of abused and neglected children in Family Court proceedings, and to make sure that the child's case is monitored throughout the proceedings.

CASA now represents children in Providence County, but the program will be expanded this fall to represent all children in the State who are subjects of abuse and neglect proceedings. This increase has created a demand for more interested men and women willing to advocate for an abused child.

"Common sense, a concern for children, objectivity and desire to help are the main qualifications," Lisi said. Each volunteer is trained by staff coordinators and then assigned to a particular child's case. Staff attorneys act as legal counsel for CASA volunteers.

The CASA program office is located in the Family Court building, One Dorrance Plaza, Providence. Lisi urged anyone who is interested to call 277-6863 for more information.

## USSR Curtails Contacts Between Soviet Citizens And Foreigners

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The recently intensified Soviet campaign to curtail informal contacts between Soviet citizens and foreigners was highlighted by several incidents this month. These were summarized in the monthly digest on monitoring activities issued by the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE).

As examples of the Soviet Union's stepped-up campaign, the digest cited the detainment of former Israeli President Ephraim Katzir by the Leningrad KGB on July 1, the detainment of U.S. diplomats Jon Purnell and George Glass for two hours by the Moscow KGB on July 4, and the refusal by Soviet authorities to grant Soviet citizens who are married to Americans the right to emigrate.

The digest quoted Katzir's Paris news conference after the incident in which he stated he had been "subjected to some pretty tough questions" during the 1 1/2 hours he and his wife were detained. Katzir said that after three KGB agents blocked his attempt to visit a Soviet Jew, they took him to an office where they questioned him about his movements in the Soviet Union. Katzir stated he was "deeply offended" by this incident and noted that the KGB officers knew he had been President of Israel.

The report explained that the July 4 incident occurred when the two U.S. diplomats tried to meet with Lina Tumanova, a Moscow human rights activist with whom they had been in contact. All three were surrounded by Soviet security agents after the Soviet citizen had given the diplomats several documents. Tumanova was later apparently arrested to be "called to account in accordance with Soviet laws," according to the Soviet News Agency, Tass.

The CSCE report added that dissident sources afterwards told The Los Angeles Times that Tumanova had been active in Moscow for a number of years in human rights groups which the KGB had

attempted to suppress. Soviet emigres in the U.S. reported that Tumanova was active in signing open letters in support of various political prisoners, particularly from the Ukraine.

The report also stated, "The July 4 incident is the latest in a series of occurrences in which American officials have been detained or harassed because of their unofficial contacts with Soviet citizens. In April, for example, Ronald Harms was roughed up by unidentified individuals as he left a restaurant. The State Department condemned this latest incident and charged that it was part of a stepped-up effort by Soviet authorities to 'isolate their people from foreign contacts and to repress legitimate expression of differing political and social views.'"

The report concludes that "clearly, another reason behind the (July 4) incident is a continuing effort to stem the flow of samizdat documents to the West."

### New Soviet Law Cited

Further evidence of the official Soviet campaign to discourage unofficial contacts between Soviet citizens and foreigners can be found in a new Soviet law which went into effect on July 1, and was published in the Bulletin of the Supreme Soviet on May 30. This law provides for fines of up to 50 Rubles for citizens who provide transportation, housing or "other services" to foreigners "privately."

Fines also can be levied against those who do not make sure that foreigners follow registration procedures with the local police. The law states that officials in organizations which deal with foreigners are also liable for fines up to 100 Rubles. Furthermore, both officials and citizens may be tried on criminal charges for contacts with foreigners if they violate "existing legislation." Precisely what that other legislation specifies is not clarified in any way, the CSCE report stated.

Several cases regarding reunification of Soviet citizens married to Americans were also mentioned in the digest: Moscow

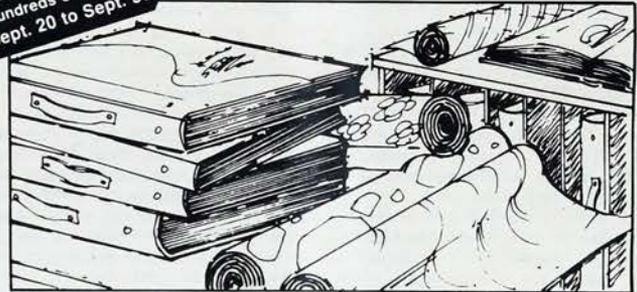
scientist Matvey Finkel, married to Susan Graham of Spokane, Wash., has just received his eighth exit denial; Ukrainian Aleksei Lodisev has been trying since April 1981 to get permission to join his wife. Sandra Gubin; and Roman Kuperman, married to Chicago lawyer Fern Pergericht, has been repeatedly denied on exit visa because his departure is considered to be "undesirable" by the

state.

The CSCE report declared: "The denial of permission to emigrate in such cases is not only against humanitarian principles, but it is contrary to both the letter of the Helsinki Final Act in which the Soviet Union and the other signatories pledged to deal 'favorably' with cases involving family reunification and marriage between citizens of different states."

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# From The Editor

## A Very Dangerous Joke

by Robert Israel

Last weekend, during a microphone check before his weekly radio broadcast, President Reagan uttered what he thought was a joke.

"My fellow Americans," he said, "I'm pleased to tell you I just signed legislation which outlaws Russia forever. The bombing begins in five minutes."

This is a very troubling, very outrageous joke and it makes me wonder if the President is mentally fit to continue on as our leader. I say this because the President has uttered other comments before about the "evil empire" of the Soviet Union and because my understanding is that a joke is seldom just a joke — it has deeper implications. The deeper implications are that President Reagan is the man in command of enough bombs to wipe out Russia and the rest of the world. Could the President, as Sen. Gary Hart suggested, "let his real feelings come out"?

If there is anything the President should be sensitive to it is the overwhelming concern of Americans to establish a lasting peace and a continuing open dialogue with the Soviet Union and all countries of the world. Recent polls have indicated that concern for strict controls

over nuclear weaponry is a major concern for Americans. But there are those Americans, in the minority, that have encouraged President Reagan to maintain a tough-talking cowboy image. This group of Americans have appealed to him to continue his attacks against the "evil empire" of the Soviet Union and have urged him on to a Central American fiasco. If we are to take his joke seriously — and I take it with great seriousness — then it has revealed he truly represents the concern of the group that would urge destruction rather than peace.

I cannot accept the President's explanation that his joke was just a joke. I cannot accept his callousness, any more than I could accept his former Secretary of the Interior, James Watt, who made anti-Semitic remarks which later cost him his job. As the Republican National Convention is scheduled to begin and the platform for that party, which President Reagan will carry as that party's candidate for reelection, it behooves us all to examine his remarks and his platform and decide, once and for all, that this tough-talking cowboy does not represent our interests and should indeed be retired before he causes any more damage.

## In Israel, Nobody Won

by Annon Rubinstein

As the final results of Israel's legislative elections materialize out of the slow and antiquated vote-counting center, the bitter truth becomes apparent. The next Knesset will be what the British call "a hung parliament" — the outcome of an election without a winner.

Despite the Lebanese quagmire, spiraling inflation and economic malaise, the Labor Party has failed to win a victory. In fact, it has lost three seats as compared with the 1981 elections when Menachem Begin, then prime minister, was heading a pre-Lebanon self-confident Likud. Refuting public opinion polls, spurning the exhortations of the press, half the Israeli electorate opted for Likud and its allies to the right. Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir is rightly proud of this achievement. Few ruling parties have managed to survive such a series of self-inflicted blows without suffering a crushing defeat at the polls.

What went wrong? Explanations abound. The elections took place in mid-July when more than 100,000 Israelis — mostly Labor supporters — are vacationing abroad. Labor's campaign was a lackluster affair, and the Labor Party leader, Shimon Peres, simply does not excite voters.

All these explanations may be accurate, but they are dwarfed by one simple fact: A substantial part of Israeli Jews — the Sephardis who came here a generation ago from Arab and Moslem countries — vote instinctively, almost tribally, for the right. The Likud, whose leadership is still made up mainly of Eastern European Jews, is their political home. Symbolizing this emotional affinity were the crowds at the election rallies shouting the old incantation, "Begin! Begin!" while the former prime minister, now a recluse, refused to endorse the Likud list.

Much like American Southern voters, who once voted Democrat no matter who headed the ticket or what the platform was, the Sephardis now vote Likud. If they switch their allegiance, it is to parties to the right of Likud — and it was indeed the Sephardic vote that allowed the notorious Meir Kahane to cross the 1 percent threshold and enter the Knesset, from which he will now spread his racist venom under the shield of parliamentary immunity.

There isn't much point in speculating about the causes of this voting pattern — whether it stems from a resentment against the labor governments, which ruled Israel from 1948 to 1977, or from the Sephardis' instinctive identification with those who take a nationalist, traditionalist, anti-Arab and anti-intellectual approach to our country's problems.

One fact ought to be remembered: Under the Likud government, the standard of living and private

consumption of all Israelis has gone up by leaps and bounds. In the poorer classes, made up mainly of Sephardic Jews, the Likud is thus automatically identified with prosperity, while the austerity of the country's formative years is associated with the Labor Party. Indeed, the greatest failure of the Likud government — the fact that it has tripled Israel's foreign debt and squandered Israel's credit, not on economic growth but on mounting consumption — is seen as a virtue by many of its supporters.

The saddest thing about these elections is the growing polarization that they reveal within Israeli society: Many young Israelis who moved to the right of Likud voted this time for the extremist Tehiyah Party. On the other side of the spectrum, the Communist-led Rakach party, which supports the Palestine Liberation Organization, has now been joined in the Knesset by a new and similarly extremist Arab-Jewish Progressive List for Peace, and together the two parties now total six seats in the Knesset. (It is somewhat encouraging, however, that two small parties at the center — the Civil Rights Movement and the Shinui Party — doubled their representation from three to six, and both are committed to fight the racist tendency on the right.)

Yet the growing polarization deeply worries many Israelis. For one thing, it weakens the country, which still has to fight for its survival in an ocean of hatred and rejection. It also reinforces divisions based on education and social class. Virtually the whole of the Israeli intelligentsia is on the left-liberal side of the fence, while the Likud is strongest among people who regard themselves as deprived outsiders. Indeed, Likud's greatest political achievement is that after seven years of ruling the country it is still regarded by the mainly Sephardic proletariat as an anti-establishment party.

Whither Israel? Many people, including myself, still hope that labor will manage to form a government. If that is not possible, the best alternative would be a provisional national coalition that would exclude extremists on both sides of the spectrum.

Meanwhile, many of us are already worrying about the longer term future. We need a government that can give the country a constitution and a bill of rights that would proscribe racism. We need rulers strong enough to reform the electoral system, which is based on proportional representation — the system that failed so miserably in these elections. We need to mend the fences of the ruined economy and heal the wounds of a body politic divided by growing bitterness. The terrible thing is that no government formed is likely to be able to face any of these challenges.

Annon Rubinstein is leader of the Shinui (Change) party in the Knesset and author of "The Zionist Dream Revisited."

## A New Israeli Majority

by Irving Greenberg

Despite 400 percent inflation, despite a morass in Lebanon with almost 500 dead and \$1 million daily cost, despite Likud's loss of Menachem Begin's charisma, to the chagrin of many Americans, numerous Sephardic and/or religious voters could not bring themselves to vote for the Labor Alignment. For the sake of future Israeli-Diaspora relations, it is essential American Jews understand the electoral behavior of the 'new Israeli majority.'

