

## Jewish Voters Scrutinize Presidential Candidates

by Leonard Steinhorn

(JSPS) — For American Jewry, the 1984 presidential campaign has turned into one long year of anxiety. Although candidates Walter Mondale and Ronald Reagan boast strong records on Israel and are actively seeking Jewish support, fears of Fundamentalist Republicans and Jesse Jackson Democrats have left many Jews uneasy with their choices and uncertain over their political future.

This state of political uprootedness could not have been imagined eight years ago. In the 1976 election, Jimmy Carter won 75 percent of the Jewish vote, capping off a half-century of voting behavior in which Jews were recognizably the most Democratic and liberal bloc in the country.

Yet the 1980 presidential election saw considerable erosion of Jewish support for the Democrats. Most analysts attributed this not to enthusiasm for Ronald Reagan, but rather to disillusionment with President Carter, who, despite the Camp David accords, was considered unreliable on the Middle East, the economy, and as a national leader. Still, Jews did not flock to the Republicans: polls indicated that the combined Jewish vote for Carter and third party candidate John Anderson reached 60 percent, with Reagan garnering 39 percent.

The anti-Carter thesis was confirmed in the 1982 Congressional elections, when Jews returned to the Democratic fold with a whopping 77 percent. It appeared that 1980 was an anomaly in an otherwise long-standing association of Jews as Democrats.

Then came Jesse Jackson, "Hymie," Louis Farrakhan, and a sluggish response to anti-Semitism by the 1984 Democratic candidates and officials. An embittered Jewish leadership blasted the Democrats for accommodating Jackson and his Third World tilt away from Israel.

But before Jews could even consider the open arms of the Republicans, President Reagan embraced the Religious Right at his Dallas Convention. As one high-level Jewish politician in Washington put it, the Republicans "blew a golden opportunity."

As a result, neither the Democrats nor the Republicans have captured the hearts and minds of the Jewish voter in 1984, and the possibility exists that the unpleasant aftertaste of this election could leave Jews without the strong and unwavering party affiliation they have enjoyed throughout most of this century. The impact in states like New York, Illinois and Florida — all with large Jewish populations — would be significant.

Today's conventional wisdom holds that Jews have grown more conservative in the last decade. For example, Jewish organizations oppose racial quotas as affirmative action remedies and support a strong U.S. foreign policy as the best protection for America and an embattled Israel.

But a voter profile of the Jewish community seems to belie this notion, and shows that Jews continue to be exceedingly liberal, particularly when Israel's security is not at issue. Local and statewide election results seem to attest this idea.

In the 1982 New York gubernatorial race, Mario Cuomo, a staunch liberal, won 64 percent of the Jewish vote against a Jewish opponent. That same year, Jews gave Democrat Tom Bradley, the black mayor of Los Angeles, 75 percent of their vote in his unsuccessful bid for governor, even though he received only 42 percent of the overall white vote. Harold Washington

of Chicago, also a black mayor, ran against a liberal Jewish Republican but registered nearly 40 percent of the Jewish vote, which more than doubled his overall white vote.

Recent surveys by the American Jewish Committee and pollster Louis Harris also indicate the strength of liberalism among Jews. The author of the American Jewish Committee poll, Queens College sociologist Steven Cohen, wrote that "Jews are the most liberal ethnic group in America. Blacks are stronger in support of the Democratic party," he added, "but Jews are more liberal on social and political issues." Harris found "remarkable agreement" between Jews and Blacks on "most basic social issues, including matters of racial justice."

But the main question is whether the Democratic debacle of 1980 and the black-Jewish tensions four years later have significantly loosened the glue of party loyalty among Jews. If so, Jews may be inclined to vote less on their liberal instincts and more on the basis on individual issues. Depending on the year and the issue, this could spell trouble for the Democrats, who have long depended on automatic Jewish support.

Few would argue that the most compelling issue for the Jewish community is Israel. Although Walter Mondale is a longstanding and committed friend of the Jewish state, Republicans sense a great deal of discomfort among Jews with the way the Democrats have handled the Reverend Jackson and his Third World proclivities. That is why the GOP is spending \$2 million to sway the Jewish vote. "This is the year when Jews will be most receptive to the Republican message," says Ben Waldman, National Director of the Jewish Coalition for Reagan-Bush.

