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In Nicaragua: Accusations Of Anti-Semitism Unjustified

by Paul Tick

(JSPS) — On July 10, 1983, at a special White House meeting for Jewish Community leaders, President Reagan stated that Nicaraguan "Jews have been terrorized into leaving" their country and that the PLO was a dangerous influence on the Sandinista government. These charges stem from a May 1983 report by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) of the B'nai B'rith which claimed that the entire Jewish community of Nicaragua had been driven out, Jewish property seized and the one synagogue desecrated. For the past year, Ronald Reagan has been repeating these charges as he did in a nationwide television speech on May 9, 1984. At that time, he further charged that "... the Sandinistas and the PLO joined in a declaration of war against Israel."

The report by the ADL is based on testimony by two Jews who left Nicaragua in 1979, following the overthrow of Anastasio Somoza, whose family had controlled the country for 50 years. One of them, Abraham Gorn, was reported to be a close friend of Somoza and was investigated for involvement in the sale of Israeli arms to Somoza. He was detained for two weeks, after which he fled the country. The second man, Gorn's relative, Issac Stavishky, was a large factory owner in Nicaragua before fleeing to the U.S. He cited anti-Jewish graffiti, threatening phone calls and the bombing of the synagogue and its later confiscation as reasons Jews should fear the Sandinistas.

The few Jews who remain in Nicaragua today claim that while there may have been some isolated anti-Semitic acts, there has been no persecution of Jews and no governmental discrimination. When property was taken from Jews, it was because of their involvement with Somoza, not because of their religion. The synagogue, which is now in the possession of the government, was taken because it was registered in Gorn's name when he was president of the congregation. It was confiscated under Decree 38 which authorizes the government to take property belonging to those with links to Somoza and his regime. This law has been applied to Jews and non-Jews alike. The Sandinistas have offered to return the synagogue to the Jewish community; however, the Jewish community is now so small (approximately five people) that they feel they could not support it.

Two Nicaraguan human rights organizations, one pro and the other anti-Sandinista, state that there have been no governmental policies against Jews. Investigation by the Organization of American States, the United Nations, Pax Cristi, Americas Watch, the U.S. State Department Bureau of Human Rights and the U.S. Embassy in Nicaragua all concluded that governmental anti-Semitism in Nicaragua does not exist. Rabbi Klepfisz of Panama reported to the World Jewish Congress that he found no anti-Semitic activity but that "definite anti-Israel tendencies which were repeatedly justified by Israeli arms sales to Somoza" do exist.

The Nicaraguan Jewish community had always been small, numbering about 150 at its height in the 1960's. Most left after the 1972 earthquake. While a few of the remaining Jews joined the opposition to the Somoza dictatorship, many held close ties to Somoza. Almost all left voluntarily by 1979, Somoza's downfall. Their reasons for leaving were because of their ties to Somoza or because they feared anti-Semitic outbreaks. Though the incidents mentioned earlier apparently did occur, no governmental oppression did. Some of the Jews who left Nicaragua retained businesses and property there and today travel freely in and out of the country. On my recent trip to Nicaragua, one Nicaraguan Jew told me that there were never any problems for Jews either during Somoza's time or presently under the Sandinistas. Another Nicaraguan Jew told me in jest that the problem he faces today, as a Jew in Nicaragua, is that he cannot get any gefilte fish or Manischewitz wine.

Between August 12 and August 17 of 1984, a delegation of thirteen Jewish human rights activists visited Nicaragua in an attempt to "critically examine and, if possible, resolve" the question of anti-Semitism in Nicaragua. The delegation was organized by the New Jewish Agenda, an organization of progressive Jewish Americans. Among the participants in this delegation were New Jewish Agenda members and nonmembers, including Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer and Hector Timmerman, who are internationally recognized for their work in anti-Semitism in Argentina.

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Washington Report: U.S.-Israeli Military Ties Strong

by Wolf Blitzer
Jerusalem Post

The chief American representative in the U.S.-Israeli strategic cooperation talks has publicly raised the possibility of the two countries conducting joint aerial "dogfight" training exercises.

"We are not in the business of developing war plans between the U.S. and Israel," said Lt. Gen. John Chain, the director of the State Department's Political-Military Affairs Bureau and the head of the U.S. delegation to the U.S.-Israel Political-Military Planning Committee. "But the Israeli Air Force might get valuable training by dogfighting with our Navy; the Navy might make mock attacks against Israelis. Both sides then could get military training that could be used in other scenarios."

Chain, who succeeded Rear Admiral Jonathan Howe in the key post, was interviewed in *Defense Week*, a respected military affairs journal published in Washington. His on-the-record comments included some of the most specific details made public by an American official on the U.S. interpretation of the recently enhanced strategic cooperation arrangement with Israel.

Chain, a former fighter pilot with 4,000 flying hours and 66 parachute jumps — many during the war in Vietnam — participated in the last full-scale plenary session of the strategic talks with Israel in June. At that time, Howe still headed the U.S. delegation.

"The dialogue, the mutual warmth, the friendly relations and the substantial discussions indicate that both countries are recognizing their limitations and how far they want to go in a relationship," he said. "It must serve both countries."

The joint committee was established in November 1983 by President Ronald Reagan and then Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir. It has been charged with organizing joint military maneuvers, repositioning of U.S. military equipment in Israel and joint military planning.

The Reagan Administration has focused the talks on the broader Soviet threat to the region. Israel has sought to include the threat from hostile Arab states, although Washington has been reluctant to include that possibility out of fear of upsetting its friends in the Arab world.

Asked whether more joint exercises were planned beyond the military evacuation maneuver earlier this year, Chain replied: "As time progresses other things will be arranged. But both sides want to go slow."

"The U.S. obviously has a macro interest, rather than a bilateral interest, in that part of the world and we don't want to do something with one country that will upset another — with Egypt, that upsets Saudi Arabia, for example, or with Saudi Arabia that upsets Jordan."

"The same thing goes for the Israelis. They have to be careful that whatever they do doesn't upset their Arab neighbors as they try to establish themselves in a peaceful situation. They don't want to create more animosity than already exists there. Both sides are moving very prudently, maturely. We are trying to avoid any political fallout upon either side."

Israel officials said Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin are likely to urge the Administration to redirect the thrust of

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JCC Exhibit "Parnosseh" Opens Oct. 28

"History is what happens to all of us — not just the prominent few." That, according to historian Bartholomew Schiavo, is the essential theme of *Parnosseh*, the exhibit on turn-of-the-century Jewish life in Rhode Island that opens Sunday, October 28, at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island.

Parnosseh, sponsored jointly by the JCC and the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association, focuses on the years from 1880-1920 when Jewish immigration to Rhode Island reached its peak. The refugees who rode that wave of immigration not only struggled to survive and make a new life for themselves, but to establish a community. Their stories, gathered through archives, mementos, and personal interviews, are the framework for this innovative multi-media exhibit. Folklorist Michael Bell, who serves as the oral historian for *Parnosseh*, calls it "incorporating history on a personal and family level. This is a way for each person to tell his story and be involved."

Since economic survival was the first problem that immigrants had to tackle, *Parnosseh* (a Yiddish word for making a living) focuses primarily on that aspect of their lives. But the project is also designed to evolve and expand its scope. Through slide shows, audio cassettes, photographs, illustrations, and artifacts, the exhibit shows how the foundations of the Rhode Island Jewish community were built and brings history to life. David Chapman, president of Design Studio and the man responsible for the project's physical design, notes that his four-panel modular

construct could be called "viewer-friendly." "My panels talk to the viewer," he says. Like the project itself, the design is not static or fixed; it travels easily and will expand to incorporate new elements.

Parnosseh is a major collaborative effort involving many individuals and organizations. Chairperson Rachel Kaufman and the project's consultants — who include archivist Eleanor Horvitz of the RIJHA, Debra Samdperil (audio-visual), and Max Riter (photography), as well as Schiavo, Bell, and Chapman — have spent over two years researching and organizing the project. Major funding for *Parnosseh* was provided by the Rhode Island Committee for the Humanities, as well as the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, the Rhode Island Foundation, the Rhode Island Heritage Commission, the National Foundation for Jewish Culture, and private donors.

Parnosseh is designed to honor and preserve the legacy of past generations, and to bring it to as wide an audience as possible — both Jewish and non-Jewish, Rachel Kaufman says of that legacy, "Anyone who sees this exhibit can't help but marvel at the courage, fortitude, and direction of our forefathers. We hope they'd be as proud of us today as we are of them."

The public is invited to the opening, which will be held from 4-6 p.m. on Sunday, October 28. Featured speakers will be Dr. Bernard Wax, Director of the American Jewish Historical Society, and Dr. Albert Klyberg, Director of the Rhode Island Historical Society. Wine and cheese will be served, and there is no charge for admission.



A gathering of the Jagolinzer Family clan at a Succoth reunion. See Around Town, Page 8. (Photo by Dorothea Snyder)

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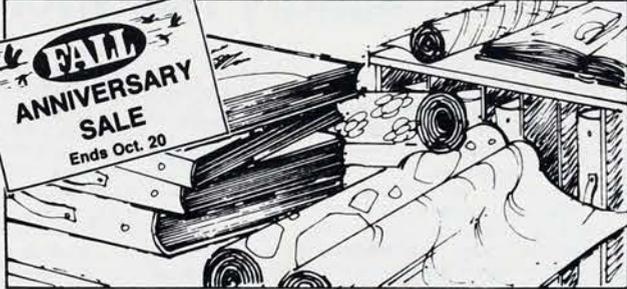
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Local News

Judge Pettine At Emanu-El

Separation of Church and State! One of the most important and provocative issues facing our country today will be addressed by Judge Raymond J. Pettine on Friday evening 8:10 p.m., Temple Emanu-El, Providence, R.I. He will be the guest speaker of the Social Concerns Committee of Temple Emanu-El.

The ramifications of the recent Equal Access Legislation as well as the Supreme Court reversal of the Creche decision will be discussed. The stimulating topic and well known speaker sparked the enthusiasm of ADL/B'nai B'rith, Domestic Affairs Task Force of Jewish Federation of R.I., National Council of Jewish Women, Providence Chapter of Hadassah, Temple Beth El and Temple Beth Am and they have become co-sponsors of the event.

Judge Pettine received his L.L.B. and L.L.M. degrees at Boston University, School of Law. He served in the Rhode Island Attorney General's Office for 13 years as Special Counsel and Assistant Atty. General. He was U.S. Attorney for the District of R.I. until appointed by President Johnson to the Federal Bench. In 1971 he was named Chief Judge and became Senior Judge in 1982. Currently he sits by invitation on the First Circuit Court of Appeals.

A popular lecturer at Boston University Law School and N.Y.U. Law School, he has coordinated a course "The Cultural Dimensions of Law" at Providence College. He was appointed by Chief Justice Burger to a special committee on Bankruptcy Legislation. In 1979 Judge Pettine was unanimously elected by the judges of the First Circuit to be a member of the Judicial Conference of the U.S.

Active in community affairs, he is the recipient of awards of distinction from such diverse groups as B'nai B'rith and Sons of Italy; as well as a Papal Honor.

Many of Judge Pettine's opinions on Constitutional Law in the field of Civil Rights have received national recognition.

A series of three forums entitled "You and the First Amendment" has evolved. The first with Judge Pettine represents the "Court and the First Amendment." The second forum will take place on Friday evening, 8:00 p.m., November 30th at Temple Beth El, Providence when "Congress and the First Amendment" will be the subject and Conn. Congressman Sam Gedjeson will give his Congressional perception of the Separation of Church and State.

The final session will feature "The Clergy and the First Amendment" with a panel representing five religious groups. Catholic, Fundamentalist-Protestant, Orthodox Jewry, Protestant and Reformed Jewry Clergy will participate in panel discussion to be held at Temple Beth Am/Beth David, Warwick, Thursday evening December 6th at 7:30 p.m.

The series is being sponsored by all of the above mentioned organizations.

National Council of Jewish Women, Providence Section has begun an in depth study of the First Amendment. The first session to be held on November 1st will have as its topic: "Reaction to Judge Pettine's Talk" with Doris McGarry as discussion leader.

Weiser N.E. Director Of BBI

Bruce Weiser has been appointed New England Director of B'nai B'rith District No. 1 effective September 16, 1984. The New England Region of B'nai B'rith services members who live in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Maine and Vermont.

B'nai B'rith, founded 140 years ago, is the largest Jewish membership and service organization in the world.

Weiser brings to his new role extensive prior professional experience in organizational life. He has served as an Assistant Director of the Mayor's Voluntary Action Center in New York and for the past seven years as the Long Island Regional Director of B'nai B'rith. He has a Master's Degree in Urban Planning from Queens College in New York.

Weiser, his wife, Lisa, and their daughter reside in Stoughton, MA.

Herald Editor Finalist In Smolar Awards

Barbara Wolf of the North Shore Journal, Gary Rosenblatt of the Baltimore Jewish Times and Marc Silver of the B'nai B'rith International Jewish Monthly have been named recipients of the 1984 Smolar Awards for Excellence in North American Jewish Journalism, conferred by the Council of Jewish Federations.

The Smolar Awards Committee judged over 100 entries for the 1984 competition and selected 21 finalists, from whom the three winners were chosen.

Robert Israel, editor of the Rhode Island Herald, was one of those 21 finalists. He submitted his special report on South Providence which appeared in December, 1983, entitled, "South Providence: Will the Jewish Legacy Survive?"

The awards were established in 1971 in honor of Boris Smolar, editor of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. The 1984 Awards will be officially conferred by the CJF General Assembly, November 14-18, in Toronto.

MHWA Holds Brunch

The Miriam Hospital Women's Association will host a New Members' Brunch on Wednesday, October 24, 1984, at 11:30 a.m. in the hospital's Sopkin Auditorium. After a complimentary brunch, women who have recently become members of the association will be treated to a showing of hand knit fashions. Lenore Leach, Co-president of The Women's Association, has organized a unique showing of day and evening fashions modeled by the women who created the garments. Farida Ferrario and Amy McCarthy of the Wayland Yarn Shop, Wayland Square, Providence, collaborated with Mrs. Leach and the models on design and completion of the clothing.

Chairlady for the day is Beverly Cohen, who will be assisted by Hospitality Chairladies, Susan Baron and Harriet Horvitz. Sopkin Auditorium will be decorated by Lillian Zarum.

Silverman Family To Meet

The Silverman Family Associates will hold a family get-together and reunion at the Viking Hotel in Newport on October 28, Sunday at 12:00 noon.