The two key determinants of voting behavior can be loosely described as economic issues or status issues. Where a widespread consensus of basic values exists, the performance of the government and its perceived ability to satisfy the economic interests of the voter tend to be decisive. This is why incumbent Presidents in the United States tend to lose in recession years. However, there are times when status resentments and values issues become so explosive that they overturn 'normal' voting patterns.

This has shown up in the United States in the shift of blue collar, hard hat votes from the Democratic to the Republican party in recent elections. A significant number of labor voters perceived the rise of a 'new class' disdainful of traditional — i.e., family, work, religious, law and order — values as threatening their own standing in the Democratic party and in American life. Putting their social concerns ahead of their economic interests, the workers voted Republican.

In the voting booth, status and value issues are still dominant in many Sephardic voters' minds. Thirty years of devaluation have not been mollified by seven years of Likud rule. Labor — the dominant establishment in Israel from 1948-1977 — is viewed as that group which took in the Sephardic olim (immigrants), stripped them of many values and traditions in the course of modernizing them, distributed them to settlement towns where they were neglected for decades, and gave them the short end of the economic stick. Sephardim are disproportionately represented in the lower working class, dominantly present in the poverty and unskilled labor groups, and underrepresented in university education, science, and professions in Israel.

Begin's first major proposal to world Jewry was Project Renewal — designed to break the cycle of poverty which primarily afflicts Sephardim. With Likud, a Sephardic Deputy Prime Minister and a host of other Sephardim came to power. In short, Likud brought electoral access, economic attention and, above all, a new sense of dignity and standing to the Sephardim. Ethnicity in the United States religiously voted Democratic for years out of similar emotions.

For 30 years, Labor was so entrenched politically that aspiring Sephardic political leaders could not break into the party. Many ended up in Likud because there was no obstacle to Sephardim's rising in those ranks. Neither did Labor (nor the National Religious Party) make a serious attempt to recruit Sephardim for leadership. Until Yitzhak Navon left the presidency, the top Labor person representing Sephardim on the Knesset list was a token and unimportant M.K. (Knesset Member), Shoshanna Almoshino Arbeili. In the somewhat macho Sephardic group, Golda Meir would have been all right — Golda Meir had real influence — but a 'token' woman is insulting.

The bulk of the Sephardim remain somewhat traditional in observance and respectful of religion although they have been broken from Orthodox practice by the modernization process. Labor leadership is recruited from East European Socialist traditions with a fierce anti-clerical, anti-religious heritage and constituency. While Alignment leaders struck deals with religious parties in order to govern, they gave us little as possible and showed no respect for observance personally. Menachem Begin is not Orthodox, but he put on his *kippa* and quoted the traditional phrase "Thank God" repeatedly and insisted on kosher food and observing Shabbat while he was abroad. Begin was more generous to religious groups in part because he really believed in these values. By contrast, Labor never took the trouble to find a few leaders naturally respectful of tradition. The failure shows a continuing disdain for that group which is already a majority of Israel's electorate.

Most American Jews perceive the Israeli government as excessively

solicitous of Orthodox concerns but many religious voters retain fears of being abused religiously. It goes back decades — even to pre-State days — when the Labor establishment identified breaking voters from religious patterns with the opportunity to get their vote for Labor. The right to religious schools (needed in a society where the atheist/secular values were often taught in public schools) was often over-ridden by economic and political pressure. Tens of thousands of Sephardic children from religious homes were placed in secularizing institutions. The older Sephardic generation still blames labor for the loss of religious values by their children; the younger generation blames Labor for the alienation from Sephardic ethnic values — music, tradition, etc. It is a little bit unfair but it is the price of having been the establishment and failure to take affirmative action to overcome that image.

Labor in power would not likely challenge the religious status quo — notwithstanding Shimon Peres' promise to American Reform and Conservatism. But Labor's allies (Citizens' Rights, Shinui) are for separation of church and state. The National Religious party campaigned on a slogan: If you don't vote for us this time, you may never get the chance again. The fears were real enough to stabilize the religious electorate to deny Labor a potential swing vote group.

Labor played it safe in its campaigns in 1981 and 1984. It chose 'business as usual' and did not change its leadership. Yet as political scientist Dan Elazar has pointed out, it has become a permanent minority. It can only break out of this status if it aggressively reaches out to Sephardic and religious voters and earns their trust by changes in leadership personnel and by affirmative action. This will not be easy since many of its constituents are resentful of the concessions already made. In this regard, Amos Oz's new book with its vignettes of the Sephardic voters is an interesting opening. In the past, Oz dismissed Likud as the petty bourgeoisie of Israel and the betrayal of the Zionist dream to Sephardic primitives. In his new book, Oz captures the voices and resentments; this is the first step toward sympathy and integration.

The Alignment might well start by choosing new leadership — former President Yitzhak Navon will score points both with Sephardic and religious constituents but Navon alone will not be enough. Labor did not use its years out of power well. Israel needs policy and governing alternatives and competition between parties. It would be a pity if 30 years of Labor entrenchment will be followed by 30 years of Likud establishment. Unless Labor learns some lessons of defeat, this could be the outcome.

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## Letters To The Editor

### To The Editor:

A recent editorial, "Equal Access: A Dangerous Erosion," August 3, inaccurately asserted that I had spoken one way about the equal access bill at a meeting in Seekonk and had voted the other way when the bill came before the House. That is simply incorrect.

The confusion apparently arose because the author of the piece, Mr. Israel, believes that the issue of school prayer and the issue of equal access are the exact same issue — which is what he told me when I discussed this with him on the phone. He is, of course, entitled to think that the question of equal access for groups to meet in school buildings when school is not in session, and the issue of prayers being said in school during the school day, have a similar effect. But they are indisputably different issues — and in fact they came up in different pieces of legislation on the Floor of the House. I have consistently opposed efforts to impose official prayer on students through the compulsory school attendance laws and I was, most recently, one of only 29 members of the House to vote against an amendment which requires local school boards to provide for "moments of silent prayer" — whatever those are. So, my position against efforts to impose school prayer has been and is consistent: I am opposed to it.

As to equal access, I opposed the equal access bill when it first came before the House because it gave special preferences to religion, allowed outsiders to be called into the schools, and would've allowed meetings to be held during the school day. As a result of the opposition of myself and some others to this form of the bill, a later bill came up which cured these particular defects. The bill that came before the House most recently applies to all political, religious, social, economic, etc., groups. It does not provide any rights for people to have meetings during the school day when students are required to be in school. And it allows local authorities to ban outsiders. Thus we were confronted with a bill which simply said that if any group of students wishes, before or after school, without outside intervention, to have a meeting for any legal purpose, the School Board may not pick and choose among them, but must either grant all requests or turndown all requests. Mr.

Israel is entitled to his view that this is somehow an egregious breach in the principle of separation of church and state. I do not agree. It does not seem to me that he was entitled to assert that because I said I was against school prayer, I was somehow misleading people when I subsequently voted for the version of the equal access bill I have just described.

I should add that when the equal access bill first came up, I met with representatives of the major national Jewish organizations and explained to them my position. That is, no one involved in the Jewish organizations was surprised when I voted against the first equal access bill because it was an effort to provide special privileges to religion in the schools, but then voted for the later one when it had become simply a measure to allow students freedom to conduct themselves as they wished. Unfortunately, Mr. Israel never made any effort to speak to me before writing his editorial and so he was apparently unaware of the specifics of my position. That is, he apparently did not know that I had made my position on equal access clear to the leadership of the Jewish organizations; or that I had voted against the school prayer amendment. I respect his right to differ with my position on equal access, but I must take exception to his unjustified suggestion that I said one thing to a group of citizens in Seekonk and then voted the other way. I do not believe that he will ever be able to find an instance in which I misled people in this way.

Barney Frank, M.C.

### To the Editor:

Rhode Island's senior United States Senator, Claiborne Pell, has just introduced into the Senate a new bill providing for a bilateral and verifiable nuclear weapons freeze between the United States and the Soviet Union. Senator Pell calls his landmark legislation the "Arms Race Control Act of 1984."

The bill would freeze Soviet and American nuclear weapons testing and deployment in three important categories: long-range strategic missiles; anti-satellite weapons; and explosions or tests of nuclear warheads, including underground. Of course, the measure is bilateral. For example, in the first category (long-range

missiles), the bill would halt flight testing and deployment of the American M-X missile and also the Soviet SS-X-24, SS-X-25, and SS-NX-23 missiles.

The Pell bill is far superior to earlier freeze bills in the Senate in one crucial regard. While earlier freeze bills were non-binding resolutions that merely expressed the "sense of the Congress," the new Pell bill actually cuts off funding for the covered U.S. programs unless the President certifies to Congress: 1) that he has tried in good faith, and failed, to reach a bilateral freeze with the Soviets; 2) that the Soviets are proceeding with their own programs in the covered categories; and 3) that failure of the United States to do so would undermine our national security. In other words, Pell's bill is an effort to exercise the Congressional power of the purse to force a reluctant President to propose a bilateral freeze to the Soviets — while still maintaining careful procedures for safeguarding American national security.

Why has Senator Pell introduced this bill? In my view, there are perhaps two reasons. First, Senator Pell is deeply worried about the dangers posed by the nuclear arms race to all humankind. I have discussed this matter with him on several occasions; there can be no doubt whatever of the Senator's sincerity.

Second, Senator Pell's action is clearly in keeping with the expressed will of his constituents, the people of Rhode Island.

On election day, 1982, Rhode Island voters approved overwhelmingly a voter referendum calling for a mutual and verifiable nuclear weapons freeze. That referendum passed in 36 of the 39 cities and towns in the state and was strongly endorsed by the state's Catholic, Protestant and Jewish religious leaders.

Thus, Senator Pell is in the happy position of answering the dictates of his own conscience, responding to the will of his constituents, and serving the wider interests of humanity.

Jerry Elmer

### To The Editor:

I admire you for having the courage to reprint the article on Rabbi Meir Kahane thus exposing him again as a bigot, racist, and outright dangerous revolutionary.

He is a disgrace to the State of Israel, we Jews, more than anyone else should know what it means to be discriminated against.

This article should be mandatory reading from all pulpits during the upcoming High Holidays.

Hans L. Heimann

## Lawmaker Beyond The Law

Rabbi Meir Kahane's first day as a member of the Israeli Knesset (parliament) was an occasion for shame and anxiety. Some three thousand demonstrators stood before the Knesset building to protest against Kahane. They held banners that said: "Fascism will not pass" and "Kahane equals racism."

Once inside the Knesset, Kahane defied his new colleagues by subverting his oath of allegiance to the state of Israel and its laws. Kahane muttered the words of the oath so that Josef Burg, the Speaker, could not hear them. Burg, a rabbi and leader of the National Religious party, had to ask several times whether the new member had actually spoken the oath.

Kahane had indeed mumbled the parliamentary pledge, but only as a preface to a citation from the Book of Psalms, a promise to "keep the Torah continually forever and ever." Kahane, who has never hesitated to take the law into his own hands, made it quite clear what he meant by his quotation from the Psalms. "I obey the laws of the Knesset as long as they don't disobey a higher law," he later told a reporter.

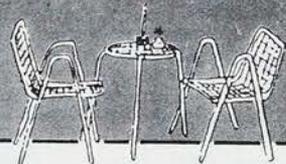
The reason for all the shame and trepidation Kahane inspires among Israelis was on exhibit in his first parliamentary performance. With his claim that the Bible justifies his belief in a Jewish mission to rid all of Greater Israel of Arab "strangers," the man whom Israeli President Chaim Herzog has called a racist stands for an ideology that is utterly opposed to democracy.