The Democrats disagree. Dick Cohen, the Political Coordinator for the Mondale campaign, calls the Democratic platform on the Middle East "the strongest ever. It endorses the moving of the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem, which the Republicans oppose, and denounces the Administration's sale of AWACs and other sophisticated weapons to "avowed enemies of Israel."

In fact, a comparison of the platform planks of each party reveals strong bipartisan support for Israel and for the friendship between the two countries. If anything, the differences are in tone, not substance. While the Republicans pride themselves on harmonious Israeli-American relations, the Democrats score the Reagan administration for a failure to provide leadership in the search for peace.

Unless new developments alter this balance on Middle East issues, the Jewish vote in 1984 may turn on other concerns. The most troubling one to emerge so far is the conflict over church-state separation and the politicizing of religion.

This could well be the President's Achilles heel, since Jews overwhelmingly reject his policies on school prayer, abortion and legislation allowing "equal access" for religious groups to meet on school premises. They feel unaffected from his support of the Fundamentalists' Christian agenda, and are wary of his occasional references to "Armageddon" when discussing the Middle East. Though Reagan affirmed his belief in the separation of church and state in his B'nai B'rith speech in Washington on September 6, the consensus among Jewish leaders is that he failed to allay their fears.

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## ADL Report: Wall Of Separation "Transparent"

Recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions and other federal court and legislative actions have seriously weakened the constitutional wall separating church and state, according to a report issued by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

"If the wall of separation is not crumbling, it has become transparent," the League declared in the report.

Titled "Church-State Separation: Recent Trends and Developments," the report summarizes 33 cases in five areas: Religious Practices in Public Schools, Government Aid to Parochial Schools, Display of Religious Symbols on Public Property, Religious Discrimination and Accommodation, and Public Sponsorship of Religion.

The Supreme Court's method of evaluating church-state separation cases, the League warned, is "undergoing pervasive changes that permit increasing erosion of the principle." It cited recent High Court decisions upholding publicly-sponsored Christmas religious displays in Rhode Island, prayers in the Nebraska legislature by a state-employed Christian minister, and tuition tax credits for parochial school attendance in Minnesota.

Furthermore, according to Mr. Reich, several other related cases are pending before the Supreme Court that "could determine the future role of church-state separation in American society." He listed the issues involved as silent prayer in schools, sabbath observer rights, state aid to parochial schools, student religion clubs on school property and another case involving a Christmas religious display.

The report also cited other federal and state judicial-legislative actions that have jeopardized church-state separation, including the recent congressional sanctioning of prayer and worship meetings by student groups in public schools.

The report noted ADL's 1981 analysis of church-state separation cases which concluded that a "disturbing trend" existed. "That trend," the League went on, "has accelerated in the last three years," underscoring "the proliferation of government aid to, and sponsorship of, religious activities."

Mr. Reich, said that the conflict that has arisen over these issues endangers religious pluralism in this country. The Supreme Court, he said, recognized over

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## Cong. Beth Shalom's Rabbi Singer

by Robert Israel

Rabbi Shmuel Singer, who became spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Shalom in Providence two months ago, is finding himself in a unique congregation, facing many challenges. One of those challenges is to spiritually direct his fellow congregants in Orthodox Judaism, which he sees as one that is intrinsically involved in the community rather than separated from it.

"The past history of Congregation Beth Shalom is that it went from being a Conservative synagogue to an Orthodox synagogue, which is an exception to the general trend," Rabbi Singer said. "We are not your 'average' congregation, but a diverse blend of people who have different levels of observance, who have decided to commit themselves to Orthodox Judaism. I am very impressed by this attitude which embraces not one mode of thought but many modes of thought and attracts many different people. The main point, of course, is that we believe that all types of Jews should be comfortable in an Orthodox Jewish synagogue."

Beth Shalom is indeed an exception to the general trend regarding Orthodox synagogues and Orthodox observance. The trend has been a downward one since the late 1950's and only very recently has this trend shown signs of reversing. In Providence alone, many Orthodox synagogues have disappeared, particularly in the South Providence neighborhood which, during my youth, once boasted of having eight synagogues all within several blocks of one another. Within the past several years, more Orthodox Jewish families have moved back to Providence and the community is growing. This also appears to be the trend nationally. Recently, the *New York Times Magazine* published an article proclaiming that Orthodox Judaism is on the rise in the United States.