Temple Sinai's Political Breakfast Series

The Temple Brotherhood will sponsor a series of breakfasts featuring as guest speakers candidates for major political offices.

October 21 — Dennis Roberts, Democratic Candidate for Attorney General.

October 28 — Anthony Solomon, Democratic Candidate for Governor.

November 4 — Ed DePrete, Republican Candidate for Governor; Lila Sapinsley, Republican Candidate for Lieutenant Governor.

As in the past, the Temple Brotherhood extends this open invitation free to all Temple members and their guests. The program schedule is as follows:

8:45-9 a.m. Brief religious service.
9-9:45 a.m. Breakfast
9:45-10:45 a.m. Announcements, Introduction of guest speaker, Presentation by guest speaker, Question and answer period.

JWV Meeting Planned

Post 533 of the Jewish War Veterans of Rhode Island will hold a Friday night service at the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Avenue, Providence, on October 29, 1984, at 7:30 p.m.

Veterans Day services will be held at Temple Beth Am-Beth David in Warwick, November 9, 1984 at 8:15 p.m.

Free Blood Pressure Screening

There will be a free Blood Pressure Screening at The YWCA at 324 Broad St., Central Falls, R.I., on Wednesday, October 24, 1984, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. and Thursday, October 25, 1984 from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Arnou New Chairman of BGU Board Of Governors



Mr. Arnou, (seated right) at Board meeting in New York City, with Robert Bernstein, Chairman of the Rhode Island Chapter (seated left) and Amb. Yaakov Avnon, Vice President of Ben-Gurion University.

The Executive Committee of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev has elected Robert H. Arnou of New York Chairman of the University Board of Governors.

Mr. Arnou is the first American to head the Israeli university's top policy making board. He succeeds Baron Nathaniel de Rothschild. Mr. Arnou is President of the American Associates of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and President of the major realty company Swig, Weiler and Arnou Management Co., Inc.

The University's Board of Governors is responsible for setting University policies, choosing the University's President and approving the annual budget. The Board numbers 200 members, half from Israel, half from abroad.

Adult Studies At Emanu-El

The Adult Institute of Jewish Studies, sponsored by Temple Emanu-El, will begin its fall semester on Tuesday evening, Oct. 23. Classes will be held on eight consecutive Tuesday evenings through Dec. 11, and are open to the entire community.

During the first hour, from 8:00-8:50 p.m., the following courses will be offered: "Introduction to Talmud"; "Belief After the Holocaust"; "Reading Hebrew with Ease"; "The Zionist Movement"; "The Apocrypha: Judaism's Extra-Biblical Books"; "Divorced and Jewish"; "What Makes Music Jewish?"; and "Hebrew Calligraphy."

After a brief coffee break, the following courses will be presented from 9:10-10:00 p.m.: "Introduction to Judaism"; "Midrash: The Exodus and Revelation"; "Recent Jewish-American Fiction"; "Nusach: Mode of Prayer"; "The Ten Commandments — An In-Depth Analysis"; "God and Community," and "Israeli Folk Dance Troupe."

Rabbis, scholars, educators, and professionals from the Rhode Island community comprise the faculty. Tuition for each course is \$6.00. Some courses may be taken for credit toward teacher certification by the Bureau of Jewish Education.

Registration will take place on Sunday, October 21, from 1:00-2:00 p.m. and from 3:00-4:00 p.m. An opening program guest lecture will take place from 2:00-3:00 p.m. with Mrs. Alice Goldstein, Senior Researcher in the Population Studies and Training Center of Brown University, speaking on "The Fourth Corner of the World: Jewish Communities around the Pacific." There is no charge for the opening program.

For additional information, contact Rabbi Dan Liben at Temple Emanu-El (331-1616).

Garelick To Speak To CWA

The Career Women's Affiliate of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island will be having its first general meeting of the year on Monday, October 22 at the Senior Adult Lounge of the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence. The guest speaker for the program will be Judith S. Garelick, Ph.D., a registered Investment Advisor, Affiliate of Baystate Financial Services, Boston, Mass.

Mrs. Garelick will address the topic of the role of career women in Jewish communal affairs.

This meeting is open to the public and if you are interested in attending, please contact the Federation office, 421-4111. For more information speak to Sharon Goldhamer, Women's Division Director, JFRI.

Mr. Arnou has served as the American Associates President for the past three years. He will be honored at their Annual Dinner on Tuesday, Oct. 16 at The Pierre in New York City.

Ben-Gurion University was established in 1969 to further David Ben-Gurion's dream of an institution of higher education in the Negev. The University has become a major force in the development of the region, which is 60 percent of the land of Israel.

For additional information on the American Associates and Ben-Gurion University, contact the American Associates office at (212) 687-7721 or contact the New England office of A.A.B.G.U. at (617) 236-4390.

Temple Sinai Holds New Member Sabbath

Friday evening services at Temple Sinai, 30 Hagen Ave., Cranston, continue on Friday, October 19. The congregation welcomes its new member families at this New Member Sabbath Service. Officers of the Temple will address the congregation. New members will receive a mezuzah as a memento of this joyous occasion. Everyone is welcome to attend this service which begins at 8:15 p.m.

Beth-El Sisterhood To Meet

Sisterhood of Temple Beth El will hold a breakfast meeting on Sunday, October 28, 1984, featuring Cranston Mayor Edward D. DiPrete as speaker, Republican candidate for Governor of Rhode Island. Reservations for the breakfast, at 9:30 a.m. are a must by October 23, 1984. The meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., and guests are invited. Contact Ida Hurwitz (861-2784) or Hope Mellion (941-5383) for further information.

BJE Film/ Discussion Series

In the 20th century, a series of social, economic and political changes took place, dramatically changing the lot of Jews, who for the most part, had settled in, over generations, wherever they found themselves.

Curious and creative people have set about visually recording the life, customs and rituals of these disparate parts of world Jewry. Often their efforts have come too late or just in time.

In an eight-week film/discussion series led by Ruth Page, we will attempt to examine these communities, many of which were totally displaced or dissolved, and we hope to bring the extant communities a bit closer to our lives.

Schedule for the films is as follows:

Jews in Distant Lands: An Endangered Species

Shalom Apartments, Warwick
Tuesdays, October 16-December 4 at 10:00 a.m.

Temple Torat Yisrael Mealsite Center
Tuesdays, October 16-December 4 at 11:15 a.m.

Jewish Community Center, Providence
Tuesdays, October 16-December 4 at 12:45 p.m.

Jewish Home for the Aged, Providence
Tuesdays, October 16-December 4 at 2:00 p.m.

Charlesgate North, Providence
Wednesdays, October 17-December 5 at 1:00 p.m.



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From The Editor

A Meeting With JWV

by Robert Israel

On Sunday I was invited to speak before the Sackin-Shocket Post of the Jewish War Veterans of America at the Warwick Police station. I am not a veteran, but my father, Harold Israel, who was also in attendance at the meeting, served as Rhode Island Commander of the JWV in the early 1960's. I have long been supportive of the efforts of the JWV and my visit with them renewed that support while affording me an opportunity to learn of their concerns.

The subject of my talk to the JWV was the importance of grasping the critical issues of the Presidential campaign. I had received a mailing from Samuel Greenberg, National Commander of the JWV, which included a photocopy of a full page advertisement that had been placed in the *New York Times* and *Washington Post*. The headline read, "As A Jew, As An American, As A Patriot... How Do I Vote This Year? I Believe In Democracy. I Am Voting Republican." National Commander Greenberg, in his accompanying letter, denounced the advertisement and urged veterans to "take a hard, dispassionate look at the facts and make an intelligent, unemotional decision before the lever is pulled on November 6."

Commander Greenberg went on to be critical of the Reagan administration which he felt has let veterans and non-veterans down by "threatening the founding principle of church/state separation."

"As Americans, Jews, and Patriots," Greenberg wrote, "we are concerned by the incumbent's saying, 'We have respected every other religion. They're free to practice in our country. To what other religion' is Mr. Reagan referring? And whose country is 'our' country? 'Us' and 'them' are very dangerous words. They are divisive: they connote 'ins' and 'outs':

Stirrings

Conventional wisdom has it that the Middle East is relegated to the back burner in the months prior to a Presidential election. According to this logic, the Middle East "peace process" should be at a standstill now — less than a month before U.S. voters make their choice for President.

That is not the way it looks from Washington. At this point it is hard to tell precisely what is happening. But one thing is clear: there is movement and it appears to be in one direction.

The most significant events of the last few weeks were King Hussein's decision to reestablish diplomatic relations with Egypt and his subsequent speech ruling out peace with Israel on any terms but his own. Syria immediately condemned Hussein's move as treasonous and as a first step toward Jordanian entry into the Camp David process. On the other hand, the United States and Israel both applauded Hussein's move. Yasir Arafat also supported the Jordanian action and has been visiting Amman.

There are other developments as well. The Israelis have asked the United States to serve as their intermediary with Damascus and have dropped their demand that the Syrians withdraw from Lebanon before they do, a significant concession. On the Jordanian front, Prime Minister Peres has been surprisingly forthright (given his political situation) about his desire to reach an agreement with Hussein. He has even given a signal to the Palestinian Arabs by overturning an order issued by the previous government which would have closed down an east Jerusalem press service because of its alleged PLO ties. All of these developments suggest that the Middle East pot is stirring once again.

There is another factor as well — and it may be the one giving impetus to the others. The Reagan Administration is making it clear (again, surprisingly, one month before the election) that the September 1, 1982 Reagan Plan is alive and kicking. That plan, which was rejected by both Jordan and Israel, envisioned a Middle East peace settlement which would have established an Arab West Bank

'haves' and 'have-nots'!"

Presenting this information to the JWV Post proved that the veterans are indeed deeply concerned with the President's performance and philosophy, not only on the church/state issue, but also on funding to veterans. According to one veteran who stood up after my speech, funding to veterans, particularly those who are in the VA Hospital in Providence, has been substantially cut under the Reagan administration.

Since many veterans are older Americans, there was concern expressed for Reagan's poor report card on elderly affairs. One veteran, holding up a copy of the *Providence Sunday Journal*, quoted from a column by writer Bob McCreanor entitled, "Benefits to elderly cut in Reagan's term." A close examination of this report reveals that the total dollars cuts were \$125 million, with the largest cuts occurring in Medicare, Social Security, Medicaid and Food Commodities.

Other veterans decried Reagan's policies on Israel, which they said were "two faced," meaning that the President has pledged assistance on the one hand, and then given funding to Israel's enemies on the other.

Talking with the group following my speech, I learned that they are deeply committed to each other's welfare and to the welfare of their fellow citizens and fellow Jews. They are proud to have served this country in the armed forces, to have defended democratic principles we all hold dear. They feel betrayed by the President and they are angry that those veterans who are ill and are hospitalized have had their benefits reduced. They are determined to fight for a reversal of those policies that have hurt their fellow veterans.

federated with Jordan.

This could explain the various signals being sent by different parties. It could also help explain why King Hussein — just after taking the positive step of renewing relations with Cairo — would assure the Arab world that he "will never concede one speck of dust in the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, or the Golan Heights." It also helps explain why, although he publicly refuses to negotiate with Israel, many here and in Jerusalem expect Hussein to start flirting with Washington after November 6.

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Kahane's Gamble — And Ours

by Irving Greenberg

Meir Kahane's victory has hastened the day of electoral reform in Israel. At the least, a rule to require a minimum of 2% to 3% of the electorate for obtaining a seat is coming. Therefore, he has undertaken a sinister gamble to broaden his base.

Israel has been able to resist Arab murderous intentions by its own Jewish population's strength and bravery in war — and thanks to the cooperation of Israeli Arabs. Despite their kinship to non-Israeli Arabs and the obvious feelings at being a minority, Israeli Arabs have lived with Israel in war and peace. They have given no substantial support to terrorism nor made any trouble in wartime — and this, despite their not being trusted enough to be drafted into the Israeli army. Kahane seeks to drive them into such dissidence as to make life together unlivable for Jews and Arabs.

Since 1967, Israeli Arabs have become more alienated from the system. This reflects the impact of contact with Palestinians made possible by Israeli conquest of the West Bank, the international legitimation of Arafat and the PLO, and their own improved position which has made them more resentful of slights, restrictions on governmental job access, civil rights, etc. During this period of intensified terrorism, there are countless incidents when any or all Arabs present are searched for security reasons but Israeli Jews are not. Every time an actual terrorist incident occurs, Arabs in the area are suspect and/or checked. The result is often a feeling of resentment or shame which shows up in some political radicalization. The rise of Likud to power, with its symbolic tougher attitudes toward Arabs also affects Israeli Arabs. In the past, Israeli Arabs overwhelmingly voted through parties dominated by Jews. This year, for the first time, a bit more than 50% of the Arab voters cast their ballots for the radical Arab parties.

To position himself clearly beyond Likud and Tehiya (and thus attract voters) Kahane has taken the position that Arabs must be bribed or expelled to leave Israel (in his definition, an Israel expanded by the West Bank).

At this point, Kahane's position makes him a fringe political figure and close to a pariah among respectable politicians. Kahane must radicalize Jewish opinion to win. To do that, he must radicalize Arab opinion and create such mistrust between the two communities as to generate a cycle of repression and expulsion. Radicalizing Israeli Arab opinion could have a disastrous effect on Israel's security and livability. But Kahane has no problem sincerely convincing himself that bringing this radicalism out is only telling a truth which has been hidden heretofore.

Kahane has embarked on a personal 'no lose' campaign. He organized marches on Umm al Fahm (and will do so for other Arab villages). If the police let him in, the march is bound to offend and radicalize. If the police stop him, he gets media coverage. The coverage is bound to inflame Arab opinion anyway. (How would you feel if a national party preaching that the Jews must leave America by bribery or expulsion organized a march through Skokie?) The resultant anger will arouse Israeli Jewish opinion and a polarizing interaction can be set in motion. Eventually, expulsion can become a self-fulfilling prophecy.

Like all good demagogues, Kahane exploits real fears and wounds. Israeli Arabs are feeling slighted and some attraction to Arab nationalism. In America, such developments have led to civil strife and riots. Israel must mix firmness and understanding and vigilance to get through this next period. But Kahane seeks to foreclose a peaceful solution. A scholar has estimated that 70% of Israeli Jews have lost a close relative or friend in war. Kahane seeks to exploit the potential for anger and suspicion, so that what might be a tragic outcome of a future war if all goes wrong, i.e., Arab departure — will become a likely event induced by civil strife. Kahane's ploy could increase Israel's security burden a hundred-fold. It puts Israel's international standing and ethical future on the scales in order to satisfy one man's ambition and needs. The cleverness of the scheme is that no matter which way people react, polarization is intensified and Kahane wins.