His proposal to prevent miscegenation by outlawing sexual contact between Arabs and Jews recalls Hitler's Nuremberg Laws and the Nazi ideology of racial purity. The difference is that Kahane calls for violence against Arabs to keep Jewish blood pure and to expand the territory of a Jewish state; Hitler wished to preserve the purity of Aryan blood and to provide *Lebensraum* for the German nation.

Knesset member Charlie Biton was not indulging in empty rhetoric when he rose from his seat and shouted at Kahane: "You Nazi — get out of here!"

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## Washington Report: U.S. Wants Economic Answers

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officials said, know where the problems are — the nearly run-a-way inflation rate, the drain on foreign exchange, and the loss of productivity in relation to wages and other benefits.

Still, Shultz and his aides, bolstered by the advice of other private U.S. economists such as Prof. Herbert Stein, of course have some ideas on what Israel must do.

For one thing, there is a strong consensus in Washington that Israel's sophisticated indexation system must be drastically cut back and eventually even eliminated. Otherwise, they believe, the incentive for reducing inflation is automatically diminished.

Shultz had been intrigued by former Finance Minister Yoram Aridor's "dollarization" scheme. The Secretary would have been prepared to cooperate with it by authorizing some direct U.S. financial subsidies during the transition period. That would have eliminated inflation in almost one fell swoop.

But national pride made that proposal politically impossible for the time being, although some U.S. officials remain convinced that Israel, in the end, is eventually going to have to accept some modification of it.

Israel, they also believe, must become more disciplined in cutting back its budget, especially in such areas as subsidies for its exports and arms industries. Shultz and other Reagan Administration officials are prepared to increase U.S. financial assistance but not before they are convinced that Israel first is doing everything it can to resolve its economic problems.

There is a widespread notion in Washington — in the Reagan administration as well as on Capitol Hill — that Israel is nowhere near that point.

Indeed, Congressmen and Senators who visit Israel are often struck by what they say is the relative affluence of the society, in marked contrast to their earlier perceived preception of deep economic pain and suffering in the country.

In America, the concept of Israel's 400 percent inflation is staggering but clearly misleading, given the indexation of almost everything there. U.S. Congressmen recall the difficulties of 20 percent inflation during the Carter Administration.

This appearance of affluence in Israel —

underlined by the many new cars, the color televisions and video recorders and other similarly expensive consumer items — is a source of considerable embarrassment to Israeli officials and American Jewish political activists who have to lobby the Administration and the Congress for more aid to Israel.

Many U.S. lawmakers leave Israel somewhat offended by this conspicuous consumption of luxury goods, although they rarely express themselves on the subject publicly. They see Israel as a country living in large measure on the American dole and that it should drastically cut back its standard of living before seeking more U.S. aid. There is a sense that Israel has not done enough; more austerity measures are needed.

The explanations of Israeli officials and their American supporters are not always accepted. Basically, they point out that high inflation in Israel makes bank savings unattractive. Israelis, they note, have an incentive to keep their money in actual capital goods which tend to retain their value better than savings accounts — even those linked to inflation.

All of this is very much relevant today. Still pending before Congress is the economic and military aid package for the 1985 fiscal year.

Israel is slated to receive \$1.4 billion in military grants and another \$1.2 billion in economic grants. For the first time, the current bill does not include any loans for Israel; all of the funds are an outright gift, with no repayment necessary.

The conversion of the aid into all grants, of course, represented a major victory for Israel. Accepting U.S. loans, even at extremely favorable interest rates, also increased Israel's debt burden. The conversion to grants has reduced Israel's annual increases in external debt, which already has surpassed the \$21 billion mark. It has given Israel's economy some extra breathing space.

But Shultz and other Americans believe that this is only of short-term value. They want Israel to get to the root causes of its economic problems by addressing them directly and not simply by accepting what U.S. officials describe as more "crutches" on which to walk.

The measures envisaged by the Americans will be very painful in Israel. But according to informed U.S. officials, avoiding the issue is even going to make

things worse in the long run. The dangers to the Israeli society from a false and potentially collapsing economy, according to U.S. officials, are almost as dangerous as those security problems coming from the Arab world.

Israeli officials have informed Washington that it cannot afford higher unemployment as a method to reduce inflation. The Reagan administration entered office with high (for the U.S.) inflation. For the most part, it has been almost totally eliminated over the past four years. But during the first two years of the Administration, unemployment in the U.S. reached near record levels. The U.S. economy, in much better shape than Israel's, has managed to bounce back. Unemployment has been reduced.

Israel, however, fears that raising the unemployment level will result in massive emigration, especially a brain drain involving engineers, scientists and other talented people looking for work. This is something no Israeli government will tolerate, and Shultz is clearly sympathetic.

But he and other U.S. experts do believe that the Israeli Central Bank can stop printing money simply to cover deficits — a process that fuels inflation. They do believe that Israel can impose some real price and wage freezes as well as drastically cut back on government subsidies.

"In short," one U.S. official said, "we know any serious program will be painful. Belt tightening always is. But Israel must cut its standard of living if it wants to get its economy together. We know it won't be easy, and we are ready to help. But Israel first has to help itself. A strong Israel needs a strong economy."

The Administration will not brutally or even directly link future aid increases to specific economic reforms, but everyone in Washington recognizes that that will inevitably turn out to be the case. Israeli officials in Washington are first to admit this.

This heightened U.S. sensitivity to Israel's economic problems was underlined the other day when Vice President George Bush ran into Israeli Embassy Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at a social gathering. Bush, as might have expected, did not ask Netanyahu about the political situation in the aftermath of the Israeli election. What he wanted to know was when Israel was going to get its economic turmoil resolved. Netanyahu said Israel was working on the problem. But the Americans, who finance a good chunk of the Israeli military and civilian budget, want more specific answers than that — and relatively quickly.

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## Soviet Jewry Update

An innovative program dramatizing the plight of Soviet Jews has been prepared by the Union of American Jewish Congregations for high holy day use in its 770 Reform synagogues and is being made available to the Jewish community at large, it was announced this week by Albert Vorspan, UAHC vice-president.

The centerpiece of the program is made up of readings in which five Soviet Jewish prisoners of conscience and refuseniks describe their experiences as Jews living in the USSR. They are Ida Nudel, Anatoly Shecharansky, Lev Ovsischer, Inge Pipkin and Shimon Grillius, who is now living in Israel. A sixth message is from Alexi Murzhenko, a non-Jew who has actively supported Soviet Jewry's struggle for freedom to emigrate.

The program was developed and first used during Rosh Hashanah services last year at Temple Emanuel of Kensington, Md., under the leadership of Rabbi Leon Adler and the temple's social action committee. In published form it is being sent to other Reform synagogues for replication "to strengthen American Jewry's consciousness-raising and education efforts on behalf of our brothers and sisters in the USSR with whom we are locked in solidarity and prayer," Mr. Vorspan said.

Both Mr. Vorspan and Rabbi Adler stressed the need for American Jews to carry out a variety of efforts in support of Jews in the Soviet Union on a year-around basis. The high holy days, they observed, are a time when congregants are particularly sensitive to the fact that Soviet Jews are not permitted to live and worship as Jews. (On arriving at Temple Emanuel for Rosh Hashanah services last year, members of the congregation were first stunned and then saddened by the message on a sign posted by Rabbi Adler. Printed in huge bold letters, it read: "Closed for the High Holidays." Beneath the announcement, in much smaller type, were the words: "in the Soviet Union.")

"The issue of Soviet Jewry rises to the level of inescapable moral imperative, especially now that emigration has dwindled to a trickle and Soviet harassment and persecution are even more cruel and heavy-handed than usual," Mr. Vorspan said. The UAHC vice-president is also director of the Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism, which is promoting the use of the Temple Emanuel program. The chairman of the Commission — a joint body of the UAHC and Central Conference of American Rabbis — is Harris Gilbert of Westfield, N.J.

Copies of the program, titled "Rosh Hashanah Visitors for Soviet Jewry," are available at \$2 each from the Commission on Social Action, 838 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10021.



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## NJCRCAC Conducting Seminars On Equal Access

(JTA) — The National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRCAC), representing a wide range of 11 national Jewish organizations and 111 local Jewish Community Relations Councils, is arranging for seminars in eight cities to work out policy and strategy at the local level for dealing with the effects of the newly-enacted equal access law. Albert Chernin, NJCRCAC executive vice chairman, reported.

The proposal, approved by the Senate last May, and approved 337-77 by the House in a second vote on the measure last week, would permit religious groups to hold meetings in public schools but only before and after regular class hours.

The AJCongress, in a statement denouncing the House action, said it would "carry the fight to the courts to have this legislation invalidated."

Rabbi Henry Michaelman, executive vice president of the Synagogue Council of America, told the JTA that the SCA's six rabbinical and congregational organizations, Orthodox, Conservative and Reform, "regretted" the new law and that the SCA planned to challenge its constitutionality.

A commitment to "closely monitor" how this "controversial law" is implemented and readiness "to challenge unconstitutional practices that may grow out of its administration" was made in a statement for the American Jewish Committee by its president, Howard Friedman.

He called the measure "a sharp departure from Congress's traditional caution and concern that religious liberty and separation of church and state not be tampered with." The Committee said the measure was "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 school."

Chernin said the equal access legislation would be one of several problems in church-state relations affecting Jews to be discussed and analyzed at the eight regional consultations. He said that the equal access measure would be examined in terms of policy and strategy.

Friedman also said, in the AJCongress statement, that "the only bright spot in this rather disturbing picture of Congressional action is that, even as Congress was considering such radical legislation, two federal courts of appeal, 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."

However, an attorney specializing in constitutional law, who asked that his name not be used, said there were significant differences in the Georgia and Pennsylvania laws, compared to the new equal access law.

Seymour Reich, chairman of the ADL civil rights committee, said, in a statement, the "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" and that the measure "could open to racist and extremist organizations the opportunity to operate in our public schools."

Gerald Kraft, president of B'nai B'rith, denounced approval of the new measure and said it would turn the nation's schools "into religious battlegrounds where our children will be the only victims."

David Zweibel, director of government affairs of Agudath Israel, called the measure "ill-conceived and dangerous." He, too, expressed fears of missionizing activities on public school premises. Zweibel made a special point of stressing the "distinction" between Agudath Israel opposition to the equal access measure and its support of legislatively-approved "school prayer initiatives where there are built-in and iron-clad guarantees that the prayer would indeed be non-denominational in form and character."

## Lawmaker Says Anti-Semitic Atmosphere Hurts Many

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Rep. Bobbi Fiedler (R. Cal.) said recently that the anti-Semitic atmosphere created by the Rev. Jesse Jackson and Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan has been a "painful experience" for many adults and children.

"It has hurt a lot of people who feel vulnerable in their own community," Fiedler said at a Capitol Hill press conference called to support the proposal by Sen. Alfonse D'Amato (R. NY) that the Republican Party platform contain a plank condemning anti-Semitism and all forms of bigotry.

Fiedler said that the anti-Semitic tone has "created a climate of separatism between people who historically had strong relations with one another. It is something that hurts our society as a whole."

Fiedler, who is Jewish and represents a district in Los Angeles, added that "there are children who have never been exposed before to anti-Semitism. There are young children who have had long standing relationships with children of different racial and ethnic backgrounds that are beginning to look at one another differently because the leaders of this country accept this as a viable debate."