Rabbi Singer discussed the "big tragedy" of the decline in Orthodox Judaism over the past several years, defining the reasons for the decline to a number of factors, one of them being "an image that was fostered upon Orthodoxy that if one is an Orthodox Jew, one has to be 100% observant."



Shmuel Singer

"At Congregation Beth Shalom," Rabbi Singer said, "we are non-judgemental. You don't have to do everything 100% right to be accepted. We don't have an all or nothing attitude. Of course, Jewishly speaking, one hopes to do as much as possible, but you will not be looked down upon if you choose to do less. Right now in America there are many Jews searching for roots, looking for something positive in Judaism, looking to better themselves. They come here because they feel they can benefit from authentic, traditional Judaism."

Another factor that led to the decline of Orthodox Judaism was the belief that Orthodox Jews had to separate themselves from their community. Rabbi Singer encourages the opposite of this belief.

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**Irving R. Levine To Speak  
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On Sunday evening, November 11th, noted NBC correspondent Irving R. Levine, a Rhode Island native, will present a public lecture at Temple Beth-El. His topic will be "The Presidential Election — A Look Back and Ahead." 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 help provide pensions for former Temple staff for whom adequate provision has not been made prior to their retirement. It is one of our Congregation's most important projects.

Irving R. Levine, NBC News Economic Affairs Correspondent, is one of broadcast journalism's most renowned and respected correspondents. Since beginning his overseas career with International News Service in 1947, he has reported and interpreted major economic, political, and social trends on four continents, and from both sides of the Iron Curtain.

In 1971, NBC assigned Levine to report on economic affairs full time, the first correspondent to do so on any network. In pursuance of his assignment, he accompanied three American presidents to annual economic summit meetings, and traveled to China with treasury secretary



Irving R. Levine

Michael Blumenthal at the start of N.P. — China Trade Negotiations.

Mr. Levine's lecture will begin at 8:15 p.m. in the Temple Sanctuary, and it is open to the public without charge.

The doors open for the lecture at 7:30 p.m. There is reserved seating for individuals who have contributed to the fund. Those who have not contributed will be seated on a first come, first serve basis.

**Macktez Elected V.P. Of BBI**

Lester A. Macktez of Boynton Beach, Fla. and Providence, R.I., has been elected vice president of B'nai B'rith International. He will represent District One, covering New England and New York State.

A member of the Jewish service organization since he was a teenager in its youth group, Macktez has been a national leader for many years.

Early last year he was appointed by B'nai B'rith President Gerald Kraft as head of a strengthened Program Committee. Structurally altered by Kraft, the committee works closely with the Adult Jewish Education, Community Volunteer Services and Israel commissions and serves as B'nai B'rith's chief tool in making the organization's programs more effective at the grass roots level.

Macktez has been a member of B'nai

B'rith's Board of Governors, its top policy-making body, for years and has been a delegate to B'nai B'rith's last 10 international conventions.

He is a member of the National Commission of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, past chairman of the National Tours Department (he is a professional travel consultant), past vice chairman of the B'nai B'rith Youth Commission and past president of District One.

Although he joined B'nai B'rith International in 1943, his roots in organization go back to the mid-1930s when he was a member — and later president — of his B'BYO chapter.

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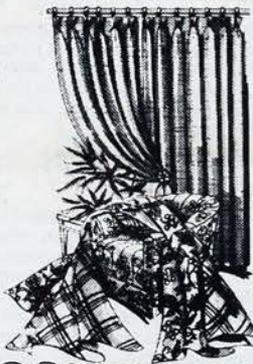
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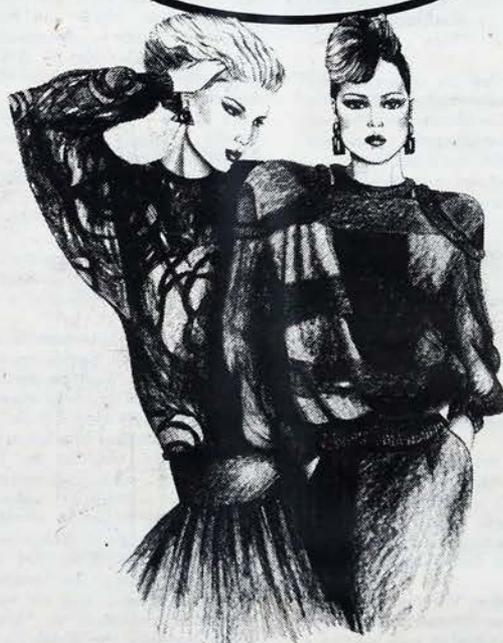
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#### Shabbos Chaye Sarah