Media coverage is the lifeblood of Kahane's visibility and power. Seeing this, the Israeli media initially announced that they would not report the march. But by showing up, forcing police to hold Arabs

back and stop him, Kahane became a new story and Israeli media had to cover. The worldwide media are only too glad to covet the story because Kahane confirms that Israel is becoming 'fascist' and chauvinist. What is to be done?

The first step is to do what President Herzog did — to rally Jews to stand in solidarity with Arabs for human dignity and against such blatant racism. Regrettably, it was left to Yossi Sarid an other ultradoves to show up. Sarid can be dismissed as an unrealistic liberal with strong anti-rightist tendencies. This feed Kahane's line to the right that he is one of them. It is important that politicians, the religious parties and of the right — who directly speak to the population sector from which his supporters come — confront him.

In the late 1960s, Stokeley Carmichael was asked: who did he represent? Who was with him in his black national extremist agitation? He reputedly answered: Me, a dozen people, and 500 newspapermen and television cameras. Like Jesse Jackson, Meir Kahane is a product of the media which fixed on his flamboyant and/or violent, highly visual tactics, claimed that he represents a significant force, and covered him until a growing number saw him as a force. He is expert at milking the media. The answer lies not in avoiding the story but in presenting it critically, pointing out the few voters he represents and the pitifully few followers he can muster. Both personally and in terms of his followers, Kahane needs to be taken seriously to be able to function. Accurate critical coverage would be a real blow to him.

Thirdly, the American Jews who are giving money to Kahane now should be told in no uncertain terms that their behavior is as grotesque as that of the American Irish who are supplying money and guns to Northern Ireland Catholics — acting out their macho, safely from a distance while thousands of miles away people are dying and life in the country is being poisoned.

Finally, the best way to block the 'no lose' situation might well be the direct use of humor. The march on Umm al Fahm resembles nothing so strongly as it does the march on Skokie. It was designed to go into a neighborhood which did not want the marchers, to preach an implicitly violent message, which could only aggravate the local people and thus score points whether they reacted violently or not. What destroyed the Collins group was that the police let them go in. The overwhelming show of Jews in opposition and their barely controlled anger led the neo-Nazis to panic, thus showing the ludicrousness of their claims and the cowardice of their group. Suppose that serious contact were made with Arabs who have some solidarity feelings with Israel and Jews to turn out but to stand fast without violence... Suppose that the police let Kahane and his followers march through... Suppose the Arabs were to throw cream puffs, not rocks...

Our gamble is that extremist elements might blow up such a situation. The links between Arabs and Jews in Israel are not disciplined and strong. The gamble is that we could be joking but it wouldn't be funny. From the perspective of the people on the receiving end, the very fact that someone advocates their expulsion is painful, even if the advocacy leads nowhere. Still, humor is a powerful tool designed to restore perspective and cut situations down to size. Humor, well done, could blow out the international media coverage as well, revealing their malicious misuse of a man who does not represent a serious force in Israel. To those who say this is no laughing matter: You are right. But I can only reply, "It only hurts when I laugh."

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Devar Torah

by Rabbi David B. Rosen
Temple Torat Yisrael

As the current secular year draws quickly to a close, so too does the Presidential proclamation which established 1983-1984 as the "Year of the Bible." For our non-Jewish neighbors in particular, this has been a year of renewed interest in Bible reading and study; indeed, a new edition of the Bible, called "The Book," is the year's best-selling title.

We Jews have been noticeably removed from this national return to Bible study, and it has been to our discredit and loss. We were, after all, the first students of the Bible, and our sacred Torah continues to play the central role in identifying us historically and directing us morally.

As we begin the cycle of the Torah reading still again, starting this Shabbat with Bereshit (Genesis 1), it is my hope that more and more of us will pull our dusty "Holy Scriptures" off the shelf and attempt to reacquaint ourselves with the lofty and beautiful prose and poetry of our Torah.

Even with a copy of the Torah in our hands, however, a real problem will remain for many. The text contains many ambiguities, many difficult passages. Indeed, the simple reading of the text has never been a part of the Jewish tradition; not reading, but studying the text has always been Judaism's way. This explains the indispensability of Rashi's commentary; he enriched one's understanding of the Torah text, making it more accessible to the most learned and the most ignorant alike.

Today we too have a variety of commentaries, written in English, which can make Bible study meaningful and worthwhile. As we begin with Bereshit, let me suggest some commentaries that are particularly luminous:

Artscroll Bereshit. Of the Five Books of Moses, only Genesis has been completed, in six volumes. Each phrase of each verse is discussed in lucid English, providing a Yeshiva-like discussion of the text. Everyone can benefit from it, though traditional readers will particularly appreciate its approach.

The Torah Anthology. This is an English translation of the classic Ladino commentary to the Torah begun in 1730 by Yaakov Culli. Sixteen volumes have been published to date, bringing the series into Deuteronomy. A running collection of folktales, legal digests on almost every aspect of Jewish law, along with insights into rabbinic wisdom make this a wonderful companion to Torah study.

Pentateuch and Haftorahs, by Rabbi Joseph Hertz. This is the standard text and commentary used in many Orthodox, Conservative and (some) Reform temples. Rabbi Hertz's comments are eloquently and succinctly stated, and one leaves his commentary with a warm feeling for Jewish tradition. His strong traditionalism, however, will make many liberal Jews uncomfortable at times.

The Torah, by Rabbis Gunther Plaut and Bernard Bamberger. Published by the Reform Movement in 1981, this 1800-page work is an exhaustive and brilliant treatment of the Torah from a liberal perspective. Reform and (many) Conservative Jews will find the world of the Torah opened to them by way of the commentary's insights, discourses and introductions.

Many other commentaries exist and are worth pursuing. As we begin a new year, let us strive to make 5745 a year of Jewish Torah study.

Devar Torah, a new feature, will be written by area Rabbis and appear in this space twice monthly.

House Approves Bill To Aid Holocaust Survivors

(JTA) The House has approved a bill that would eliminate reparations received from West Germany by Holocaust survivors from the income counted to determine eligibility for Social Security payments.

Rep. Henry Waxman (D. Cal.) introduced the legislation after a resident in his district, Felicia Grunfeder, was denied Supplemental Security Income (SSI) because her reparation payment from West Germany put her annual income \$648 over the eligibility level of \$1,752.

"I do not believe that when Congress passed the Social Security Act it intended to deny welfare and health benefits to a poor person who otherwise would be eligible were she not receiving token payments from Germany for the tortures she underwent at the hands of the Nazis," Waxman told the House.

Burt Hoffman, a spokesman for Waxman, said that although the Senate could not pass the bill because of the tight schedule before adjournment, the legislation has no opposition and should be approved when the new Congress convenes early next year.

Social Security Administration Ruling

Grunfeder suffers from psychological disorders requiring supervision and treatment. Her doctors have attributed her condition to the experience of growing up amidst the atrocities of the Holocaust. She began receiving SSI payments because of her psychological disorders in 1974 but in 1980 the Social Security Administration learned she had been receiving reparation from West Germany since 1974 and ruled that she was ineligible for the benefits.

Grunfeder's appeals to the Social Security Administration and then to a U.S. District Court were dismissed. The decision was upheld by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in San Francisco, but she has since won a rehearing.

Arguments By The AJCongress

The American Jewish Congress filed a friend of the court brief on her behalf, arguing that reparations payments should be exempted as it is now done with personal injury awards and other tort damages received as compensation for

civil loss. The Internal Revenue Service follows this principle in exempting restitution payments from income taxes, according to the AJCongress.

The AJCongress brief argues that reparations from the German government to Holocaust victims for "damages to a body, mind and spirit," is made "in recognition of a moral obligation to make amends" and is not "income" as defined by Congress when it passed Social Security legislation.

As a child, Grunfeder lived in the Warsaw Ghetto. Later she was separated from her mother and was taken to the Lager-Rote-Rose concentration camp. Her father and other members of her family were murdered by the Nazis.

The House Ways and Means Committee has estimated that about 4,000 people are in the same situation as Grunfeder.



Workshop For Parents Of Handicapped Children

"Planning for the Future," a series of workshops for parents of handicapped students from ages 14-21, will be offered by the Rhode Island Department of Education during November.

The workshop series was developed as part of the Department's Special Education Training Program, in response to a statewide survey of parents of handicapped children. The number one need expressed by parents focused on planning for the future of their disabled child.

The sessions will be taught by experts from several state and private agencies and will focus on secondary and postsecondary educational and work opportunities, housing options, societal and sexual issues, financial planning, and the emotional needs of parents. The sessions are scheduled on November 19, and 26, from 7:00-10:00 p.m., at the Warwick Campus of the Community College of Rhode Island.

Parents or educators interested in attending any or all of the sessions may contact Connie Susa at the Rhode Island Department of Education, 277-3505.



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National/World News

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the cooperation away from the Soviet Union alone. Israel's Labor leaders are said to fear antagonizing the Soviet Union.

In this regard, Soviet Embassy diplomats in Washington have lately gone out of their way to welcome the recent comments by the chief of Israel's general staff, Rav. Aluf Moshe Levi, to the effect that Israel does not regard the Soviet Union as an enemy. Levi made those comments during his U.S. visit last month.

Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko made a point of condemning U.S.-Israeli strategic cooperation during his UN General Assembly speech at the end of September.

Chain was non-committal when asked whether the joint committee was discussing the possibility of the Israeli Air Force's joining the U.S. Navy in training to establish sea control in the eastern Mediterranean.

"Yes and no," Chain responded. "There would be no exercising with the objective of preparing for sea control in the eastern Mediterranean. That would be way beyond the talks. I don't think we are going to get into exercises that have real-world contingency plans."

But he still acknowledged that the joint exercises, including dogfights, would have specific benefits for both countries during times of emergencies.

"We train in the U.S. all the time for real-world contingencies somewhere else in the world," he said. "Where one trains and how one trains doesn't mean that you necessarily are preparing to be able to execute a particular plan. Those are two separate categories."

Chain's bureau at the State Department is largely responsible for clearing U.S. arms sales to foreign countries. In that connection, he strongly defended additional weapons sales to Saudi Arabia, including stinger surface-to-air missiles.

"People must understand that Saudi Arabia is a huge country and the Saudis

are building a defense network — not an offensive force," he said. "They need ground-to-air defense to augment their fighter defense. They don't have enough fighters and they're not going to be able to afford enough fighters to provide an air defense of airplanes only."

Chain noted the importance of Saudi oil "to the western world." He said: "The stinger as a point defense weapon system would be very helpful in complementing the ground-to-air and air-to-air capability. You need to have some type of weapon system that can help defend the things that are so critical to our whole western economy — the oil and the oil processing."

Reagan Administration officials are noting that the improved U.S.-Israeli military ties have come during the tenure of Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger. The fact is that in recent months he has come to project a more pro-Israeli image.

Skeptics charge that that is largely because of the U.S. elections. But Weinberger's close associates dismiss that notion as "nonsense."

The Defense Secretary, they said, had an awful personal relationship with Ariel Sharon when he was Defense Minister. That tended to spillover into the overall U.S.-Israeli relationship.

But since Sharon's forced departure from the Defense Ministry, Pentagon officials said, Weinberger's attitude toward Israel has improved. They cited his more positive relationship with Moshe Arens, both when he served as Ambassador in Washington and later when he succeeded Sharon. They predicted that Weinberger would establish a good rapport with the new Defense Minister, Yitzhak Rabin, during his scheduled two-day visit to Israel in mid-October. Weinberger is going to Israel directly from observing NATO military exercises in Europe. He is also expected to stop over in Egypt and Tunisia.

In defending Weinberger's attitude toward Israel, Pentagon officials noted that U.S.-Israeli strategic and military ties

have dramatically improved over the past two years.

There have been some very practical steps, especially in the Pentagon's willingness to purchase Israeli-made military equipment and to cooperate in the development of the new generation Lavi fighter, a new patrol boat and other military systems. The U.S. Navy has just leased 12 Kfir fighters for use in training exercises.

Pentagon officials insisted that Weinberger deserves some of the credit.

A new atmosphere has indeed been created in U.S.-Israeli military ties which should continue irrespective of a Democratic or Republican victory on November 6.

Bronze Sculpture Of Golda Meir Unveiled

(JTA) — Several hundred public officials, Israeli dignitaries, civic and religious leaders joined in dedication ceremonies of Golda Meir Square in the

heart of NYC's garment center with the unveiling of a twice life size bronze sculpture of the former Israeli Premier.

The ceremonies, under the auspices of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York (JCRC) and the City of New York, marked the completion of the remodeled square on Broadway between 39th and 40th Streets. The sculpture is by artist Beatrice Goldfine of Philadelphia. It is the only tribute of its kind in the U.S. to Meir.

The statue was commissioned by the Golda Meir Memorial Committee and the JCRC under the auspices of Jack Weiler, JCRC honorary president and chairman of the Gold Meir Memorial Committee.

"We hope that the square, in the heart of the garment center, which played an important role in the history of the Jews in New York, will serve as a gathering place on special occasions, while serving as a daily reminder to all who see it, of this great woman's leadership and struggles for peace in Israel and justice throughout the world," Weiler declared.

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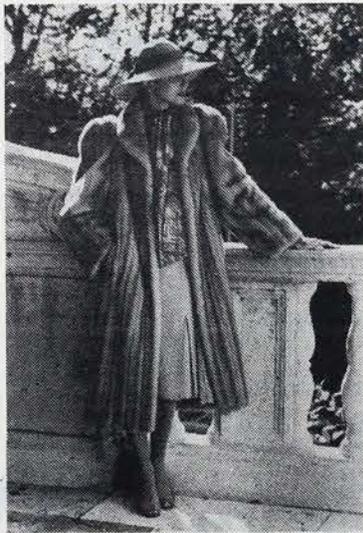
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In Nicaragua: Accusations Of Anti-Semitism Unjustified

(continued from page 1)

The group first went to Miami where they interviewed three expatriate Nicaraguan Jews, who now reside in the United States. These three believe that the Nicaraguan government is anti-Semitic and treats Jews in a discriminatory manner.

The human rights delegation then proceeded to Managua, the capital of Nicaragua, where they met with government officials, pro and anti-governmental human rights organizations, opposition political leaders, members of the Nicaraguan press, the U.S. Ambassador, and members of the Nicaraguan Jewish community.