She stressed that "it's not what happens today in the news headlines or on TV" that is important, "it's what happens in the hearts and minds of our kids, our family, our society."

Fiedler said that a new climate of anti-Semitism has been created. She said she saw examples of this on her way to Washington from Dulles International Airport when she saw graffiti along the way — a Nazi swastika — and a slogan "dump Israel."

Sen. Paula Hawkins (R. Fla.), who is co-chairperson of the Republican Platform Committee, said that D'Amato's resolution would be introduced in its entirety into the platform at the Republican National Convention in Dallas, August 20-23. She said that resolution can be "easily understood" by children as well as adults.

It reads: "In view of recent events and the statements of prominent political personalities the Republican party takes this opportunity to reaffirm its adherence to pluralistic principles and to totally repudiate and disassociate itself from those who preach all forms of hatred, bigotry, racism anti-Semitism."

## Youth Aliyah: Climbing To The Top



Avi Manos

JERUSALEM — Avi Manos, a 17-year-old sabra (native-born Israeli), glows with pride as he talks about Havat HaNoar, the Youth Aliyah village here that has given him a chance to make it in Israeli life.

"I've been living and studying at Havat HaNoar for two years," said Avi, as he planed wood in the village's carpentry shop where he is developing a marketable skill. "If I had stayed in Ashkelon I wouldn't be in school today. My friends all left school and spend their days on the streets, hanging around, looking for odd jobs."

"I'm a year away from graduation and if I do not stay with carpentry, I will study interior design. I did not even know that field existed until I came here."

Avi is the youngest of seven children of Yemenite Jews who flocked to Israel in 1949, part of the massive waves of immigration that marked the early years of Israel's statehood. The family settled in Ashkelon, a coastal development town some 40 miles south of Tel Aviv. Avi's parents have been unemployed, in a country with a high rate of employment, and his family lives in cramped quarters. Before Youth Aliyah came into Avi's life, he had little reason to hope.

Havat HaNoar, which means "youth farm," is one of more than 100 Youth Aliyah villages, helping 17,400 teenagers find themselves, learn academic and vocational skills, gain confidence and develop a sense of personal and social responsibility. This particular village provides learning in reading, writing, mathematics, computers, carpentry, interior design, hotel management and

reception, fashion and crafts to 313 youngsters. It represents the newer thrust of Youth Aliyah, which has helped 200,000 Jewish youngsters in 51 years, including tens of thousands it rescued from the Holocaust and brought to Palestine. Today, 70 percent of Youth Aliyah's boys and girls are sabras from distressed neighborhoods.

Youth Aliyah is also reaching out to American Jewish teenagers, hundreds of whom spend a year of high school study in Israel, helping bring the next generation of Israeli and diaspora Jews closer together.

Youth Aliyah is administered under a \$52 million allocation in the Jewish Agency's \$400 million budget, which mainly comes from American Jews through the United Jewish Appeal/community campaign. Diaspora Jews help people in distressed neighborhoods through Project Renewal.

"Without Youth Aliyah, youngsters such as Avi would drop to the margins of society," said Havat HaNoar's director, Uzi Kramer, a 40-ish man with a wide, warm smile. "We try to give these youngsters a lot of the things they have been deprived of. To help them feel they aren't only on the receiving end, they perform tasks here and in the nearby community."

"I used to run away from things," said Avi, pausing to appreciate the smoothness he had just brought to rough wood. "I don't anymore. I'm faced with a lot of challenges here and I know life isn't easy."

"But this is very worth it," he added. "I now feel I can meet challenges, here and after I graduate. 'You'll see. I will make something of myself.'"

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## Around Town

by Dorothea Snyder



*Estelle Schwartz, Manager, Act 11*

"Montreal and Quebec... charming, clean, friendly, smiling faces, the warmth in people, the courtesy, the cleanliness of both cities, the charm of the Canadians, and they were charming. The quaint little shops in Quebec and the artists and architecture are reminiscent of what I know about Europe. Even though my favorite American city is San Francisco and never having been to Europe, I found the warmth of the Canadian people and their beautiful city a most charming place to visit. The cleanliness is unbelievable compared to our cities. You don't see a cigarette butt on the street. Streets are washed every morning. The service in restaurants is courteous. The waitresses aren't always at your side rushing you. There isn't the pressure that you feel by people waiting in lines to get seated. Restaurants are big. There are ample spaces. You don't feel rushed. Waiters and waitresses are smiling people. There is a slower pace. The respect French Canadian children have for their families is beautiful to see. Not like American children who are demanding and constantly on a hype. It would be hard to distinguish one economic class from another because everybody, including the children, are beautifully dressed and refined. The underground shopping is gorgeous, easily accessible to hotel guests with miles of shopping area, merchandise beautifully displayed, clean, tastefully done, something for everyone, unusual gift items. The Laura Secord ice cream is fabulous. In five days, I consumed 10 ice cream cones."



*Steven Kline, Senior, Northeastern University*

"The last thing I expected to do was to go to any of the Olympic events, but a job related assignment in California brought me to Los Angeles. I saw all the events I wanted to see such as boxing, track and field, baseball and basketball. I brought back souvenirs for my family and myself to remind us of the strong sense of nationalism experienced by people who attended the Olympics. I met people from all different countries who came just to see the Olympics. Everybody waved the flag of their nations. Korea, Brazil to name a couple. Even though Americans were the majority in attendance, they became fans rooting for the teams America played against. Other than the excitement of being there, I felt much more excitement with the fact that the best quality of athlete in the world was striving to compete here. These athletes had a dream for years to participate in the Olympics. They had to perform the best in their countries to make it to the Olympics. Keeping this in mind, you knew you were seeing the best. Everything there was Olympics. Everyone had something to show for themselves by wearing t-shirts, hats, carrying programs. No one was without a souvenir plus everyone had a camera. Although tickets were reported scarce, I had no trouble getting them for the events I saw."

## Summer Of '84



*Barry Waldman, Sophomore, U.R.I., and his sister Anne Waldman, recent graduate, U.R.I., Behavior Therapist, Behavioral Research Institute*

"For me," says Anne, "my college graduation and a three-week tour of Europe with my family is what I'll always remember for the summer of '84. We visited England, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Austria, Italy and France. It was unbelievable. It was so different from what I imagined from textbooks and readings in history courses. I wish I could have seen these countries at the time I was studying about them. Just think of it. If we lived in France, we could step over the border into Spain and witness the new culture you're reading about in class. Europe is steeped in culture and heritage with its old architecture. The antiquity of Europe is still very much a part of the culture there today." Barry agrees. "The history of European architecture still stands and dates back to the fifteenth century. I feel pretty much the same way as Anne. I felt the richness of the cultures in European cities far more than what I have read in books or media. France was my favorite country. I've studied French and French culture. I enjoyed listening to the French accent, and tuning in to their so casual, not so rushed, stress-free life style. We were trying to rush through dinner to be somewhere, but the waiter's attitude was nonchalant in the sense of why the rush. It made us slow down to a more casual pace." Anne's favorite part of the trip focused on "anything that had to do with Alps... Swiss, Austrian, Italian. I was in heaven. The cascading waterfalls from melting snows were beautiful. We saw two Olympic ski jumps in Innsbruck, Austria and Cortina, Italy. Just knowing that three Olympics were held here and that some Olympic history had taken place at these spots was breathtaking. Here it was summer and I was playing in snow dressed in shorts and a t-shirt at the summit of Switzerland's Mount Stanserhorn. Barry says, "I definitely want to go back, see more and stay longer in each place. It's an experience always to remember." "If you have the opportunity to go," Anne says, "go. If I had to express this trip in just one word, I couldn't. I can't even find the right sentence. No one word could describe the whole experience. It was an eye opener. But I still want to find that one word that measures up to what I saw!"



*Lori Bergel, First year student, Tufts School of Veterinary Medicine, and Dusty*

"I've put about 200 miles on my car where I have gone this summer... East Providence where I accumulated about 100 hours in four-minute intervals and to Rehoboth for riding lessons. The reason I spent so much time travelling to these destinations were for fun-filled days of "playing with puppies and kittens" at Povar Animal Hospital in East Providence where I work and in Rehoboth to attempt straddling Sly's five feet high saddle and to perfect my trotting. Seriously, all this is part of my exposure and experience in working with animals. And that has been from handling a 10 lb frightened cat to a 110 lb uncooperative dog so that we can draw blood, take an x-ray, put a splint on a broken limb, inject with medication, clean a wound, take temperatures etc. Even though they call it work, it's play to me. It's very enjoyable to me. I find it the fuel that feeds the fire."

Summer... sultry, steamy, serene, sentimental.

What remembrances of times past do we recall upon looking through photo albums neatly lined up as a regiment of recollection?

In the cold of winter's icy crackle, we flip the pictorial replay of images smiling at us. They are our families, our friends and ourselves.

Those faraway and distant places, those close-to-home backyard reunions are permanent records of what we will remember as the summer of 1984.

This point in time can never be repeated even if places and events are re-visited. Circumstances are constant throughout the pendulum of time.

The summer of 1984 will be an exhilarating refrain of times past and projected to the next plateau of our futures.

Twenty years hence, our four respondents will look back to the summer of 1984 with special and significant association of where they were and what they did.

## Education

### Temple Emanu-El's School

(continued from page 1)

that a four or a five year old can take responsibility for being a Jew. I will be incorporating music, creative drama, arts and crafts and exploring many of the questions a young student has about Judaism and God. The children will also have an opportunity to make their own siddur. Throughout the school year the students will be collecting prayers, poems and stories which they'll get to put in their siddur and take home with them at the end of the year. Parents will be encouraged to take part in the workshops, too. We are also actively looking for a piano, and if someone has a piano they'd like to donate to the school, please let us know."

Minna Ellison, Special Program Coordinator at Temple Emanu-El's Religious School, has been involved in several projects. Two projects have involved creating a new resource room and a new Hebrew game room for the school.

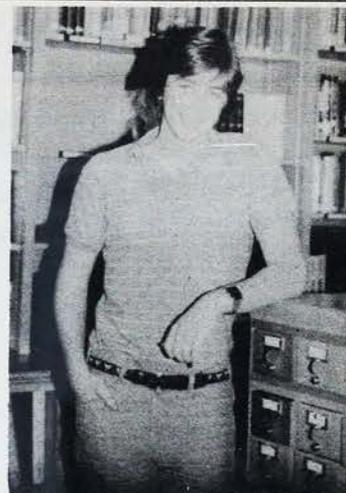
"We wanted to have a central resource room where teachers could make use of the resources we have available at the school," Minna said. "Students will also have opportunities to use the room, too. Teachers will also be using the room to work more closely with children that need special care. At Temple Emanu-El Religious School we work with specific children's needs in mind. The new Hebrew game room, for example, has been created



Students at Temple Emanu-El's Children's Corner.



Kevin Landy, recent graduate.



Bruce Lipsey, recent graduate.

for this reason. A student from the Harry Elkin Midrasha High School will supervise activities in the Hebrew game room, which will be a place where students can socialize before class, play Hebrew word games and other artistic games. We started using the room last year for this purpose and because it was so successful, we utilizing it again this year."

Also "back by popular demand" is the Hugin program. Hugin, which translated from the Hebrew means activities, was first brought to Temple Emanu-El Religious School by Minna Ellison who had heard about the concept through her parents who live in Roslyn, Long Island. Students are involved in activities and encouraged to bring to the Hugin their own creativity and talents. The teachers, instead of standing at the front of the classroom, work along with the children on their projects.

One of the features about educational opportunities at the Temple Emanu-El Religious School is the close affiliation with the Temple itself. Students lead weekly services at the Junior Congregation and also at the Jewish Home for the Aged in Providence several times a year. There is an award winning Bar and Bat Mitzvah

program, first introduced to the school by Carol Ingall of the Bureau of Jewish Education of R.I. And, according to principal Evelyn Brier, there is a strong sense that the education students learn in the classroom be brought back and shared with the families at home.

Earlier this summer, Mrs. Brier completed her degree requirements for her Masters of Arts in Jewish education at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York. She found the experience a valuable one.

"I needed to reacquaint myself with Jewish learning," she said. "I studied the Talmud, Jewish literature, and took a seminar in working as a Jewish principal."

She also stressed that her dedication to Jewish learning is shared by the other teachers at Temple Emanu-El.

"We have a high level of people teaching here," she said. "They are all certified teachers who take Jewish learning seriously."

And so the school year is about to begin at Temple Emanu-El in Providence. Judging from the enthusiasm evident in teacher and principal alike, it promises to be a creative and a rewarding year for all involved.

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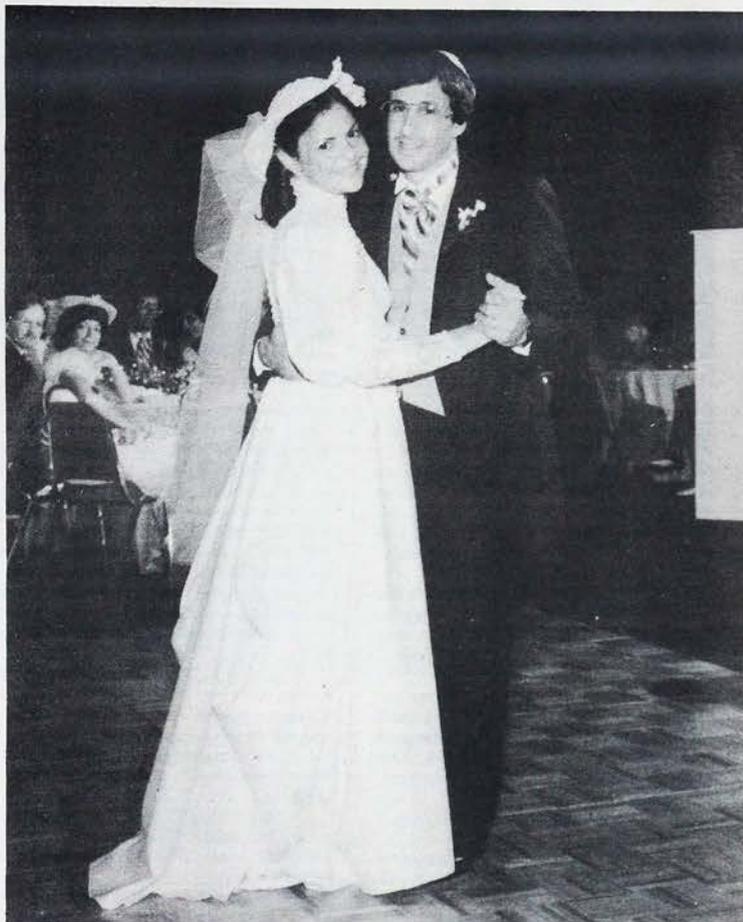
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## Social Events

### Ivy Furman Weds William Kolb



Mr. and Mrs. William Kolb

Ivy Furman and William Kolb were married on July 22 at Temple Beth El in Providence where a reception followed. Rabbi Leslie Guterman officiated at the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Furman of Warwick. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Florence Kolb of New Seabury, Mass., and the late William Kolb.

The bride wore a gown of taffeta and lace with a fitted lace bodice beaded with seed pearls and sequins, Juliet sleeves and full train. She carried a bouquet of orchids and pink roses.

Miriam Kogut was matron-of-honor for her sister. Bridesmaids were Mary Ann Canning, Mynde Siperstein and Rena Yanover, cousin of the bride. Junior bridesmaids were Jill and Jessica Benjoya, nieces of the bridegroom.

Best man was Robert Lowe, the bridegroom's cousin. Ushers were David Kogut, Dr. Peter Simon, Michael Yanover and Joshua Shapiro.

The groom's mother was escorted down the aisle by her brother-in-law, Jules Lowe. The bride is a graduate of the University of Connecticut and holds a M.S.W. degree

from New York University. She is coordinator of social services for the town of Lincoln School Department.

The groom is a graduate of Brown University with a M.B.A. from Boston University. He is enrolled at Northeastern Law School.

After a wedding trip to Paris and Nice, they will live in Norwood, Mass.

### Deborah S. Asher Weds Dr. Robert C. Stone

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Asher of New York City, announce the engagement of their daughter, Debra, of Newtonville, Mass. to Dr. Robert C. Stone of Brighton, Mass. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Stone of Cranston.

Ms. Asher is a graduate of the School of Physical Therapy at Northeastern University. Her fiancé is a graduate of Clark University and the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine.

The couple plans to wed on June 30, 1985.

### Mr. and Mrs. Victor Benklifa Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Benklifa of Dallas, Texas announce the birth of their first child and daughter Elyssa Hannah on July 25, 1984.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Maurice M. Pullman of Dallas, formerly of Providence. Paternal grandmother is Mrs. Rebecca Benklifa of L'Zion, Israel.

### Leemans Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Leeman of Newton Highlands, Mass. announce the birth of their first child, a daughter Dena Simona.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Abromson of Brookline, Mass. Paternal grandparents are Rabbi and Mrs. Saul Leeman of Providence.

The father of the newborn is associated with the Boston law firm of Hutchins and Wheeler; the mother is a research scientist at Harvard University's Sidney Farber Institute.

### 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.

### Brown Youth Hockey For Children 5-13

Brown Youth Hockey is now accepting applications for its 16th season, which will open in October and run through March. The league is open to boys and girls aged 5-13.

Brown Youth Hockey is comprised of two divisions. Beginners start in the Instructional League, where they are taught basic skating and hockey skills. The House League, for intermediate/advanced youngsters, consists of four evenly matched teams that compete throughout the winter. A special tournament is held at the end of the season.

All practice sessions and games are held on Saturdays and Sundays at Meehan Auditorium, on the campus of Brown University.

For more information, a brochure and application form, contact Bob Saabye at (401) 861-1306 or Mac Rutherford at (401) 421-5477.

Established in 1969, the Brown Youth Hockey organization strives to provide youngsters with winter recreation as well as solid hockey coaching.

### East Greenwich Boy Tops In M.S. Readathon



Michael Bomes

Michael Bomes, son of Lori and Robert Bomes of 334 Varnum Drive, East Greenwich, was the top reader in the 1984 MS Readathon. Eight-year-old Michael read 32 books and raised \$248.25 to benefit the Rhode Island Chapter National Multiple Sclerosis Society. When asked why he wanted to participate in the MS Readathon, Michael, a second grade student at Cedar Hill School, Warwick, responded, "I want to help others who are less fortunate, and try to win computer lessons."

Michael has already set his goal for 1985 and has encouraged his younger brother, Benjamin, to join in his effort.

Over 2,000 children throughout Rhode Island participated in the 5th Annual Readathon, which helps to support the services of the Rhode Island Chapter National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

### Finkelmans Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Finkelman of 11 Mountain Laurel Drive, Cranston, announce the birth of their first child and son, Adam Scott, on July 24, 1984.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Banice C. Bazar of Cranston. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gerald C. Finkelman of Providence. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lester D. Emers of Providence and Mrs. Eva Finkelman of Providence and Mrs. Henrietta Wishevski of Cranston.

### Charons Married 50 Years

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Charon of Pompano Beach, Florida, and formerly of Rhode Island, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 24, 1984 at the Ramada Inn, Seekonk.

Honored guests were Rabbi and Mrs. William G. Braude of Temple Beth-El in Providence. Family, friends and relatives from California, Connecticut, Florida, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island were present.

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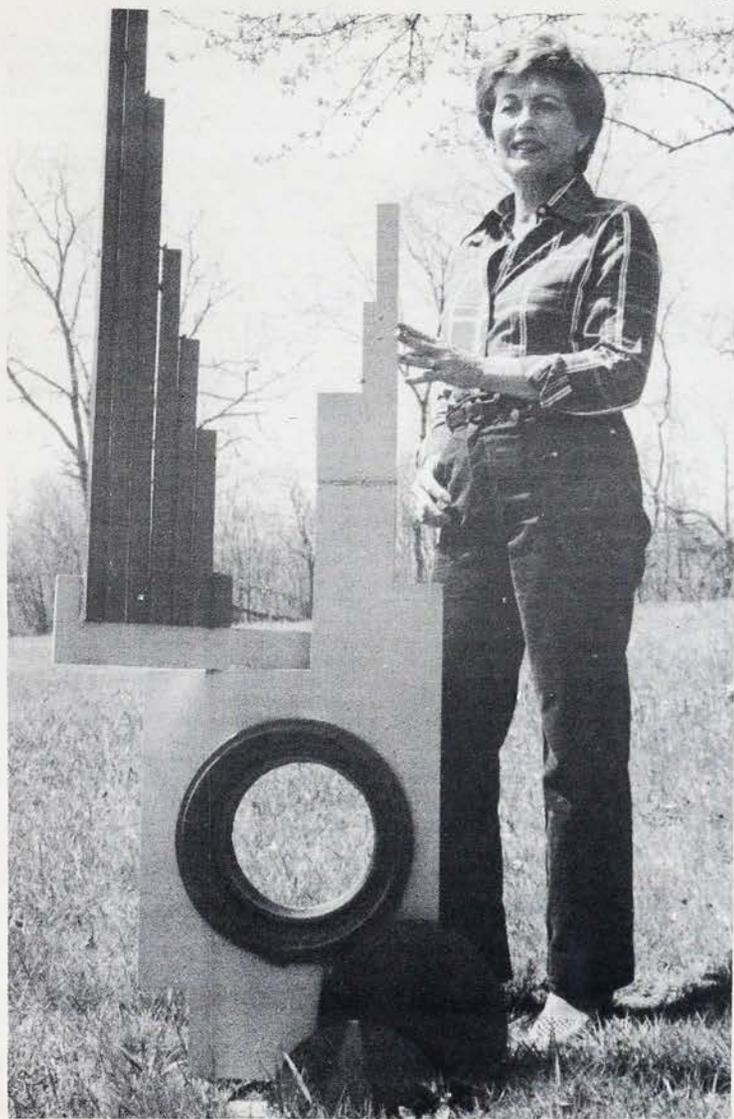
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## Bristol Art Museum To Feature Works By Ellie Frank And Lenny Long



Ellie Frank With Sculpture

The Bristol Art Museum will open its next show on August 22 with sculpture by Ellie Frank and watercolors and prints by Lenny Long. A preview reception will be held on Tuesday evening August 21 for members of the museum and guests of the artists. The exhibition runs through September 7.

Ellie Frank will be showing steel sculptures which evolve from her experiences in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Combining spatial relationships and Indian symbolism, the pieces are painted mainly in primary colors which symbolize the sun, earth and sky — the very essence of Indian culture.