With only one dissent, the group issued a seventeen-page report which concluded: 1) "Charges of Nicaraguan government anti-Semitism cannot be supported; there is simply nobody with credible evidence to suggest the Sandanista government has pursued or is currently pursuing a policy of discrimination or coercion against Jews." 2) "Charges of anti-Semitism are far too serious an issue to be publicly raised without clear substantiation and should not be used as a partisan political gambit in the United States." 3) "The state of human rights and civil liberties within Nicaragua is mixed..." though progress has been made in the comparison to the previous government and other Central American nations. 4) The U.S. policy of confrontation with Nicaragua "... raised profound moral questions and is destructive of the very pluralistic and democratic institutions which we purport to desire for Nicaragua."

Today anti-Semitism which does exist in Nicaragua seems to be from those who are angry about Israeli arms sales to Somoza and relate Israeli government policy to all Jews. The fact that some Nicaraguans (and other people) blame Jews for this is, indeed, something to be concerned about. However, it is clear that the Sandinista government has not used this anger towards Israel and Jews for its own purposes in any way. What does appear to be happening, according to many Jewish leaders, is that the Reagan Administration is capitalizing on the American Jewish community's legitimate

concerns about anti-Semitism. This seems to be an attempt to manipulate the American Jewish public to take an anti-Sandinista position similar to the administration's. This is an unfair and

by Paul Tick

(JSPS) — On my trip to Nicaragua in July, I wanted to investigate the Anti-Defamation League's and the Reagan Administration's charges of anti-Semitism and persecution of Jews in that country. I found the Nicaraguan Jews and non-Jews friendly and willing to discuss the issue.

I visited the old synagogue which had been abandoned because most Jews left the country before or during the turmoil of the recent revolution of 1979. The synagogue is now an office for a governmental children's association. The walls of the building are decorated with colorful murals of happy, playing children.

There are presently five Jews living in Nicaragua, though there are others of Jewish ancestry who are no longer self-identified as Jews. All Jews presently in Nicaragua claim that there is no anti-Semitism in that country. One is a high level governmental official. There are other governmental officials with Jewish backgrounds. These people all claim that the Jews who left the country did so for economic reasons rather than due to anti-Semitism. They stated that they are now, after the revolution, as happy in Nicaragua, as before the revolution. I met a Jewish man, Mr. Wosk, in the small town of Estellio.

I met a Jewish man, Mr. Wosk, in the small town of Estellio. In his home he proudly displays a Mezuzah he brought with him from his native Poland. His front door faces a main street and on it is a large medal Star of David which all passers-by can see. I asked him to describe the difference for him as a Jew before the revolution and now, afterward. He answered that "The only problem I have today as a Jew is that I can't get any gefilte fish or Manischewitz."

abusive use of Jewish history and sensitivities and should be condemned by all.

As happens so often in our history, the powers of government that exist are attempting to divide the people — this time the Jews from the Central

Americans. What we need now is to educate American Jews about the administration's manipulation of facts to serve its own purposes, and to teach all people to distinguish between Israeli governmental policies and the Jewish people as a whole.

CAJE Educates Educators

by Lynnsie Balk

(JSPS) — The worst part of attending a national Jewish conference is deciding which educational sessions to attend. The Coalition for Alternatives in Jewish Education (CAJE) recently held its ninth annual conference (CAJE 9) at Stanford University in California. CAJE 9 offered workshops on topics ranging from how to set up a Jewish resource center to "Hollywood Movies and Jewish Ethics."

Founded by a small group of Boston based educators in 1973, CAJE has grown into a New York City based national organization which institutes and supervises Jewish educational sub-committees, task forces, and publications, most of which were represented at the conference.

Conference participants reflected the diverse Jewish factions which CAJE reaches. Dr. Eliot G. Spack, CAJE's National Director, explained that "The CAJE annual conference is like a kaleidoscope, reflecting the endless variety of elements that comprise the world of the Jewish educator." The educators at the conference attracted Orthodox and secular Jews, teenagers and senior citizens, once-a-week Hebrew teachers and full-time rabbis, professors and administrators.

These participants attended CAJE 9 for several reasons: Some teachers need peer contact and support because Jewish educators are a minority, and such support is strong at CAJE conferences; New teachers might want a crash course in teaching Hebrew, while more experienced instructors are thirsty for new ideas; A Jewish Community Center Music Director might want advice on how to expand his/her program to include the elderly. Many people seek information which will make their classes more vibrant, their teaching more effective, and the idea of Jewish education more attractive to students who face a conflict when choosing between attending a secular sports game or a religious class. Jewish teachers hope to make their lessons appealing so that the Jewish students'

choosing becomes easier and more religiously directed.

At CAJE 9 these concerns were addressed during day-time study sessions in the format of *Limud Torah* (textual study), *module* (more detailed sessions), or *rikuz* (eight hours of concentrated study on a broad topic). Subjects discussed ranged from "Improving Assessment in Jewish Education" and "Exploring the Amidah" to "Israel: Reality or Metaphor for American and Israeli Jews." There were 531 study sessions offered by 339 presenters.

In addition to the classes, several ongoing exhibits were displayed, including the "Israel Pavillion," which contained information and resource material on Israel, Israel programs and the teaching of Israel, and the "Jewish Marketplace," which was filled with displays of old and new educational materials, records, videos, and posters. In another area, the Jewish Media Services provided ongoing screenings of over thirty films. Finally, the CAJE Total Resource Center successfully combined a teacher's center, library, media center and computer center in order to facilitate finding and using all kinds of information. All of these exhibits were fully staffed, providing a unique opportunity for interaction between educators and experts in the various fields.

CAJE 9 nightlife was just as interesting. This year, major events included a "Welcome to CAJE" program, an exciting debate between Rabbi Harold Schulweis, founder of the synagogue Havurah movement, and Rabbi Saul Berman, senior rabbi at Lincoln Square Synagogue in New York City, on Jewish responsibility to the major issues facing the world today, and an address on Israel's commitment to Jewish Education by Naftali Lavie, the Ambassador Consul General of Israel.

Jewish arts were also included in the programs. Throughout the central campus at Stanford, one could see and meet Jewish poets, calligraphers, singers, dancers, storytellers, actors and clowns.

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Around Town

by Dorothea Snyder



For her Spring break in March 1982, my native Californian niece trekked eastward to meet family members of her Boston born mother and New York born father.

She tolerated unaccustomed weather conditions throughout the mid-west, North Atlantic and New England states in search of her roots. Michelle was enthused about each golden get-together of a sparse number of relatives.

Just this past week she was in Providence for a stay before flying to London and on to Israel. While three cousins four times removed were driving up Route 6 from Bloomfield, Connecticut to meet Michelle for the first time, a grander family's reunion was coming to a close.

This was the third official reunion of the Jagolinzer family where a year's planning, newsletters and continuous contact brought 114 from all parts of the U.S. My niece would have loved to have witnessed such a happening in her own family.

It began Friday in the Hospitality Room at the Ramada Inn in Seekonk where the Providence Committee greeted their much welcomed family. Shabbat services Friday night and Saturday morning were attended at their own Rabbi Marc Jagolinzer's Temple Shalom in Middletown.

Tours to historic sites in Newport and Providence were taken followed by a reception and dinner on Saturday evening where the reunion's theme "Getting To Know You" was enhanced with Jagolinzer ancestral history and family trees.

So that everyone could identify which branch of the family tree each other stemmed from, color codes were dotted on name tags. It was indeed an event!

You would need a book to learn about the Jagolinzer family. They thought they did too. Bound by staples used for thick volumes, a generous sized booklet was authored titled "The Coming Together of a Large and Unusual Family."

A "Special Salute to the Second Generation" explains how their Patriarch Shloyma, his brother and sister had seven

branches long since deceased. Their second generation of surviving children number six and "hold the genuine links to the first generation, the true stories, the facts, fables and myths of the original Yagol-Nitzers.

"Many of the first and second Jagolinzer generations were born in the provinces and sublets of Pre-Czarist Russia, the Gabarnia, Ansolia and Kiev. Shloyma spent many years in Pokols'k (the city limits of Kominitz)."

When the Yagol-Nitzers arrived at Ellis Island, the family name was translated as "immigrants from the River Yagol." Yagol is the name of the debarkation point from which they left Russia. Nitzer, means river.

Processing agents were believed to have misinterpreted the Russian and called the family Jagolinzer. Greenberg, Silverman and Jacobs were the names given to them.

The booklet contains a well documented family tree describing each one's biography, personal briefs, and an up-dated index of known family and their addresses.

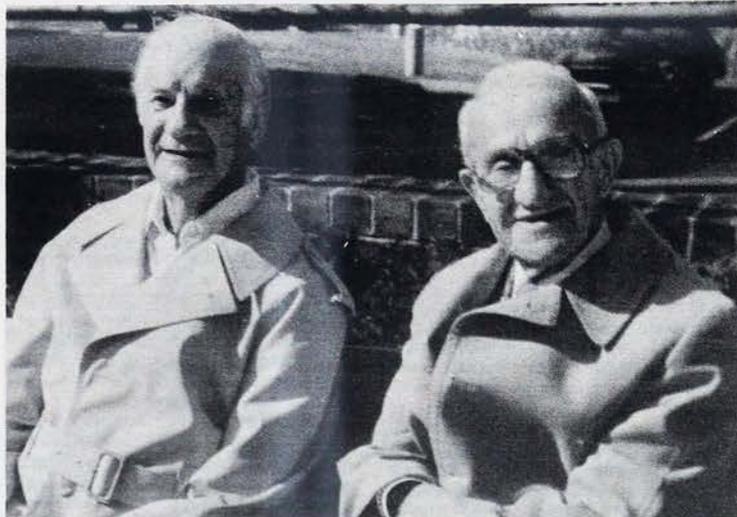
Dr. Carl Jagolinzer, who initiated family reunions back in the Forties and Fifties, is the oldest family member. A retired optometrist, he is a pro at reunions. This past year, he was the oldest alumni at his 65th reunion at Massachusetts College of Optometry, better known as New England College of Optometry.

In the reunion booklet Dr. Jagolinzer wrote an article about family recollections: "Yagol-Nitzer families, adults and children came to Providence and were provided temporary sanctuary in our home amid the emotions of tears of joy and Thanksgiving.

"I can never forget these poignant moments. We gladly gave of our hospitality and limited means. Soon, we were able to help them find a home and some work so that they would be able to sustain themselves.

"This effort," he continues, "would be repeated over and over again until all our Yagol-Nitzer family arrived. Even our Patriarch Grandfather Shloyma arrived

Adam and Eve Yagol-Nitzer?



"My kid brother," says Dr. Carl Jagolinzer, Providence, at right, of his brother, Dr. Charles Jagolinzer, left, from Scottsdale, Arizona. (Photos by Dorothea Snyder)

through these means.

"But for the grace of God, the foresight and courage of our parents who, facing hardships, had left Russia, Argentina and other lands to migrate to the United States, we may have remained where liberty and opportunities are denied. For this and more, we will be eternally grateful."

Dr. Jagolinzer warmly exudes with happiness over the reunion weekend. "The spirit was enthralling. It was so exciting. I enjoyed every minute of it."

He projects that Washington, D. C. will be the scene of the next reunion because of the good number of family members who live there.

In an earlier "Grand Jagolinzer Family Newsletter," major goals hoped to eventually reach all descendants,

approximately 700. The search for Jagolinzers, Yagolnitzers, Linzers, Yaegars, Jaegers and Jacobs goes on. "With your help and our computer," the newsletter point out, "we expect to trace through the centuries all the way back to Adam and Eve."

Dr. Philip Jagolinzer of Portland, Maine wrote a letter to the family newsletter in August. "My wife Joan and I have travelled some 12,000 miles this past year and could have touched many relatives had we the knowledge of their locations."

The Succoth reunion over, Dr. Jagolinzer, one could suppose, has discovered many new family members to visit throughout the country.

My niece would be envious.



At the brunch with Jeanne Weismeyer, Hilda Yager, Joseph Weissmeyer, Herman Yager, all of Silver Spring, Md.; David Goldsmith, Harmony, researcher and developer of the family tree; Dr. Charles Jagolinzer, Scottsdale, Arizona; and Stanley Jagolinzer, Cranston.



Huddled together are Bruce Jagolinzer, Dr. Philip Jagolinzer, both of Portland, Maine; Kenneth Jagolinzer, Phoenix, Arizona; Burt Jagolinzer, Framingham, Mass., chairman of the planning committee; Dr. Charles Jagolinzer.



Brunch and general committee members from left are: Lotta Jagolinzer, Lois Fain, Charlotte Jagolinzer, Marion Goldsmith, Kayla Flamer with granddaughter Sara Steiman, Paula Rice, Susan Rice, all from Rhode Island and nearby Massachusetts.



Rachel and Sara Steiman, ages 4 and 2, left and right, have a warm spot on their grandpa's lap and in his heart. The proud grandpa is Howard Flamer.

Education

Beth Sholom Classes

Congregation Beth Sholom's Academy For Jewish Studies soon begins the academic year of 5745 — 1984-85.

The Congregation maintains that Jewish life is viable only to the extent of the awareness of Jewish concepts in law and in practice. The study of Judaism and its activation are the only means of achieving this very fulfilling awareness and of preserving the heritage of Judaism. The degree to which individual and collective Jewish Studies are broadened and deepened reflect the vibrancy of the Jewish community and the standards of Jewish living.

Toward this end, the Academy for Jewish Studies offers stimulating courses, educational seminars, Shabbaton retreats, Exhibits, Films, Torah Talks and Guest Speakers.

The Academy is open to all members of the Jewish community and is taught by scholars who are distinguished educators with a deep commitment to Judaism and Jewish education. Some of the courses, upon review by the Bureau of Jewish Education, are accredited for teacher certification.

There are two semesters during the academic year; participants may register for either or both.

The first semester begins October 22 and ends February 11. Four courses are offered:

Topics in Genesis

Focusing on the Creation, the Garden of Eden and Noah and the Flood, analyzing them in the light of classical Talmudic and Rabbinic interpretation.

Instructor: Rabbi Shmuel Singer
Mondays: 7:00-8:15

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Instructor: Rabbi Chaim Casper
Mondays: 7:00-8:15

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birth, circumcision, marriage and divorce.
Instructor: Rabbi Shmuel Singer
Mondays: 8:30-9:30

The second semester begins February 25 and ends June 10. Four courses are again offered:

Topics in Genesis

A continuation of the first semester's work.

Instructor: Rabbi Shmuel Singer
Mondays: 7:00-8:15

Hebrew For Beginners

A continuation of the first semester's work.

Instructor: Rabbi Chaim Casper
Mondays: 7:00-8:15

Tractate Hullin

A continuation of the first semester's work.

Instructor: Rabbi Peretz Gold
Mondays: 8:30-9:30

American Jewish History

Topics include Jews in the colonial period, the German-Jewish immigration of the 1800's, the East-European immigration and the contemporary American/Jewish community.

Instructor: Rabbi Shmuel Singer
Mondays: 8:30-9:30

Registration for the first semester will take place at 7:00 p.m., October 22 in the Conference Room at Beth Sholom, 275 Camp St., Providence. Registration fee is \$5.00. Course fee is \$10.00 per semester. Courses require at least eight registrants to be offered. Late registration is possible. For more information, please call the synagogue at 331-9393, mornings.

TTY Announces Bet Talmud Courses

Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston announces the new schedule of courses for Bet Talmud, the Academy of Jewish Learning and Living that will take place at the Temple, 330 Park Avenue, beginning on October 22.

During the first hour, from 7:30-8:20, Rabbi Marc Jagolinzer of Temple Shalom in Middletown, will be offering a course, "The Many Faces of Judaism." Cantor Stephen Freedman will teach, "The Art of Hazzanut." Robert Israel, editor of *R.I. Herald*, will be teaching "Introduction to American Jewish Literature," a survey of writers from I.B. Singer through to Tillie Olsen. Ellen Steingold from Jewish Family Service will be teaching "Single and Jewish."

During the second hour, Rabbi David Rosen of Temple Torat Yisrael will teach, "Seven Questions You've Asked." There will be courses in Hebrew and a discussion course exploring "The Wall of Separation: How Sturdy Is It?" being taught by Rabbi George Astrachan of Temple Sinai in Cranston with Fran Robins-Liben and Richard Zacks.

For more information on the course offerings (not all have been listed here) call Temple Torat Yisrael at 785-1890.

URI-Hillel Lunch Program

Kingston-URI Hillel recently announced its Fall, 1984 Lunch Program schedule. This year's program, consisting of seven lectures on Jewish and communal themes, is entitled "Brain Food." The name is derived from the format of the program (lunch being the food part and the lectures constituting the intellectual or "brainy" part of the program).

All programs occur on successive Thursdays starting October 25. Lunch begins at 12:15 p.m. and the lecture starts at 12:45 p.m. The programs are usually concluded by 1:15 p.m. There is a modest \$2.75 fee for lunch. Coffee or tea and pastry is provided free of charge for those who come just for the lecture. The public is invited to attend.

The series kick off the season on October 25 with a video-tape presentation entitled, "NBC in Lebanon: A Study in Misrepresentation." Produced by Americans for a Safe Israel (AFSI), the video's theme is that NBC deliberately manipulated its showing of the news concerning Israel's invasion of Lebanon in June 1982 in order to produce a larger audience for their evening news. NBC later sued AFSI for libel, but the case was thrown out of court.

On November 1, Rabbi Shmuel Singer (Chairperson of the Rhode Island Board of Kashruth and spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Sholom in Providence) will lecture on "The Politics of Conversion." There is much discussion in the Jewish community as to who has been correctly converted to Judaism. Also, a community wide conversion school in Denver last year was subject to much criticism because of Orthodox Jewish participation in the conversion process. Rabbi Singer will discuss the ramifications of this complex issue.

Steve Askenazy of the Institute for the Protection of Lesbian and Gay Youth in New York will speak on November 8 on the topic of "On Counseling Jewish Gays." As with members of other minority groups, Jewish homosexuals are subject to much tension as they are torn between their desire to express their sexual tendencies and the general community's definition as to what is natural and normal expression of sexual relations.

Jews are quite often incorrectly stereotyped with certain attributes and traits. "Exploring Stereotypes: The Jew as an Alcoholic" on November 15 will deal with the problem of Jewish alcoholics. The speakers will be Jeff Neipres and guests, all members of JACS (Jewish Alcoholics, Chemically Dependent Persons and Significant Others).

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be no program on November 22.

Last year, largely as a result of a memorandum circulated by the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League (ADL), the Sandanista government of Nicaragua was accused of being anti-Semitic. While the issue received little notice in the general media, it did merit much coverage in the Jewish press. On November 29, Dr. Susan Besse of the URI History Department and an acknowledged expert on Central America, will discuss the issue in a lecture entitled, "Nicaragua, the Sandanistas and the Jews."

"Sexism in Jewish Education" will be the topic of a lecture by Elliot Schwartz on December 6. Mr. Schwartz will deal with the questions of equal educational opportunities for boys and girls as well as equal employment and advancement opportunities for men and women. He is the director of the Rhode Island Bureau of Jewish Education and president of the (national) Council for Jewish Education.

Finally, there has been much press concerning the arrests over the summer of 29 religious Jewish settlers on the West Bank of the Jordan River who were accused of anti-Arab terrorism. "West Bank Settlers: Jewish Terrorists or Freedom Fighters?" will be the topic of the December 13 lecture by Rabbi Dov Aharoni Fisch who is director of the Herut Zionists of America. Rabbi Fisch and his family will be moving to the West Bank in June. Hence, the question is a personal as well as an ideological question that affects him and his family.

P'Tach Workshop Scheduled

The New England Chapter of P'TACH and the Bureau of Jewish Education are cosponsoring a workshop entitled, "Children as Learners: Responding to their Needs." It will take place on October 28, 1984, at 7:30 p.m., at the B.J.E., Goshman Jewish Community Campus, 333 Nahant St., Newton, Mass.

The presentation will be designed to address the particular needs of the after-school and Sunday School Jewish education teacher. The topics to be covered will include such areas as interfacing both the needs of the individual child and the group, and the issue of prioritizing educational goals given the structure of an after-school Religious School program.

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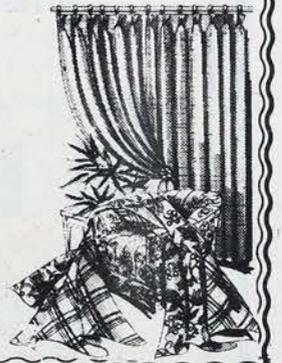
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Social Events

Litners Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Litner of 80 Arbor Way, East Greenwich announce the birth of their second child and daughter, Stacey Michelle, on August 17, 1984.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Galkin of Cranston. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Litner of Milton, Mass. Great-grandparents are Benjamin Blacher of Cranston and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Galkin of Providence and Palm Beach, Florida.

Hadassah Fashion Review Oct. 24

Pawtucket-Central Falls Chapter of Hadassah will sponsor a full fashion review, with clothes by Helen Olevson's, at Temple Beth El, corner Butler and Orchard avenues, Providence, on Wednesday evening, October 24. Coffee and desserts will be served at 7:15 p.m. and the Fashion Show will begin at 8:00. Rosalind Bolusky and Beverly Schwartz are co-chairmen of the event, and Nancy Dow will be the commentator for the Fashion Show. All proceeds from the program will benefit the Youth Aliyah project of Hadassah.

Following are the models who will participate in the show: Carolyn Botvin, Joan Daniels, Trudie Galkin, Shirley Kestenman, Maxine Marks, Sandra Scoliard, Pearl Shein, Carol Sofro, Ann Steingold, and Rhode Swartz.

Assisting the co-chairmen are: Sylvia Brown, Treasurer; Shirley Kestenman, Fashion Show Coordinator; Sara Cokin, Gifts; Gertrude Max, Refreshments; Harriet Frank, Decorations; Bernice Zaleznick, Posters; Lillian Lewis, Publicity; Arlene Goldstein, Raffles; Ruth Goldstein, Ex-Officio. Additional committee members are: Gertrude Katz, Elaine Kroll, Dorothy Rosen, Hannah Scoliard, Ann Schwartz, Mildred Stern, Janice Ziegler, and Eve Zucker.

A drawing for prizes will follow the Fashion Show. The event is open to the public and tickets may be purchased at the door.



ORT Bazaar And Auction

Elmgrove Chapter of Women's American ORT has an exciting Fall planned!

The October 23 meeting will host local crafts people displaying their products. Join us at the home of Caren Tractenberg, 263 Hillside Ave., Pawtucket, at 7:30 p.m. The holidays are soon upon us; this will be a perfect opportunity to do all your shopping at one stop!

On October 27 there will be a progressive dinner. Our best cooks are planning wonderful dinners for just \$30 per couple. For reservations call 728-1230.

There are still some spaces available for the November 7 trip to New York City to visit ORT's Bramson School. The bus will be leaving the Jewish Community Center at 7 a.m. and will depart New York at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. Cost is \$20. For reservations call 333-9636.

On November 26, ORT is sponsoring a wheel of chance at Warwick Mall, from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. Proceeds will benefit ORT's School of Engineering. Workers are needed for two hour shifts and as babysitters. Honor roll credit will be given for both workers and sitters. Call 463-8157 to volunteer.

TTY Men's Club Meetings

Temple Torat Yisrael Men's club will hold the following meetings:

November 11, Flea Market, at 8:30 a.m.; November 12, Auction, 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; November 13, Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.; November 18, Breakfast Meeting, 9:30 a.m., guest speaker Samuel Shlevin.

The Temple is located on Park Avenue in Cranston.

"WomenPower" Oct. 22

Providence Chapter of Hadassah fall meeting will be Monday October 22, 1984 at Congregation Ohave Shalom, East Avenue, Pawtucket, R.I. The topic will be "WomanPower." Four woman candidates for various Rhode Island state offices will speak. Democrats are: Linda Kushner and Bonnie Cimino. Republicans are: Lila Sapinsley and Arlene Violet.

Coffee will be served at 12:30 followed by the program. Lottie Povar, American Affairs chairwoman will be moderator. Doris McGarry is Program chairwoman.

Events At URI-Fine Arts Center

At the Main Gallery, G101 Fine Arts Center, URI, Kingston, R.I. 02881, Sarah Draney, an artist from New York City, will be showing an exhibition of Environmental Wall Work in the Main Gallery beginning on October 22 and continuing through November 16. An opening reception, at which the artist will be present, will be held on Monday, October 22 at 2 p.m.

The Gallery is open to the public Monday-Friday, 12-3 p.m. and Tuesday-Friday evenings, 7:30-9:30 p.m. (closed holidays). For more information, please call the Department of Art at 792-2131.

At the Main Gallery Corridor, Fine Arts Center, URI, Kingston, R.I. 02881, Gary Richman, URI faculty member, will be exhibiting his work in the corridor cases through October 27. The show consists of a book, *Babylonian Misapprehensions*, and a group of paintings entitled, "The Farside Comets."

The Corridor is open to the public, Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. through 9:30 p.m.

At the Photography Gallery, A100 Fine Arts Center, URI, Kingston, R.I. 02881, Richard Fraenkel, URI faculty member, will exhibit paintings in the Photography Gallery from work completed this summer while in southern France. The show, "Provence en Plein Air," Small Paintings, Summer, 1984 will open on October 25, and continue through November 9, 1984.

The Gallery is open to the public Monday-Friday 12:3 p.m. and Tuesday-Friday evenings, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Roosevelt Lodge Installation

Jacob G. Wolff was elected and installed as worshipful master of Roosevelt Lodge, No. 42, F.&A.M., at the sixty-second annual meeting of the Lodge, at the Masonic Temple, Doric Temple, Cranston, R.I., on Saturday, October 13, 1984.

Herbert H. McGuire, district deputy grand master of the second Masonic district, was installing officer. He was assisted by Charles E. Angell, grand master of ceremonies.

Other officers installed were Joel Bernstein, senior warden; Harry LaRose, junior warden; Michael Sugerman, treasurer; Bernard Feld, secretary; Peter Ludivici, chaplain; W. David A. MacDonal, Jr., senior deacon; Ron Smith, junior deacon; Lawrence Kahn, senior steward; W. Sam Cleinman, junior steward; W. Arnie Elman, marshal; W. Sam Cleinman, master of ceremonies; W. George Tomasso, associate master of ceremonies; Myron Muffs, organist; William Carnevale, tyler; Victor Dan Sereau, lighting director.

Amory Tour Planned

At 2 p.m. on Sunday, October 21, 1984, a special tour of the Armory District in Providence will begin at the Dexter Street entrance to the Cranston Street Armory. The tour, which is sponsored by the Providence Preservation Society, will be led by Clark Schoettle, the Executive Director of the Providence Preservation Society's Revolving Fund. Participants in

the tour will have the opportunity to see preservation in progress and enter two recently restored houses in this historic Victorian neighborhood. The tour costs \$2.50 for adults, \$1.00 for children. It is free to PPS members.

The Armory District was largely rural and undeveloped until the early nineteenth century but, by the 1820's and continuing throughout the rest of the century, the neighborhood became a popular residential area for professionals and merchants who plied their trades in the rapidly expanding downtown. Nevertheless, in the years following World War II, the neighborhood deteriorated and many of its charming Victorian homes were either abandoned or demolished.

By the early 1970's however, the neighborhood's fortunes turned around. In 1974, the area was entered on the National Register of Historic Places and funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development became available for use in rehabilitating the housing stock. Since 1980, the PPS's Revolving Fund has committed itself to restoration projects in the District. As a result of these combined efforts, the Armory District is once again becoming a lovely residential neighborhood.

For additional information on this tour and for information on all of PPS's fall programs, contact the Providence Preservation Society, 24 Meeting Street, Providence, R.I. 02903, 401-831-7440.

Pioneer Women Fashion Show

Pioneer Women Na'Amat Shalom Chapter is holding a Fashion Show called "Fall Fashion Fling," Tuesday, October 23, 1984. Reception at 6:30 p.m. Full course dinner begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Hospitality Center, 1150 Narragansett Blvd., Cranston.

Commentator for the evening will be Caryn Carlson of News Center 6. Models will be club members. Fashions will be "Finesse" of Warwick, "Just Things" of East Greenwich, hairstyles by Styles Unlimited of Warwick Avenue. For more information call Mona Scheraga, 739-1568.

Cranston Hadassah

Cranston Chapter of Hadassah will hold a fabric and craft sale at Warwick Mall.

The event will take place October 25 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Also, Friday, October 26 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Other events — A Mah-jongg Tournament and Bridge and Canasta Party will be held on November 13 at 7 p.m. at the Doric Masonic Lodge, 1237 Reservoir Ave., Cranston.

Also planned is a bus trip to Brandeis University, November 8. Trip will include a visit to the Spingold Theatre to see "Woza Albert."

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JCC News

FINANCIAL PLANNING

The Jewish Community Center is offering a seminar on "Personal Financial Planning," starting Tuesday, October 23, 7:30-9 p.m., and continuing for six consecutive Tuesdays. Participants will learn to organize their finances and set personal financial goals; determine how well their life, property, and health are protected financially; and explore investment strategies for attaining their goals.