Ms. Frank studied art at the Boston Museum School of Fine Arts, R.I. School of Design and Hood College where she received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Art History. Her works have been shown at the Mystic Art Association, Mystic, Conn., the Edgewood Art Festival and the Providence Art Club. Her most recent solo exhibit was at the Jewish Community Center, Providence and at Temple Emanuel where a major piece, *The Flame*, remains on permanent exhibit. She is a resident of Seekonk, Mass.

Lenny Long will be exhibiting paintings, prints and drawings. The work deals

with creatures and objects in fantasy environments. Intricate patterning and design as well as rich coloration play an important part in the work.

Mr. Long received his MFA in printmaking from R.I. School of Design where he is a member of the faculty. Among his numerous awards are the Award of Excellence-Sheffield Annual Art Exhibition, Mass., the Grumbacher Medal for Painting and the Purchase Award, Berkshire Annual Art Exhibit, Mass.

His work is in the permanent collection at State University of New York, Albany; Silvermine Guild for the Arts, New Canaan, Conn.; and the University of Dallas.

His invitational and one man shows include the Paul Mellon Art Center at Choate Rosemary Hall, Wallingford, Conn., the University of Dallas National Print Invitational and the Bristol Art Museum.

A resident of Providence's East Side, Mr. Long has also done illustration for the Jamestown Publishers in Providence.

The Bristol Art Museum is open daily except Monday, 1-5 p.m. and Friday evenings 7-9 p.m. Admission is free. The museum is closed between shows.

## "Woman Of The Year," Theatre-by-the-Sea's Final Production



Rende Rae Norman (center) and The Boys in "Woman of the Year," the final production of the summer at Theatre-by-the-Sea, Matunuck, R.I., running August 21 through September 9. For ticket information call (401) 789-1094.

### Final Children's Musical At Theatre-By-Sea

The last in the series of Musicals for Children at Theatre-by-the-Sea, Matunuck, Rhode Island, will be on Fridays, August 17 and 24, when "Little Red Riding Hood" will be presented at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 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.

Tickets for all seats are \$2.75 with special rates for groups of 20 or more and for birthday parties. For reservations call (401) 789-1094.

### 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.

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### Rosenne To Address Convention

Israel's ambassador to the United States, Meir Rosenne, will deliver a major speech at the biennial convention of B'nai B'rith International in the Sheraton Washington Hotel. No date has yet been set for the address. The convention will be held Sept. 2-6.

B'nai B'rith, with more than 500,000 members in 48 counties, is the largest Jewish service organization in the world.

Rosenne, an attorney who received a Ph.D. in international law from the Sorbonne, has served the Israeli government for many years. He was consul general in New York, representative to several United Nations bodies, and coordinator of Israel's Atomic Energy Commission. From 1971 to 1979 he was legal advisor to the Foreign Ministry and a key participant in negotiations that led to the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty.

Rosenne was born in Romania in the early 1930s. When he was 10, he witnessed German soldiers and Romanian Nazi sympathizers round up and kill in one day 10,000 Jews, including women and children. Like other Jews, he and his family were forced to wear a yellow Star of David. He recalled that his father told him to "wear it with pride."

Rosenne and his family escaped from Romania in 1944 and settled in Tel Aviv. In an interview with the New York Times last year, he said that because Israel was born out of the Holocaust and is surrounded today by hostile neighbors, its diplomats have a special responsibility.

"You represent not only the people living in Israel today, but you represent all the generations that did not have the privilege to see the Israeli flag," he told the Times.

The B'nai B'rith convention, the organizations' 32nd in its nearly 141-year history, is expected to attract about 1,000 delegates from all over the world.

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Ben-Gurion University's New Leadership Committee

## Ben-Gurion Univ. Group To Hold Beach Party-Barbecue

Jason C. Kravetz, President of the New Leadership Committee of the New England Area, recently announced that the group will hold its second annual membership beach party and barbecue, on Sunday, August 19. The event will take place at the home of Leila Noveletsky, on Winaershek Beach, in Gloucester.

In making the announcement, Mr. Kravetz stated, "We are inviting people who are interested in becoming involved with the Committee. Last year's event helped increase our active membership by 200%." He added, "The schedule for the Committee will be very busy in the upcoming months. If our success, in raising critically needed funds for Ben-Gurion University, is to continue, the Committee must expand and grow."

The afternoon's activities will include a Middle Eastern barbecue, catered by "Masada," games, and information about Ben-Gurion University.

Ben-Gurion University, established in Beersheva in 1969, perseveres in its task of spearheading the development of the Negev, an area representing 60% of the land mass of Israel. Today, the University is the center of education, culture, science and medical care for Israel's southern region. Research is also being conducted in vital scientific, technological and social fields.

Anyone desiring more information concerning Ben-Gurion University and activities in the New England Area may contact the New England office at (617) 236-4390.

## Make Banners At Children's Museum

Summer activities continue next week at The Children's Museum of Rhode Island. On Wednesday and Thursday Aug. 22 and 23 from 1 to 4 p.m., visitors can make colorful banners, using cloth, fabric markers and paint. The banners are being made in preparation for the Cajun and Bluegrass Festival to be held at Stepping Stone Ranch, Escoheag, R.I. on Labor Day Weekend. The Children's Museum is sponsoring the Activity Tent for Kids at the Festival and the banners will be a festive addition to the Tent.

Morning activities scheduled next week are "Roll-It" — making breadthrough art — in "Great Grandmother's Kitchen" on Tuesday and Wednesday Aug. 21 and 22 from 10 to 11:30. Children will make Shape Collages in the Museum's "Shape Up" exhibit on Thursday and Friday Aug. 23 and 24 from 10-11:30 a.m.

The Museum is located at 58 Walcott St., in Pawtucket. Hours are Tuesday through Thursday and Saturday 9:30-5 p.m., Friday 9:30 to noon and Sunday 1-5 p.m. There is no charge for the above activities beyond the regular admission fee of \$1.50 per person, Museum members free. For more information and directions to the Museum call 726-2590.

## 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.

## Jewish Education Research Stressed by Hebrew University Educator

JERUSALEM — "Some say the building is burning and there is no time to conduct research to find out what's causing the fire," said Dr. Barry Chazan, director of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Melton Center for Jewish Education in the Diaspora, "but we believe that research is an integral part of improving Jewish education and that this is the time to set a research agenda for the coming decade."

Chazan's remarks were made at the Melton Center's recent International Research Conference on Jewish Education, which drew over 100 participants from the U.S., Israel, England, France, Germany, South Africa and Argentina.

Some 30 papers were presented on a wide range of topics related to Jewish education. But even those presenting the papers stressed that Jewish education was still in its early stages of conducting the research necessary for upgrading educational programs in diaspora Jewish day schools, afternoon schools and informal educational frameworks.

### Need More Hard Data

"We first must get ever the self-consciousness about doing serious research," said Conference Chairperson Janet Aviad of the Melton Center staff. "We have a dearth of hard data on which to base policy."

David Resnick of New York, representative of the Jewish Education Service of North America, suggested that serious research had been held back because funding bodies were not always interested in improving the quality of education.

"Numbers attending' is often the statistic sought by a Jewish federation, with little feedback about what is happening inside the classroom," said Resnick. "This has been partly a result of a long-held ambivalence about the role of Jewish education. There remains a fear that effective Jewish Education might alienate young people from the mainstream of American society. Yet, I am optimistic that boards of education can be made to realize the importance of improved schools."

The conference opened with presentations of the demographic studies done by researchers from the Hebrew University. These document the declining Jewish populations in the diaspora and reveal the numbers of Jewish children in educational frameworks according to country.

Study groups concentrated on philosophy of curriculum, history of education, Jewish education in various diaspora communities, media research in Jewish education, the teacher and the teaching process, and research in the teaching of Hebrew language.

### Ask Hard Questions

Prof. James S. Coleman of the University of Chicago and Professor David Cohen of Harvard University contributed perspectives from general education and served as ad hoc advisors to the researchers. Prof. Coleman, one of a small group of American sociologists to be named to the American Academy of Sciences, is the author of the watershed study, "Equality of Educational Opportunity," published in 1966, as an outgrowth of the civil rights act of 1964.

"The Coleman report," as it is popularly called, provided more information about American schools than any study before or since. Coleman urged conference participants not to shy away from questions which brought them in conflict with conventional wisdom.

"Sometimes it's very lonely to be the messenger of tidings that conflict with what is a consensus about what should be done," said Coleman. "But eventually someone has to ask the hard questions."

In the framework of the conference, the Council for Jewish Education in America presented the Alexander M. Dushkin Scholarship to Richard Juran for his master's thesis at the Hebrew University on contemporary psychological theories, with their implications for Jewish identity. Juran was raised in the U.S. and immigrated to Israel eight years ago. He has held a variety of educational positions in Israel.

### JEWISH SINGLES — CLARIFICATION

Judith Jaffe, single adult coordinator at the Jewish Community Center in Providence, spoke about a "dis-ease" or lack of ease between single and married people in the article "On Being Single and Jewish" in the August 10 issue of the *Herald*. She also said, "You stop searching when you feel complete alone."

The *Herald* regrets the typesetting errors that caused it to appear that she was quoted as saying there is a "disease" between married people and singles, and that "You stop searching when you feel completely alone."

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# Survivors Sift Fragments Of Past

by David Margolick  
New York Times

KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y. — Nearly 1,500 Holocaust survivors gathered here last week to meet old friends, to reminisce and to search for fragments and figures from the past.

They came from many places, including New York, Florida, California, Canada and Israel, but nearly all of them had the same hometown: Lodz, Poland, once the second largest Jewish community in Europe.

"This is an incredible thing when you meet someone and can talk about the streets, the neighborhoods, the houses," said Adela Plawner Goldberg of Phoenix. "If you find a neighbor, if you find someone who was with you in concentration camp, it's just like a brother or sister."

The gathering, at the Concord Hotel, was the largest collection of Lodzers, as they call themselves, to assemble in one place since 1944 — that is, since the last transports of Jews left the Lodz ghetto and headed for Auschwitz.

The participants comprised a large part of the estimated 7,000 to 10,000 ghetto residents who survived the war. Before the Holocaust, Lodz (pronounced Loge) had 250,000 Jewish residents.

## Each Reunion Is Precious

Forty years later and a hemisphere away, few of those in attendance expected to find their long-lost relatives at this Catskills resort. But to people whose past has largely been eradicated, every reunion, every rediscovered remnant is precious.

Lili Winter of Beverly Hills, Calif., and Blanche Porway of Fair Lawn, N.J., saw one another for the first time in 45 years. Rachela Holzman of Detroit not only recognized Mrs. Goldberg, but also remembered the braids she once wore and her mother's maiden name.

Nearly all of those on hand were born between 1900 and 1930 — that is, old enough 40 years ago to do forced labor and thereby save themselves. While some guests searched dependently for brothers and sisters, for others the very fact that they had gathered was a triumph.

"Instead of living in the grave in Europe, where they wanted us, or being burned in the crematorium at Auschwitz, we are full with life, full with hope in America," said one visitor from Providence, R.I. "We have a family. We have children. We are in business. We're making a good living. We help others."

## One Bowl of Soup Daily

In an exhibition about the ghetto, there were photographs and documents from prewar Lodz, including photos of the pianist Arthur Rubinstein and of Julius Adler, the Yiddish actor. They were followed by photographs and documents from the ghetto, including an order dated Nov. 7, 1943, limiting residents to one bowl of soup daily.