Instructors are Maurice Bissonnette, Associate Director, and Doris Wilk, Investment Counselor, of Tucker, Anthony & R.L. Day. Guest speakers will include Doris Licht, Esq., on estate planning and Dan Ryan, CPA, on taxes. Fee is \$20 for JCC members, \$25 for non-members. For information call 861-8800.

ISRAELI CAFE NIGHT

On Sunday, October 21, at 8 p.m., the Jewish Community Center will present its first Israeli Cafe Night, featuring folksinger/songwriter Laura Berkson. Ms. Berkson, who has performed widely in the Boston-Cambridge area, writes and performs in a variety of languages including English, Spanish, Hebrew, and Yiddish. She recently joined the JCC staff as Director of Family Life and Jewish Experiences, and serves as musical director of the JCC Chorus.

Wine and cheese will be served at the Cafe, as well as non-alcoholic beverages. Admission is \$2.50 for JCC members, \$4.00 for non-members, and the community is invited.

Gallery 401 of the Jewish Community Center will present a series of "Musical Evenings" with WLKW's Norm Jagolinzer, starting Monday, October 22 at 7:30 p.m. The series will run for 8 consecutive Monday evenings. Participants will listen to and discuss a variety of music, from baroque to contemporary, in the Center's art gallery.

Mr. Jagolinzer is program director of radio station WLKW and has taught other highly successful music courses in the past.

Fee for the series is \$15 for JCC members and \$20 for non-members. For information call 861-8800.

JCC SINGLES BRUNCH

Bestselling author William Novak, whose books include *The Great American Man Shortage*, *The Big Book of Jewish Humor*, and the upcoming *Iacocca: An Autobiography* (which he coauthored with Lee Iacocca), will be the featured guest speaker at this month's Singles Brunch on Sunday, October 21, 11 a.m.

Novak is also the founder and operator of "New Possibilities," Boston's Jewish introduction service. He's been a frequent guest on radio and TV programs, including the "Phil Donahue Show." His topic at the brunch will be "Overcoming the Roadblocks to Romance." Admission is \$3.50 for members, \$6 for non-members, and reservations are suggested; call Judith Jaffe at 861-8800.

Bingo At Temple Sinai

Temple Sinai Bingo is held every Wednesday evening at Auction City, 1312 Oaklawn Avenue, Cranston. An Early Bird Game begins at 6:45 p.m. Regular games begin at 7:00 p.m. Come join us for an evening of fun!

For further information please call the office at Temple Sinai (942-8350) between 9 a.m. and noon or Carrie Cohen at 885-2046 (evenings).

Singles Scene

SHALOM SINGLES

Ages 35-55

Shalom Singles (ages 35-55) of the South Area Jewish Community Center, is sponsoring "Brunch Plus" on Sunday, October 28, 1984 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the Center, 1044 Central St., Stoughton. Following a delicious brunch will be professional color analyst Linda Ruggiero from "Color Me Beautiful" with a special presentation for both men and women. A free consultation with Ms. Ruggiero will be the door prize.

Preregistration is urged by Tuesday, October 23. The cost for preregistrants is \$3.50 (\$4 at the door) and \$5 for non-members (\$5.50 at the door). The brunch is limited to the first 70 people. We will accept registration at the door as space permits.

We encourage you to join Shalom Singles for only \$10 per year, which entitles you to many privileges, including a reduced rate at all programs.

To preregister, please call Liz at the Center, 821-0030 or 341-2016. Newcomers are especially welcome.

SUBURBAN JEWISH SINGLES

The Suburban Jewish Singles, sponsored by Temple Emanuel of Newton Centre, will hold a second in a series of Friday evening Service on Friday evening, October 26, beginning at 8:00 p.m. The Service will be held in the Chapel of Temple Emanuel, 385 Ward St., Newton Centre, and will be conducted by Rabbi Mark Friedman.

This Service is geared exclusively for singles in order to help meet their spiritual needs. Members of the Suburban Jewish Singles Group will participate in the Service. Following the Service an Oneg Shabbat will take place in the Vestry of the Temple with Israeli dancing and singing and refreshments.

All singles 30-45 years of age are invited to participate in this special Friday evening Service and Singles program. For further information on this program please call Chester Rubin, Director of Youth and Adult Activities in the Youth House, 527-7810, 527-6906.

GREATER PROVIDENCE JEWISH SINGLES

Ages 20-35

October 20 at 7:30 p.m., there will be Israeli folk-dancing at Temple Emanu-El. Beginners welcome.

October 26 at 6:30 p.m. there will be the monthly Friday night Shabbat service at Temple Emanu-El.



Sisterhood To Meet

The Sisterhood of Temple Beth Am-Beth David will hold its Paid-Up Membership Meeting at the Temple, 40 Gardner Street, Warwick on Monday evening, October 22 at 7:30 p.m. New Sisterhood members will be installed at the meeting.

Mrs. Marilyn Smith will entertain with songs. Mrs. Dorothy Forman is Chairman of the event. Reservations may be made by calling Dorothy Forman at 463-7820; Faye Schachter, 785-2128 and Rose Bezan, 737-4473. Other committee members are Joyce Miller, Bella Mendelovitz, Myrna Dress, Blema Forman, Joan Tebrow, Betty Clark and Myra Alexander.

Emanu-El Garden Club To Meet

Emanu-El Garden Club will present the three "P's" of horticulture — Planting, Potting, and Propagation Thursday, October 25, 1984 in the Temple Vestry.

Ruth Schacter will demonstrate. Members are asked to bring in plants requiring attention.

Coffee and dessert will be served at 12:30 p.m. followed by the meeting at 1 p.m.

Legal Problems Of Elderly

"Ask A Lawyer," a public service program of the Rhode Island Bar Association, will be held at the Senior Citizens' Meal Site at Temple Beth Torat Israel, 330 Park Avenue, Cranston, on Tuesday, October 23, 1984, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

Cranston attorney Jeffrey S. Perlow will speak on the common legal problems of the elderly. Wills, guardianship, power of attorney, joint bank accounts, and real estate are some of the topics to be addressed. A question and answer period will follow Mr. Perlow's presentation.

Veronica A. Holland, RIBA Director of Public Services, will explain the services available through the Legal Information and Referral Service for the Elderly. The LIRS provides free and reduced-fee legal assistance for eligible persons sixty years of age and older from volunteer attorneys in the client's own community.

The program is sponsored by the Rhode Island Bar Association and is funded by the Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs. For further information, contact the Legal Information and Referral Service for the Elderly at 521-5040.

Nancy Sullivan To Read Poetry At CCRI

Poet and critic Dr. Nancy Sullivan will read from her works at the Community College of Rhode Island's Flanagan Campus in Lincoln on Tuesday, October 23, at 1 p.m. in room 2302. The reading, part of the college's Galway Kinnell Poetry Series, is free of charge and open to the public.

Dr. Sullivan is the author of "The History of the World as Pictures" and "Telling It" and has edited "The Treasury of American Poetry" and "The Treasury of American Short Stories." She is also a professor of English at Rhode Island College.

The poet holds a bachelor's degree from Hunter College, a master's from the University of Rhode Island and a doctorate from the University of Connecticut.

The Galway Kinnell Collection of American Literature at CCRI was established in 1982 as a special library collection to honor the Rhode Island poet.

For further information on the poetry reading and the Community College's Kinnell Collection of American Literature, contact the college's Development Office at 333-7256.

Irving R. Levine At Beth-El

On Sunday evening, November 11, noted NBC correspondent Irving R. Levine, a Rhode Island native, will present a public lecture at Temple Beth-El. His topic will be "America After The Election."

Mr. Levine is appearing on behalf of the Irving Jay Fain Fund. This fund was established several years ago in memory of Irving, a philanthropist, community leader, and beloved former president of Temple Beth-El. The fund's purpose is to

South Area JCC News

Computer Course

Conquer the Computer! A special introductory course designed for people with little or no previous computing experience is being offered at the South Area Jewish Community Center in Stoughton for 8 weeks on Thursday, 7:00-9:00 p.m. beginning October 25, 1984.

Each 2-hour session includes one hour of instruction and one hour of supervised on-line time working with a partner on Apple computers. The course entails computer literacy, fundamentals, programming and word processing and data management software.

The course is taught by professionals from Compu-Tar. The cost is \$90 for members and \$120 for non-members.

Pre-registration is required by calling Liz at the Center, 821-0030 or 341-2016 by Monday, October 22.

Sketching, Drawing Lessons

Have you always wanted to sketch and draw, but needed a gentle push? Here's your chance!

Relax while you learn with professional lessons by Sonny Noah in a comfortable, supportive setting. The 5-session course, offered by the South Area Jewish Community Center, 1044 Central Street, Stoughton, will cover life drawing, still life, self-portraits and more, using pencil, charcoal and markers. Mrs. Noah has been teaching Art for twenty-five years, and teaching beginners to draw is her specialty.

The course is offered on five consecutive Wednesdays from 8-9:30 p.m., beginning November 7 and five consecutive Thursdays, 10:15-11:45 a.m., beginning October 25.

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.

help provide pensions for former Temple staff for whom adequate provision has not been made prior to their retirement. It is one of Temple Beth-El's most important projects.

The lecture will begin at 8:15 p.m. in the Temple Sanctuary, and is open to the community without charge. Seating is on a first come, first serve basis. For further information, contact Rob Goldberg at the Temple office, 331-6070.

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Arts & Entertainment

Review: "Terra Nova" At Trinity Rep



Richard Ferrone, Timothy Crowe, and William Damkoehler in Trinity Rep's production of *Terra Nova* by Ted Tally.

by Lois Atwood

Terra Nova, a play by Ted Tally, is set in 1911 in the new land of Antarctica, with an English explorer, Scott, and a Norwegian, Amundsen, racing each other to the South Pole. On the journey back, Scott and his men are pinned down by a storm, only 11 miles from the food and fuel that could have saved their lives. They die bravely, because Scott refused to use dog teams with the dogs as a reserve food supply. Instead, Scott's small party pulled a heavy sled nearly 1600 miles over snow and ice.

Trinity Rep's first production this fall, *Terra Nova* is set on a white stage that gives the effect of distance and alienation. The small party trudges along in the same alienation, so that the effect of distance is more marked than that of camaraderie. Robert D. Soule's set has an overturned boat as the center background, a reminder that the great journey was made on a continent oceans away from civilization.

Scott's internal conflict and drive to win are shown in a variety of ways, dream sequences, fantasies, realistic vignettes, and his thoughts and writings spoken aloud. Amundsen figures as devil and as alter ego, always practical, weighing necessity and doing what needs to be done. The story has gripped many imaginations since Scott and his men were found frozen

in their tent.

Peter Gerety directed the play, and Robert D. Soule designed the scenery, John F. Custer, lighting; and William Lane, costumes. Ed Hall plays Scott very well as he moves from self-certainty and faith in his destiny to tortured indecision. Keith Jochim's Amundsen is a solid figure, a contrast to the thin wiriness of the conflicted Scott. Richard Ferrone, William Damkoehler, Timothy Crowe and David Kennett form Scott's team, and Anne Scurria plays his wife, a role that may be important to the play but is largely irrelevant to Scott's accomplishments.

The cast and setting are good — though I never had a feeling of the great cold that is so basic in all the writings about Antarctica — but the play left me wanting more than was given. The journals of that whole trip are among the best of adventure and introspective reading and the impact of a support team member's account, *The Worst Journey in the World*, is greater than the impact of Tally's play. Trinity needs more to work with than the playwright gave them. Although individual scenes stand out, one is left with no coherent, vigorous whole. Recommended as an interesting experiment with some moving moments.

Newport Playhouse

The Newport Playhouse has cast its newest production, a comedy, "A Life In The Theatre." It will be directed by Peter Coffin and star Gerald Taupier, Karson Mesler and Michelle Forloney.

The play will run weekends of: Friday, October 19 — 9 p.m., Saturday, October 20 — 9 p.m., Sunday, October 21 — 8 p.m.

Friday, October 26 — 9 p.m., Saturday, October 27 — 9 p.m., Sunday, October 28 — 8 p.m.

Friday, November 3 — 9 p.m., Saturday, November 4 — 9 p.m., Sunday, November 5 — 8 p.m.

"A Life In The Theatre" will be the eleventh production of the year for the Newport Playhouse. Its twelfth production will be "Caligula"; directed by and starring Ismail Abou-El-Kanater. This play is now into rehearsals.

Kate Radin is stage manager for "A Life In The Theatre"; and the producer for both plays is Matt Siravo, as he has been for the past ten productions.

There will be further information on "Caligula" forthcoming.

TRIST Announces Season

The Rhode Island Shakespeare Theater has announced its season for 1985. A new adaptation of *Dracula* will open on January 17, followed by a new musical version of Shakespeare's *The Merry Wives of Windsor* beginning March 21. On May 30 the Bard's dark comedy *Measure for Measure* will open, and Noel Coward's classic, *Private Lives* will round out the season, beginning July 25.

Each play will run for six weeks, Thursday through Sunday nights at 8 p.m. and will be presented at the Swanhurst Theater, Bellevue Avenue and Webster Street, Newport, R.I.

Season subscriptions are available, and this year TRIST is offering subscribers tickets to all four productions for the price of three. TRIST programs are presented with the assistance of the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts. For information, call 849-7892.

Review: "Middle Ages" At BLT



A scene from *The Middle Ages* at Bright Lights Theatre.

by Lois Atwood

The Middle Ages, by A.R. Gurney, Jr., is Bright Lights Theatre Company's season opener at School 1 in Providence. Directed by Barbara Blossom with attention to pace and humor, the comedy moves back and forth from the 1940s to the 1970s. Its four characters are a very proper father, his wayward younger son, and a social-climbing mother and daughter. The set was designed by Michael McGarty, with lighting by Dennis J. Cohen. Piano by Stephen Snyder adds to the mood.

The setting is an exclusive men's club, the focus of values and friendships, the standard of behavior, the heart's desire of those outside and the abiding joy of those who belong. Charles, played by Tom Oakes, is a proper gentleman of an earlier generation, accepting his very pleasant world and never doubting its values. David Catanzaro plays Barney, the son who refuses to conform, and Carol Levitt plays Eleanor, a dutiful daughter. Ava Wolf as Myra, the mother, is often played as

caricature rather than fleshed into real humanity, but that's the way Gurney wrote her.