"Each portion will have an equivalent of 250 grams of unpeeled potatoes," it states. In the middle of the exhibition was

Leon Jacobson's intricate scale model of the ghetto, complete with houses, churches, ruined synagogues and barbed wire.

Mr. Jacobson, who now lives in Kew Gardens, Queens, said he had begun working on the model in the ghetto "to kill the time." As he progressed, however, he came to view it as an exhibit for posterity.

He buried it in the basement of his home, at Brzezinska 5, before he was sent to Auschwitz, and retrieved it after the war.

Over the next few days, there will be speeches, a memorial service, singing. No events were planned for this afternoon, however — a tacit acknowledgement that at gatherings of this kind, people want to do nothing so much as simply talk, and look, at one another.

Throughout the afternoon the visitors huddled in small groups in the hotel lobby, shaking hands, holding one another, displaying pictures of grandchildren, discussing family members, schools and neighborhoods in animated Polish, Yiddish and English.

Throughout it all they scrutinized one another closely, looking for telltale traits that had survived not only Hitler's Europe but also the 40 years since. When faces failed them, they looked at name tags, bearing, as had the clothes they wore in the ghetto, the Star of David.

For many of them, veterans of the death camps, the tags were the second form of identification they bore. The others were the numbers tattooed on their arms.

Greetings were called to the conference by President Reagan.

"Forty years ago in a ghastly display of man's capacity for cruelty and destruction, your community was decimated by the brutal forces of the Holocaust," the President wrote. "But your presence here today testifies to the even greater capacity of men and women to endure the most severe trials and to build a new existence out of love for life and faith in God and one another."

Representative Thomas Lantos of California, the only Holocaust survivor in Congress, was to speak at opening ceremonies tonight. Other speakers include District Attorney Elizabeth Holtzman of Brooklyn and Representative Sam Gejdenson of Connecticut, who was born in a displaced persons camp in 1948.

## Few Political Figures

The relatively short list of political figures here seemed to please some in attendance.

"We have already suffered enough," one former Lodzer remarked.

The gathering was organized by the Lodzer Young Men's Benevolent Society, one of the many fraternal organizations, or landsmanschaften, founded by emigrés of communities throughout Eastern Europe.

David Katus, the society's chairman, said the event was first planned after last year's conference of Holocaust survivors in Washington. With most participants 60 or older, he said, there was little time to

lose.

"The response was beyond our imaginations," said Mr. Katus, a stockbroker with Philips, Appel & Walden in New York. "As far as Lodz is concerned, it is a forgotten city for us. But the people who come from there still represent a remembrance of the past."

The reunion nonetheless marks an anniversary of sorts. Next month will mark the 40th anniversary of the liberation of Lodz, whose prewar Jewish population of 250,000 had been reduced to 873 when the Russians arrived.

It also coincides with the publication of the first English translation of the chronicle kept clandestinely by Lodz's Jews and discovered after the war.

From its earliest days in the late 19th century, Lodz had a Jewish community. As entrepreneurs, managers and workers, Jews played a critical role in building the local textile industry, until Lodz became known as the "Polish Manchester."

By the start of World War II, Jews constituted nearly a third of the population of the city. They ran their own hospitals and clinics, old-age homes and orphanages, religious schools and theaters, publishing houses and political parties.

"If there were any place in Poland where Jews could consider themselves at home and safe, no city had more of a claim

## Orthodox Groups Condemn Pressing Israel On "Who Is A Jew?"

NEW YORK — Five major American Orthodox Jewish organizations condemned the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith and the Anti-Defamation League for interfering in the internal matters of Israel and causing disunity among the Jewish people.

In a sharply worded statement, the Rabbinical Council of America, the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, Young Israel, the Agudath Israel of America and the Religious Zionists of America also voiced concern that the United Jewish Appeal and the United Israel Appeal were being used "to rally support for" the position of Reform and Conservative movements of Judaism on the question of "Who is a Jew?"

The Orthodox organizations said that the American Jewish Committee, The American Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith and the Anti-Defamation League were pressuring the government of Israel on matters of internal policy; specifically pressuring Israel to stop the drive to have the Law of Return amended to say that a non-Jew must be converted "according to Jewish law" (halacha). Orthodox Jews believe that if a non-Jewish person is converted to Judaism, it should be according to Jewish law (halacha). The issue involves the question of "Who is a Jew?"

The five Orthodox organizations said that the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith, and the Anti-Defamation League "were founded and funded for protecting Jewish rights primarily in the United States, not to pressure the government of Israel on

to this than Lodz," according to Dr. Lucjan Dobroszycki of Yivo Institute, who edited the newly published ghetto chronicle.

Within a few weeks of the German occupation of Lodz in September 1939, all Jewish religious ceremonies had been prohibited and all Jewish organizations disbanded. Shortly thereafter, Jewish-owned stores were required to display the word "JUDE" in yellow letters, and all Jews wore Stars of David on the front and back, chest and shoulders of their clothing.

The ghetto was officially sealed off in June 1940. For the next year and a half, hunger was the principal cause of death. At that time, the death camp at Chelmno, 35 miles away, began operations, and the deportations began. Later, those in the ghetto were taken to Auschwitz.

At today's reunion, Mary Sidlov of Wayne, N.J., walked through the exhibition about the ghetto. She recognized her brother, Moniek Balsam, in a photograph taken on the holiday of Simchas Torah, 1940 — four years before he was sent to Auschwitz.

"This is him," she said, pointing to a young, smiling boy, "and this is his friends. I hope that maybe someone can tell me he is still alive. That's what I'm praying for."

matters of internal policy."

Referring to the United Jewish Appeal and the United Israel Appeal, the Orthodox groups said "of equal concern is the utilization of the United Jewish Appeal and the United Israel Appeal to rally support for the position of Conservative and Reform Judaism on 'Who is a Jew.' These organizations were not established to deal with issues of Jewish law which are beyond their scope and competence.

## Soviet Jewry Update

(JTA) — Warning that the situation for Soviet Jewry is becoming "desperate" 34 Jewish, Christian, peace, human rights and Black organizations sent a cable to Soviet president Constantine Chernenko and Soviet prosecutors recently urging them to revoke a two-year sentence against a 28-year-old Moscow Jewish refusenik.

The refusenik, Aleksandr Yakir, an electrical engineer, was on trial last week after being arrested June 18 for draft evasion and the sentence was announced recently. An appeal is scheduled to be heard in Moscow at which time it is expected to be announced how the sentence is to be served — whether in a labor camp or a prison.

At a press conference at the Union of American Hebrew Congregations' Religious Action Center here, Rabbi David Saperstein, co-director and counsel of the Center, said this was the first time that "such a broad coalition of organizations joined together to speak out" on a single case.

"I think the reason for that is primarily the sense that there is a desperate situation for Soviet Jews in that if something isn't done shortly, we really face the danger of the spiritual genocide of millions of Jews in the Soviet Union," he said.

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## Obituaries

### CELIA NELSON

PROVIDENCE — Celia Nelson, 71, of 24 Bissel St., died August 7 in Rhode Island Hospital. She was the wife of Irving Nelson, former athletic director of Mt. Pleasant High School.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Nelson were honored by having a clinic named for them "The Irving and Celia Clinic" on Nov. 10, 1977. The R.I. Interscholastic Injury Fund presented the gift to the Miriam Hospital in their names.

She was born in Providence, a daughter of the late Isaac and Rebecca (Scott) Corich. She was a playground director in the Providence Recreation Department until she was forced to retire 20 years ago because of illness.

Besides her husband she leaves a daughter, Joyce C. Booth of Mount View, Calif.; a son, William Nelson of Lexington, Mass.; four sisters, Minnie Davis of Providence, Rose Corich of Pawtucket, Bella Corin and Beatrice Barshay, both of Cranston; a brother, Paul Corich of Stamford, Conn.; and four granddaughters.

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

### BETTY G. ROTMAN

PAWTUCKET — Betty G. Rotman, 67, of 150 Dartmouth St., a salesperson, died August 10 at Miriam Hospital. She was the widow of Harold H. Rotman.

Born in Brockton, Mass., she was a daughter of the late Harry W. and Sadie (Millman) Gilbert.

Mrs. Rotman worked for Casual Corner, Providence, for 25 years until illness three weeks ago.

She leaves a daughter, Judith E. Seigle of Pawtucket; a son, Morris H. Rotman of Tucson, Ariz.; a brother, George J. Gilbert of Cranston; a sister, Mrs. Roselia Lovett of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and a granddaughter.

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

### KATIE MUSHLIN

PROVIDENCE — Katie Mushlin, 72, of 67 Gallatin St., a bookkeeper and office manager of the M. & E. Case Co., Pawtucket, for 18 years before retiring two years ago, died August 11 at Miriam Hospital.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late Eli and Celia (Sussin) Mushlin.

Miss Mushlin for more than 25 years was also a bookkeeper for the C. & G. Jewelry Mfg. Co. before working for the M. & F. Case Co. She was a member of Hadassah and the Majestic Guild.

She leaves three sisters, Mrs. Rebecca Jacobson, Mrs. Sadya R. Millman, Mrs. E. Dorothy Pulner, all of Providence, and a brother, Myer Mushlin of Cranston.

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

### HAROLD RICH

PROVIDENCE — Harold Rich, 66, a *Journal-Bulletin* sports writer who chronicled the rise to national prominence of Providence College basketball and covered the Boston Red Sox for 16 years, died August 9, at the Evergreen House, East Providence, after a five-month illness. He was the husband of the late Mollie E. Rich.

Mr. Rich, who lived at 164 Ninth St., started his newspaper career as a schoolboy-sports stringer for the *Journal-Bulletin* in the late 1930s, and served as a copy editor on the news, sports and financial desks before accepting a full-time position in the sports department.

A stickler for detail, he kept voluminous records of individuals and events. Mr. Rich covered many sports events, but in recent years specialized in major-league baseball, college football and college basketball. He regularly covered the Red Sox and Providence College's basketball team.

He was named Rhode Island's sports writer of the year in 1974 by the National Association of Sports Writers and Sportscasters.

Mr. Rich was a graduate of Providence College and attended the Boston University School of Public Relations and Communications. He was a radio operator and aerial gunner in the Army Air Force in World War II. He served in England, North Africa and Italy.

He was a member of the U.S. Basketball Writers Association, the Baseball Writers Association of American and Sigma Delta Chi.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Myer and Anna (Levin) Rich. He leaves a daughter, Mrs. Scott Daniels of Old Lyme, Conn.; a sister, Mrs. John Schecter, and a brother, Jordan Rich, both of Providence.

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

### MOLLIE SMITH

PROVIDENCE — Mollie Smith, 86, a resident of the Oak Hill Nursing Home, Pawtucket, formerly of 211 Waterman St., died August 10.

She was a private secretary to her late brother, Archie Smith in the law firm of Smith & Smith, now DiSandro & Smith.

A lifelong resident of Providence, she was a daughter of the late Harry and Mary (Moverman) Smith.

She was a member of B'nai B'rith Women; a life member of the Providence Hebrew Day School; a member of the Women's Association for the Jewish Home For the Aged.

She leaves a niece, Mrs. Merlyn Raskin of Philadelphia, Pa., and three nephews, Z. Hershel Smith of Providence, Arthur A. Smith of Stamford, Conn., and Earl M. Smith of Rockville, Md.