Gurney holds up the varying values of generations for examination, with Barney's wildness as the vivid foreground for the conventional behavior of the others. The costuming is carefully done, and contributes much to the credibility of the changing scene. Barney's and Eleanor's adeptness at switching from one period to another and their solid credibility as the mismatched couple make this comedy work, though all the cast perform well. The play moves well, in spite of a tendency toward monologues and a very wide stage area, both of which are often unsurmounted hazards. Myra's French tags and very human delight in becoming part of the club's world are set against her daughter's ambivalence about which world to choose, and finally her success in integrating women into the club. *The Middle Ages* is good entertainment.

Rhode Island College Theatre Season

Following on Nov. 15 and continuing through Nov. 18, is the Pulitzer Prize winning poem about the Civil War, *John Brown's Body* by Stephen Vincent Benet, to be directed by Elaine Perry. A singing chorus will heighten this production's dramatic impact.

Feb. 28, brings a double bill to Rhode Island College Theatre which will continue through March 3. *Lysistrata* by Aristophanes, a comic farce, and *The Suppliant Women* by Euripides, a classic tragedy, each of which explores the issues of war and peace, comprise the bill.

To close the season, *Hello Dolly* will be produced April 25-28. With a book written by Michael Stewart and music and lyrics by Jerry Herman, it's a story of the joy of living.

Curtain times for all performances are Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 3 p.m. in Roberts Theatre.

General admission is \$4 for the first three productions and \$5 for *Hello Dolly*. Discounts are available for senior citizens and students.

For more information about tickets and reservations, call 456-8270.

Women In Television

Women in Television (W.T.V.) will have a "Kick-off Celebration" featuring a premier screening of its first cable TV production. It will take place on Thursday, October 18, 1984 in the Senate Lounge of the State House starting at .30 p.m. This newly formed organization is involved in programs for and about women. If you are interested in learning more about W.T.V. ... please join us for this kick-off event.

"Fiddler" At Theatre Co. Of R.I.

The Theatre Company of Rhode Island will open its first full season October 19 in Harrisville with the musical comedy "Fiddler on the Roof." All performances will be staged in The Assembly, one of the buildings in Harrisville's historic district, on Route 107. The fall schedule is October 19, 20, 26 and 27, with an 8:00 curtain all four nights.

The Theatre Company of Rhode Island is a new community theater enterprise which has already presented two major musicals, "Man of La Mancha" in March and "The Music Man" in June. Its artistic director is Michael Thurber of Chepachet.

Discounted advance sales for "Fiddler" are available by calling 568-8955 (RI) or 473-7840 (MA).

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Israel Update

by David Pervin

(JSPS) — On September 13, after more than a month of wrangling, Labor and the Likud, Israel's largest political parties, agreed to form a national unity government. The agreement is to last for four years, the standard government term. The most important aspect of the agreement was the unprecedented plan to rotate the premiership between Shimon Peres, leader of the Labor party, and Yitzhak Shamir, leader of the Likud party. Peres will serve as the Prime Minister for the first 25 months while Shamir serves as the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister. They will then exchange roles for the remaining 25 months of the agreement.

The announcement of the agreement came at the end of a week of tumultuous negotiations. On September 9, just when it appeared that an agreement had been reached, Likud's Ariel Sharon raised objections over the conditions for future talks with Jordan, pressed for the full implementation of the outgoing Likud government's plan to establish 27 settlements in the West Bank, and demanded that the Ministry of Religious Affairs be given to the Sephardi Orthodox party, Shas.

In his speech to the Knesset presenting the new government, Peres called on King Hussein of Jordan to "come to the negotiating table so that we can reach true peace." Peres said that Israel is open to any proposals, as long as Jordan also remains open to Israeli proposals.

Labor and the Likud agreed that the new government will establish six new settlements on the West Bank. Additional settlements would have to be approved by the cabinet, which would base its decision on the economic feasibility and political implications of further settlement.

The dispute over the allotment of the Religious Affairs Portfolio was the most immediate of Sharon's objections, and threatened to prevent the formation of a national unity government. Sharon demanded that the Likud stand by its commitment to Shas, while Labor had promised the portfolio to the National Religious Party (NRP).

Faced with the imminent end to Labor's mandate to form a government by September 16, Peres was confronted with the possibility that he could not form a government, a prospect that would effectively spell the end of his political career. At this point the NRP informed Peres that it would be prepared to join a narrow based government, i.e. without the Likud, if the Likud maintained its support of Shas. With Aharon Abuhatzira indicating that his Tami Party might follow the lead of the NRP, Peres, for the first time since he was appointed by Herzog to form the unity government, had the option of forming a narrow government.

Peres then resumed negotiations with Shamir. With the prospect of a Labor led narrow government, Shamir's political future was now threatened. Indeed, Sharon may have hoped for this when he raised his objections, as he would like to be the Likud party leader.

A compromise was reached when both parties agreed that the religious affairs and interior ministry portfolios would be "deposited" with Peres for a limited period pending a final accord satisfactory to both the NRP and Shas.

The unity government has the support of 97 of the 120 Knesset members. There is broad agreement on the need to withdraw Israeli troops from Lebanon as

soon as possible, and the need to take drastic measures to stem the tide of economic collapse.

At its first meeting, the new cabinet agreed to devalue the shekel by 9 percent and cut the \$20 billion national budget by \$1 billion, including significant cuts from both the defense budget and welfare payments, and government subsidies. Israel, which faces a 400 percent inflation rate, a foreign debt of \$23 billion — one of the highest per capita debts in the world, a burgeoning trade deficit, and rapidly dwindling foreign reserves, must take "draconic" austerity measures. Finance Minister Yitzhak Modai said that the standard of living must be brought down to 1982 levels. Other steps being considered include tax increases and a wage-price freeze.

Israel is expected to request an additional \$700 million to \$1 billion in emergency aid from the U.S., in addition to the \$2.6 billion in economic and military grants already allotted for fiscal year 1985. It is anticipated that the Reagan administration will demand the implementation of the harsh austerity measures before it considers additional aid, though the current U.S. election campaign may lead Reagan to pledge the money earlier to gain favor among supporters of Israel.

National Unity Government Criticized

The formation of the national unity government led the left wing Mapam to break its 15 year alignment with Labor and take its six seats into opposition. Mapam strenuously objected to Sharon's appointment to the Ministry of Industry and Trade, an appointment that marks the "rehabilitation" of the architect of Israel's war in Lebanon. Victor Shem-Tov, Mapam's leader, said the new government is a "monster with two right hands."

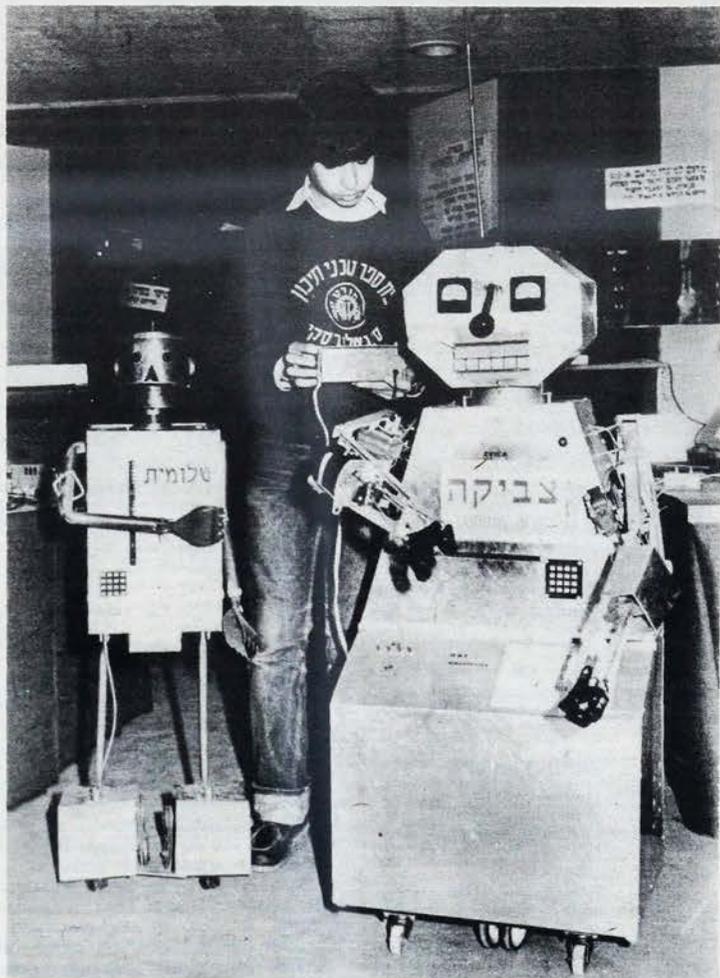
The formation of the unity government also faced strong opposition from many Labor members, though most saw the government as preferable to new elections. Abba Eban, a former Foreign Minister with Labor, recommended accepting "this double headed monster of national unity as a given fact . . . and to bring up this newborn wretched creature for which nobody could possibly have a good word." Eban also criticized the Labor-Likud "balanced parity" as it assures political immobility and paralysis of any possible peacemaking process.

Update On Lebanon

Israeli jets bombed "terrorist bases" on August 28 and September 10. The first raid was against a base in the Syrian controlled Bekaa valley operated by PLO rebel Abu-Musa. The second raid was against a building in Bhamdoun in central Lebanon which Israel said was the regional headquarters of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine. Abu Musa's group, however, claimed that they were the group attacked. There have been 15 Israeli air raids in Lebanon this year.

Meanwhile, Israel is transferring responsibility for patrolling south Lebanon to the South Lebanon Army (SLA), a mostly Christian force of about 2,000 soldiers.

Israel has already handed over security duties to the S.L.A. in Nabatye, Sidon, the Awaili district, the area previously controlled by Major Haddad's forces, and an area north of the Israeli border town of Metulla.



A young student at the ORT High School in Tel Aviv with his two robots, Tzvika and Shlomit, built by students in the school's computer and robotics program.

Israel hopes that the transfer of responsibility to the S.L.A. will help to ease tensions and cut down on the casualties suffered from guerrilla attacks which are carried out by Shiite Lebanese

against the I.D.F. According to some Israeli officers in south Lebanon, the situation in Lebanon is similar to that of Vietnam.

Indian Masks At Pawtucket City Hall

An exhibit of native American corn-husk and wooden masks by Rita Chrisjohn Benson will be on display October 1-October 31 at the Pawtucket City Hall Gallery. Traditional Iroquois clothing and wood carvings will also be part of this exhibit.

Ms. Benson, a resident of Pawtucket for two years, is of Iroquois descent and a member of the Oneida tribe of New York. She is a free-lance native American artist specializing in corn-husk masks, called Kijihsa, and wooden dolls. Her artwork has been shown in many galleries and museums, including the American Museum, New York City; the Golden Heritage Art Gallery of La Jolla, California; the Roger Williams Park Museum, Providence; the Museum of

Man, San Diego, California; and the Haffenreffer Museum, Bristol, Rhode Island, to name just a few. She has recently been chosen by the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts to include her work in a travelling art exhibit which has been organized by the State Council.

The Pawtucket City Hall Gallery is open to the public Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Exhibits are sponsored by the Pawtucket Arts Council. Call 725-1151 for more details.



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Obituaries

JACOB S. GODFREY

PROVIDENCE — Jacob S. Godfrey of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., a former salesman, died October 13 at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of the late Esther (Bosler) Godfrey.

Born in Russia, a son of the late Michael and Ida (Palitch) Godfrey, he lived in Providence most of his life.

Mr. Godfrey worked for the former Bernie Jackson Furniture Co. for many years before retiring five years ago. He was a member of the Redwood Masonic Lodge, and the Touro Fraternal Association.

He leaves two daughters, Florence Seltzer-Gordon of Melrose, Mass., and Arlene Goldsmith of Malden, Mass.; two brothers, Benjamin Godfrey of New York City and Sydney Godfrey of Providence; two sisters, Etta Winograd of Providence and Lena Rubinstein of Fall River; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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

ADOLPH KATZ

PROVIDENCE — Adolph Katz, 79, of 2 Jackson Walkway, Regency West, executive vice president of Coro Inc. from 1948 until retiring in 1966, died October 12 at Miriam Hospital.

Born in Germany, a son of the late Max and Sarah (Adler) Katz, he lived in Providence for 38 years.

Mr. Katz became affiliated with the company in 1924, and headed the domestic and foreign factories. He was in charge of many of the Coro divisions before becoming executive vice president.

He leaves a daughter, Stephanie Katz of Providence.

A funeral service was held at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St. Burial was in Swan Point Cemetery.

SARAH BECK

NEW YORK — Sarah Beck, 84, of the Daughters of Jacob Home, 1160 Teller Ave., the Bronx, died October 10 at the home. She was the widow of Milton Beck.

Born in England, a daughter of the late Max and Henrietta Clark, she lived in New York for 55 years. She previously lived in Rhode Island.

Mrs. Beck was a member of the Forest Hills Jewish Center, its Sisterhood, and Hadassah, all in New York.

She leaves a daughter, Lenora Ellenberg of Flushing; three grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

The funeral service was private.

SAUL WF; *BAUM

CRANSTON — *aul Weinbaum, 69, of 75 Oaklawn Ave., a former federal civil service worker, died October 12 at the

Summit Medical Center, Providence. He was the husband of Anna (Bornstein) Weinbaum.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Peter and Lydia (Kaufman) Weinbaum, he lived in the city for many years before moving to Cranston 12 years ago.

Mr. Weinbaum worked at the Quonset Point Naval Air Station for 33 years before retiring. He was a member of the Touro Fraternal Association, the Jewish War Veterans, Post 23, and the Hebrew Free Loan Association. He was an Army Air Force veteran of World War II.

His wife is his only immediate survivor. A funeral service was held at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

HAROLD E. LEVINE

LEOMINSTER, Mass. — Harold Eric Levine, 74, of 163 Overlook Drive, manager of the Beneficial Finance Co. for many years before retiring 17 years ago, died October 12 at Leominster Hospital. He was the husband of Renee (Holdsworth) Levine.

Born in East Providence, a son of the late Eric and Jennie (Seline) Levine, he lived in Leominster most of his life.

Besides his wife he leaves a son, Harold H. Levine of Orange, Calif.; a daughter, Susan R. Ciccone of Leominster; a brother, George E. Levine of Greene; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was private.

GERALD ROVNER

WARWICK — Gerald Rovner, 57, of the Village Del Rio Apartments, 309 Greenwich Ave., owner of Stop and Go Transmission with locations in Providence, East Providence, Warwick and Newport, died October 13 at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Norma (Harris) Rovner.

Born in Chelsea, Mass., a son of Mary (Kassel) Rovner of Boston, and the late Jack Rovner, he lived in Warwick for four years. He previously lived in Cranston and East Providence.

Mr. Rovner was a World War II Navy veteran and served in the Pacific Theater. He was a member of the Warwick Rotary Club and a Masonic lodge in Iowa.

Besides his wife and mother he leaves a daughter, Harriette B. Ferguson of Stony Brook, N.Y.; two sons, Jack S. Rovner of New York City, Michael T.A. Rovner of Manhasset, N.Y., and a grandson.

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

BENJAMIN KNIAGER

Benjamin Kniager of Malden, Mass., died October 13. He was the husband of the late Annie Gardner.

He leaves four sons, David, Nathan, Irving and Paul; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held at the Workmen's Circle Cemetery, West Roxbury, Mass., on October 15. Due to the Succoth holiday, no memorial observance was held. Expressions of sympathy may be donated to the charity of your choice.

I. SAMUEL ZELKIND

WORCESTER, Mass. — I. Samuel Zelkind, 86, of Knollwood Drive, a manufacturer, died October 15 at home. He was the husband of the late Anne (Kalish) Zelkind.

Born in Russia, he lived in Worcester for 70 years.

Mr. Zelkind owned the Zelkind Lace Co. and the Lawrence Blanket Co., both in Worcester, which he founded in 1920.

He leaves a son, Lawrence K. Zelkind of Barrington; a daughter, Devyra Pollock of Boca Raton, Fla.; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at Temple Emanuel, May Street. Burial was in B'nai B'rith Cemetery.

ALBERTA GREENFIELD

BUENA PARK, Calif. — Alberta Greenfield, 58, formerly of Providence, died October 16 in City of Hope Hospital, Duarte, after an illness of a few months.

Miss Greenfield had lived in California about 30 years, and was a television scriptwriter in Los Angeles as well as an author.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late Abraham and Pauline (Sass) Greenfield. She was a graduate of Hope High School.

She leaves two sisters, Fay Greenfield of Warwick and Anita Foss of Santa Monica, Calif.; and four brothers, Joseph Greenfield of Cranston, Edwin Greenfield of East Providence, Marvin Greenfield of Las Vegas and David Greenfield of

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Burial will be in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick, with a graveside service. Arrangements were by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope Street, Providence, R.I.

KATHERINE MASSEVER

PROVIDENCE — Katherine Massever, 87, of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., a former seamstress, died Monday, October 15 at the home. She was the widow of Morris Massever.

Born in Russia, a daughter of the late Israel and Esther Halpern, she lived in Providence for more than 79 years.

Mrs. Massever worked for 20 years for the former Reads Inc., Westminster Street, before retiring 25 years ago.

She leaves a son, Louis Massever of Warwick; a sister, Mrs. Nan Tesler of Attleboro; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A graveside service and burial were held at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St.

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The programs are scheduled on three consecutive Saturday afternoons from 1-4 p.m. The first program, on October 13, will include the opening of the art exhibits *Boston's Elder Men and Women of Achievement*, sponsored in part by the New England Foundation of the Arts and Brown University's exhibit *On Being Older*. Guest speakers, entertainment and films will also be incorporated.

October 20's program will feature entertainment and an open exposition focusing on different aspects and prospects for growing older. Representations of physical fitness, community service, educational opportunities and personal growth and expression through the arts will be included.

The final segment of "In Celebration of Aging" on October 27 incorporates entertainment and a panel discussion of experts in the field who will focus on intergenerational issues and changing family structures. The program on the 3rd week will close with the WJAR video tape program *Pioneers of the Third Age*.

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CORRECTION

In the issue of 10-5 a typographical error in the Oaklawn Animal Hospital, Inc. advertisement appeared.

The correction is as follows
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We regret any inconvenience this error may have caused.

Israel Election Results

by Ilana DeBare

(JSPS) — The Labor-Likud stalemate that emerged from the July elections took nearly all of Israel by surprise.

Polls taken early in the campaign predicted a significant Labor victory, by as much as sixteen Knesset seats. The campaign itself showed little of the bitter partisan and ethnic antagonism which had marked Labor's defeat at the hands of the Likud in past elections. Despite repeated efforts, the Likud was unable to persuade former Prime Minister Menachem Begin to emerge from his self-imposed seclusion to endorse the party he had led to victory in 1977 and 1981.

"The Likud government was responsible for the war in Lebanon and the 400% inflation, and was generally judged not to be very popular," noted Hebrew University Professor of Political Science Yitzhak Galnoor. "They had done so badly that one would have expected them to pay heavily at the polls."

With the first returns on election night, however, it became clear that the anticipated decisive victory for Labor had not materialized. Labor won 44 seats — down from 47 — while Likud won 41, down from 48.

"The Likud did not win the elections," commented Galnoor. "But given the expectations of a big Labor victory, the fact that Labor didn't gain more was a defeat."

Labor Economics Campaign Fails to Win Disillusioned Likudniks

The Likud's 1977 and 1981 victories have been based largely on what some Israelis describe as the "Sephardic revolution" — a reaction by Jews from Arab countries against years of discrimination by the country's European leadership.

"In 1973, the Labor vote went way down," recounted Israeli pollster Hanoach Smith. "In 1977, when the Sephardim swept Likud into power, it was anti-labor sentiment, pure and simple, a feeling that Labor had discriminated against them in their absorption a social affinity for the Likud. While they're extremely sensitive to economic conditions and will abandon Likud in polls when the standard of living falls, when it comes to the crunch they'll vote Likud if anything at all has come along to restore their confidence," said Smith.

The 1984 Labor campaign was based on a strategy of winning over some 150,000 former Likud voters disillusioned with the govern-

ment's economic performance. Yet an economics-based Oriental crossover to Labor did not occur. "Last time Labor won only 21% of the vote in the Oriental community," noted Smith. "This time, they won about 19%." Some of the disenchanted Likud supporters moved further right. Others chose to support the new parties of Yachad or Ometz, headed by former ministers Ezer Weizman and Yigael Hurvitz respectively.

According to Smith, although voters surveyed during the campaign preferred Labor for handling the war in Lebanon and economic policy, they preferred the Likud for handling "social affairs" and the European-Oriental "Social Gap." Although many voters knew abstractly that the economy was in trouble, they had not felt the repercussions of that on a personal level.

"In the last month, the government increased expenditures enormously, printed unprecedented amounts of money, increased real subsidiaries on basic commodities, and passed major social welfare legislation — the equivalent of the G.I. Bill in a country where everyone is a soldier," described Smith.

The severe austerity measures generally considered necessary to improve the economy were postponed until after the elections. "From a Labor point of view, the timing of these early elections were disastrous," said Smith. "The Likud government had only begun to face the complications resulting from its economic policies."

Israel and the Arabs: Hidden Campaign Issue

While Labor attempted to focus the campaign on bread-and-butter economic issues, the questions of Israeli policy towards the occupied territories and the Arab world nevertheless emerged as a "hidden issue" in the campaign.

"The issue of settlement is what saved the Likud from the defeat everyone expected," commented Shifra Blass, spokeswoman for the Binyamin Regional Council and a member of the Gush Emunim settlement Ofra. "That's what stopped many of the disenchanted from going to Weizmann and Labor."

"The decisive factor that denied the Alignment victory in these elections — despite Lebanon, the economy, and the political demise of Begin — was the issue of 'being soft on the Arabs,'" wrote *Jerusalem Post* columnist Yosef Goell. "The vast majority of voters were significantly more hawkish on the Arab question than the declared position of the Labor mainstream."

Some Labor critics charge that by refusing to meet the issues of security and peace head on, Labor lost potential voters not only to its left but

to the right.

Many dovish voters responded to Labor's refusal to take a strong position on peace issues by turning to smaller left-wing parties. Arie Lova Eliav, a former Labor Party member running on his own ticket, diverted some 15,000 votes from Labor and its allies — enough to have given them another mandate but not enough to cross the 1% threshold and gain Knesset representation himself.

Shulamit Aloni's Citizens Rights Party (RATZ), incorporating some Peace Now members, and the liberal Shinuni party together gained three additional seats at Labor's expense. Both of these parties urged a speedy withdrawal from Lebanon and supported some form of territorial compromise in exchange for a secure peace.

Further left, the Communist (Rakah) dominated Hadash party (Democratic Front for Peace and Equality) maintained its four seats, once again garnering support from the Arab population who — while not Communist — responded to the party's consistent advocacy of Palestinian rights. For the first time the Communists faced competition from another party specifically focused on the issue of Palestinian rights — the Progressive List for Peace (PLP). Running a slate of 60 Arab and 60 Jewish candidates and calling for talks between Israel and the P.L.O. leading to a two-state solution, the PLP won two seats. An attempt by the Central Elections Committee to ban the PLP was, like the attempt to ban Kach, overturned by the Supreme Court.

The National Religious Party, the traditional party of religious Zionism, declined from 12 seats in 1977 to six in 1981 and four in July. It lost votes to Morasha, with its stronger focus on settlement of all of "Eretz Yisrael."

The ultra-Orthodox anti-Zionist party Agudat Yisrael lost votes to the Sephardi Torah Guardians (Shas), a new ultra-Orthodox party based in the Sephardic community.

"To some people, the capture of the territories in 1967 completed the war of independence by winning all of 'Eretz Yisrael.' To others it reopened the whole issue of the Palestinians. It brought forward concepts which are vital and non-measurable — security, religion, history, Zionism, settlement — which is why they haven't been resolvable," described Hebrew University Professor Meron Medzini, a leading Labor Party supporter.

As long as the future of the territories continues unresolved, it seems likely that the polarization and move towards extremes highlighted by the recent elections will continue.

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Students Encouraged To Study In Israel

by Shira Atik

(JSPS) — In the 1983-84 academic year, the University Services Department (USD) of the American Zionist Youth Foundation (AZYF) planned 100 program fairs and worked with 200 campus representatives to promote study in Israel among College Students. The campus representatives, participants who have returned to their colleges after spending a year at an Israeli University, assist the USD staff by providing information and advice to their fellow students.

"After spending a year in Israel, I knew I'd be back there soon," one participant said. Other remarks about the program were also positive: "It was the best experience of my life;" "Everyone should go, no matter how difficult it is to get away." These raving remarks are but a small sampling of the enthusiastic praise of one-year university programs in Israel. Unfortunately, the doubts that plagued these students before they went are the same doubts that ultimately prevent a disproportionate number of students from enrolling in Israel overseas programs.

Understanding and eliminating these obstacles is the task of USD. According to Michael Jankelowitz, national shaliach (Israeli representative) to the USD, of the 40,000 American Jewish students who study abroad each year, only about 1500 choose the Israeli programs. Mr. Jankelowitz feels that there are several main areas of difficulty, including lack of publicity, financial strain, and an inappropriate curriculum: the overseas programs tend to concentrate in humanities courses, creating problems for a science or math major.

In an effort to solve the problem of general ignorance of the programs among college youth, Jankelowitz and his staff have made promotion of study in Israel their top priority. They have assumed the responsibility of disseminating information on various long-term study options to colleges throughout the country.

A second deterrent facing potential Israel program students is the cost involved. While not as expensive as a private American college, a year of study in Israel is far from cheap; the average total cost of a one-year program is estimated as \$7000.

The World Zionist Organization (WZO), a Jewish educational and cultural Institution, hopes to stimulate participation in the program by easing its financial burden. An aid program has been established in which the WZO and the American Friends (the United States office) of the Israeli university chosen by the student split a need-based loan of up to \$2400. This amount, coupled with a Guaranteed Student Loan of \$2400, cuts the cost significantly.

In addition to publicity and cost, a third area which deters enrollment is that of coordinating American academic requirements with an Israeli curriculum. According to Rabbi Michael Monson, executive director of New York's B'nai-B'rith Hillel/Jewish Association for College Youth (BBH/JACY), the transference of credit from Israeli to American universities is the greatest concern of one-year program participants. "Students today are credit-crazy," says

Rabbi Monson. "The problem is that the home universities give the students a hassle." In an effort to make the overseas programs' curriculums more compatible with the academic requirements of American colleges, the Israel Council of Higher Education is planning to institute new courses in business, law, math, and science.

The quality, as well as the range, of the one-year program courses is frequently questioned. According to Rabbi Ruth Sohn, the BBH/JACY coordinator at Columbia University, students often feel torn between their desire to spend a year in Israel and their reluctance to sacrifice a challenging academic program in the United States. One such student, Debbie Farbman, was faced with this dilemma, and finally decided to remain at Barnard College. Debbie explains her decision as follows: "I realized that, at the time, being in a stimulating academic environment was more important to me than studying in Israel. A year at an Israeli university is more easily repeated than a college education in America."

The problems discussed above are not the only factors that discourage students from studying in Israel. Mr. Jankelowitz explained that the negative image of Israel created by the media and by anti-Israel propaganda on the campus is partly responsible for the lack of participation. On another level, explains Jankelowitz, parents often discourage their child from spending a year in "an insecure and dangerous country." Such attitudes greatly concern Zionist organizations, which hope to increase a more positive awareness of Israel.

Some Zionists' concerns are answered by students like Sharona Schwartz, a Barnard Sophomore who recently returned from a summer in Israel. Sharona, who hopes to eventually live in Israel, feels that a year of study at an Israeli university will facilitate Aliyah (moving to Israel) in two ways: "First of

all, a person becomes much more comfortable with the language after being in a country for a period of time. Also, it's very important for someone who plans on spending a lifetime in Israel to become familiar with the cycle of events: the holidays, the climate changes, the general mode of living."

As far as the students themselves are concerned, the benefits of a year in Israel vary from person to person. Whether they decide to make Aliyah or whether they merely become more aware of Israel and Judaism, most students agree that the one-year program is a rich and rewarding experience. As one of these students explained, "People cannot truly understand Israel, much less contemplate Aliyah until they have stayed there for a significant amount of time. There's nothing like a year in Israel to make you appreciate the difficulty — or the beauty — of living there."

Religion And Politics At R.I.C.

Religion and politics will be the theme of Rhode Island College's "Religion and Politics" colloquia, reports Dr. Norman R. Pyle, associate professor of history.

"The theme is timely in view of certain issues that have been highlighted in the presidential campaigns," he notes.

The Rev. Richard Brown, executive secretary of the Rhode Island Council of Churches, will look into the traditional Protestant position regarding church and state issues on October 24. His talk is entitled "Church and State in Today's Politics."

State Rep. Elizabeth Morancy, a former member of a religious order, will speak on career conflicts that can develop from the issue of "Women, Religion and Politics," on October 31.

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