The funeral service was held at the Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., with burial in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

## Jack Grabowski: A Tribute

by Michael Fink

We are away from Providence in the summer. I read of Jack Grabowski's death a week after the event in the *Jewish Herald*. I met Jack this spring at a weekend card party at the home of Hannah and Jack Jozefowicz in Cranston. A group of survivors gather there and at each others' homes for tea and cakes — like many Rhode Island social sets. But these people were slaves in the same death camps. They were liberated together, married and had their children there, came to R.I. and currently share their fortunes, good and ill. They have immaculate homes, well-groomed elegance, and incredible hospitality. Though they have great surface vigor, they are plagued with physical problems dating from their past. I went with a colleague and a student to gather notes and make sketches for a film project. We were told, they allow each other only a few minutes to reminisce. It is painful and dangerous to stay too long in that past.

I spoke to Jack Grabowski as he moved away from the dining room table, to circulate a little during a break. "Why haven't we spoken yet?" I asked him. He answered, "If I started talking to you about myself I would never leave off crying." Like his wife, Jack had lost children from a previous marriage. Their son together was born in a displaced persons camp. Thirty years ago, he was told that he had terminal cancer. Yet here he stood before me in late May, ruddy and handsome in a light blue spring blazer, with the dramatic eyebrows and vivid coloring and features of the Polish Jewish stock. A genial rebuttal to destiny. He and

his wife had been very ill, but they were survivors, buoyed up by the remarkable success of their two children, a daughter who is vice-president of a large hospital and a son who is president of a large publishing house.

Jack was in four camps, came here with nothing, worked until he was forced to retire because of ill health, sent their children to Hebrew Day School. Others at the table had spoken with strength of the cruelty of Polish neighbors, and even of the contemptuous condescension shown by the Jewish community of Providence, embarrassed by the Holocaust and thinking of survivors as "greenhorns." Yet, on the other hand, Jack Grabowski told me quietly in the kitchen that he had found kind people everywhere, "even among the German guards." Shortly upon arrival here, caught in the drenching rain in Roger Williams Park with his little boy in tow, he was rescued by an elderly Italian couple who insisted on driving them home. He did not forget this gesture. I respect equally with a whole heart both the bitterness of those who testify to the dark truth, and the gentle grace of Jack Grabowski. I salute his soul. Despite devastation, he made a contribution to Jewish meaning. His life has been a blessing not only to his children, wife and friends, but to our whole community.

This May, he took my name and address. I wrote down his. I sent him a postcard. I awaited a reply. Instead, I read his obituary, too late even for the shiva. Jack Grabowski was a reassuring human being. I regret not having known him longer and better. Each survivor among us is a gift of life, an Orpheus returned from Hell. "There are kind people everywhere," he said to me.

He was one of the kind people. I mourn his loss, to his family, to us, to me.

*Michael Fink is an associate professor at the R.I. School of Design in Providence.*

### IRVING SUSSMAN

Irving Sussman, 74, of 4 Waring Rd., Natick, Mass., died August 11 at Leonard Morse Hospital, Natick. He was the husband of Evelyn (Snyder) Sussman.

Mr. Sussman was born in New York City, a son of the late Abraham and Rose Sussman. He was the owner of Suss of Boston, a commercial interior decorating firm serving the New York and Boston areas, until retiring one year ago.

Mr. Sussman was a member of Temple Beth-El of Providence and founder and past-president of Probus Club for retarded children of the Natick and Framingham areas.

He leaves a daughter, Mrs. Fredlynn T. Reese of Branford, Conn.; a son, Alan I. Sussman of Beverly Hills, Calif.; a sister, Mrs. Helen Berdy of Brooklyn, N.Y.; three brothers, Seymour Sussman of Brooklyn, Louis Sussman of Hallandale, Fla., Herman Sussman of Albany, N.Y. and three grandchildren.

A funeral service was held August 13 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St. Burial was at Congregation Sons of Israel and David Cemetery, Reservoir Ave., Cranston.

## Shcharansky Under Strict Regime In Chistopol Prison

NEW YORK (JTA) — Soviet Jewish Prisoner of Conscience Anatoly Shcharansky has been placed under strict regime in Chistopol Prison, according to information received recently by the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry from his wife, Avital. In a letter which his brother Leonid received on July 30, Shcharansky reported that under this new regime his rations have been halved and his daily walks have been restricted to 30 minutes from the previously allowed 60 minutes.

For Shcharansky, who suffers from a serious heart condition resulting from a four-month hunger strike which he undertook in 1982, this cutback in daily exercise could have serious implications for his health, the Conference said.

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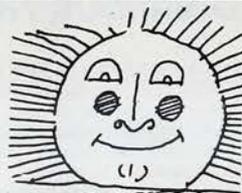
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 1/4 to 2 cups mayonnaise  
 1 envelope dried Telma vegetable soup  
 cut up scallions to taste  
 1 can whole water chestnuts, sliced  
 Combine all ingredients and leave in refrigerator overnight or for a day or two. Scoop out inside of pumpnickel, place dip in pumpnickel and serve with bread, crackers and cut up vegetables.

**CHICKEN AND BROCCOLI IN WINE SAUCE**  
 8 chicken cutlets, cut in halves  
 1 cup white wine  
 1 tsp. poultry seasoning  
 1 tsp. thyme  
 1 tsp. parsley flakes  
 1 tsp. minced garlic  
 salt and pepper to taste  
 2-10 oz. pkgs. frozen broccoli  
 2 (10 1/2 oz.) cans condensed Roekash mushroom soup  
 Jason flavored breadcrumbs  
 paprika  
 Mix wine, poultry seasoning, thyme, parsley, garlic, salt and pepper together. Pour over chicken and marinate for one hour. Arrange broccoli in 9 x 13 x 2 inch casserole. Place chicken on top of vegetables. Pour marinade and mushroom soup over all. Cover top with bread crumbs and paprika. Bake one hour at 325 degrees until bubbly and can be frozen.

**TANGY COCKTAIL FRANKS**  
 1 bottle Heinz Chili Sauce  
 1 cup brown sugar  
 1 can beer  
 4 lbs. cocktail franks  
 Mix chili sauce, beer and brown sugar well and bring to boil in saucepan. When mixture boils, simmer for 45 minutes. Add cocktail franks, cover and simmer for one half hour.

**TERRIFIC PARTY PUNCH**  
 1 quart container orange juice  
 1-6 oz. can frozen lemonade  
 1 cup water  
 1 quart vodka  
 2 quarts ginger ale  
 2 pkgs. frozen strawberries with sugar  
 1 orange, sliced  
 1 lemon, sliced  
 1 half gallon container orange juice, frozen  
 Mix one quart orange juice, defrosted lemonade, water and vodka. Place frozen half gallon of orange juice in bottom of punch bowl. Pour in juice and vodka mixture. Add strawberries. Pour in 2 quarts ginger ale. Add sliced oranges and lemons.

**SWEET AND SOUR MEATBALLS FOR A CROWD**  
 5 lbs. chopped meat  
 4-16 oz. cans tomato sauce  
 3-16 oz. cans cranberry sauce  
 1/4 to 2 cups Jason flavored breadcrumbs  
 3 eggs  
 cinnamon  
 raisins  
 minced garlic  
 Mix together tomato sauce and cranberry sauce in large saucepan (you may need two to accommodate all the meatballs) and bring to a boil. Meanwhile, mix together chopped meat, breadcrumbs, garlic and eggs. Add a few spoonfuls of tomato sauce/cranberry mixture. (If meat mixture is not firm enough, add more breadcrumbs until you get the desired consistency.) Add a dash of cinnamon and raisins to simmering sauce mixture. Form small meatballs (about 100). Put in sauce mixture and simmer in covered pot for about 2 1/2 to 3 hours. Refrigerate overnight. The next day, skim fat off top. May be frozen at this point.

**IDA'S APRICOT BARS**  
 1 1/2 cups flour  
 1 cup brown sugar  
 3/4 cup butter or margarine  
 1/4 cup uncooked oatmeal (quick cooking oats)  
 1 tsp. baking powder  
 1 cup of preserves (apricot, peach or Dutch apple) at room temperature  
 raisins  
 walnuts (optional)  
 Cut together flour, brown sugar, butter or margarine, oatmeal and baking powder with two knives or fork until ingredients are well blended. Spread 1/3 of mixture in oblong pan (12 1/2 inches by 8 1/2 inches). Carefully spread preserves (that have been allowed to soften at room temperature) on top of mixture. Sprinkle with raisins and walnuts, if you desire. Top with rest of mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Cool and cut into bars.

**SUE'S CHOCOLATE MOUSSE**  
 12 oz. chocolate (Elite chocolate bars or semi sweet morsels)  
 3 Tbsp. strong coffee  
 2 Tbsp. apricot liqueur  
 9 eggs, separated  
 Melt chocolate with coffee and apricot liqueur. Keep stirring until chocolate is melted and mixture is smooth. Beat egg yolks until frothy. Add chocolate mixture slowly while beating yolks. Beat egg whites until stiff and fold into chocolate mixture. Chill overnight.

## BJE Announces Home Start

Hanukkah begins this year on Tuesday evening, December 18. But for hundreds of Jewish children in Rhode Island it will have begun four weeks earlier when they receive their first packet of this year's Home Start holiday materials.

They will already have begun to enjoy learning about Hanukkah from the Home Start stories, recipes, poems, riddles and cassette recording of holiday songs, stories, activities, blessings and family fun.

Each week for the next three weeks, they will receive another packet with more games, pictures and projects aimed at giving Jewish families an insight into the background, customs and home celebration Hanukkah.

In addition to the materials, subscribing families are invited to participate in workshops to further enhance their understanding of and involvement in the holidays.

Last year, Home Start focused on the holidays of Fall Holidays, Passover and Shavuot. This year, in addition to Hanukkah; Purim and Shavuot will be featured in the 1984-85 cycle.

The extremely successful Home Start program, now in its sixth year is designed to teach Jewish families about their heritage and holidays. Since its inception in 1978, nearly 10,000 Jewish families in North America have subscribed to Home Start. In addition, it is being distributed to children of Jewish ARM personnel stationed overseas.

The packets are available for two age-levels: Pre-school (3-4 year olds) and Primary (5-7 year olds). A year's subscription costs only \$18.00 per child and includes all materials plus two high-quality cassette recordings for the three holidays.

According to Elliot Schwartz of the Bureau, the purpose of Home Start is to reestablish the home as the primary environment where Jewish learning takes place. "Think back to your own childhood — where did you learn about Kashruth, Tzedakah and being a mensch? Did you learn that at a school assembly or at home? I think most of us learned about Tzedakah when we were given pennies to put into the "pushka" before Shabbat candle lighting. Our parents were our teachers. In fact, the Hebrew words for parents and teachers, "horim" and "morim" are interrelated. Home Start provides the opportunity for Jewish parents to become role models for their children. It gives them an opportunity to talk with their children not only about Pac-Man, baseball, dolls and Sesame Street but about Jewish holidays and observances as well. Home Start creates the setting where that special kind of Jewish family sharing experience can take place.

If you would like to enrich your family's holiday celebrations, don't delay ordering your 1984-85 Home Start holiday cycle. Please call Elliot Schwartz, Bureau of Jewish Education, 331-0956, or send a \$18.00 check payable to Bureau of Jewish Education with your child's name, age and address to Bureau of Jewish Education, 130 Sessions Street, Providence, R.I. 02906.

## WCC Elects New Leader

GENEVA (JTA) — The World Council of Churches headquartered here has elected Emilio Enrique Castro of Uruguay its new secretary general. Jewish circles here expressed hope that he will improve relations between Israel and the WCC.

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