Friday, Nov. 16 —  
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 Saturday, Nov. 17 —  
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 followed by Zmirot  
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 Mincha 3:40 p.m.  
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 Coffee and Dessert

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Activities and sessions are free. The fee of \$6.50 for adults and \$3.25 for children 10 years and under covers only the cost of meals. Reservations must be made in advance, by calling the synagogue during the hours of 9-12 noon, Monday through Friday, at 331-9393.

### Rabbi Handler Moves To Florida

by Robert Israel

Rabbi Jacob Handler, who for many years served as spiritual leader of Temple Beth Israel in Providence until that synagogue merged with Temple Beth Torah in Cranston, left Rhode Island this week for Hollywood, Florida, where he will be Rabbi at Temple Judea.

Rabbi Handler served as spiritual leader at Temple Beth Israel from 1964 to 1982. Previous to that, he was spiritual leader in Glens Falls and Rutland, Vermont and at Temple Israel in Manchester, N.H. Rabbi Handler has received numerous awards, two being the National Award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews and the Service Award from the National Jewish Welfare Board. He also served as President of the R.I. Board of Rabbis and has worked as a Professor of Political Science at several colleges and universities in New England, most recently at CCRI in Warwick.

During the last several years, Rabbi Handler has been chaplain to local police and fire departments, to the Institute of Mental Health in Cranston and at the Veteran's Hospital in Providence. He has also been active with the Boy Scouts of America and served as National Chaplain to several jamborees.



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## From The Editor

### A Reporter's Notebook For October

by Robert Israel

October 8:  
The dictionary defines syllogism as a crafty, deductive argument.

An example of one such argument took place at the Jewish Community Center tonight in Providence when Lawrence Goldberg, representing Reagan-Bush, debated Jerome Grossman, representing Mondale-Ferraro, trying to tie Mondale to a label of anti-Semitism.

Goldberg's syllogism went as follows: Mondale supports Rev. Jesse Jackson. Jesse Jackson is closely tied to Louis Farrakan. Both Jackson and Farrakan are anti-Semites. Therefore, Mondale is an anti-Semite.

Goldberg's syllogism tried to make these deductive conclusions stick without having to state them. But when Norman Tilles of the Jewish Federation asked him, "In a one word answer, please, are you saying Mondale is an anti-Semite?" Goldberg replied, "No," and then went on to try another tack, seeking to draw the same accusatory conclusions. This had the effect of arousing the fears of many members of the audience.

The danger of syllogism like Goldberg's is that it leads people to false associations and assumptions. It becomes fuel for propaganda, not the stuff one wants to listen to that explores, in a meaningful forum, a debate of two candidates' records and platforms.

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October 12:

Gathering together with fellow Jews in a sukkah at the University of Rhode Island's Hillel House, we share prayers for peace.

"Great is peace when we become the peacemakers," one prayer reads. "When we seek peace and pursue it and turn those cutting instruments of metal into 'plowshares and pruning-hooks.' The bow of war that sent the rains crashing down on the generation of Noah can be turned into the colorful rainbow, a sign of life and hope and peace."

President John F. Kennedy once said, "What is peace but a matter of human rights." How can we expect to reach a peacefulness for our world when our President has failed to establish a dialogue with the Soviet Union who continually repress Soviet Jews? How can we expect our prayers to be heard when our concerns for our lives and the

lives of our fellow Jews are ignored?

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October 14:

At a Sunday meeting with the Jewish War Veterans in the Warwick Police Department's meeting hall, several veterans come over to me after my speech with concerns for fellow veterans whose benefits have been cut.

"People don't seem to remember history," one veteran says. "They don't remember the war and what we fought for, how we've won rights and benefits for everyone in this country, and how they've been taken away from us. People don't remember two years ago when social programs were cut and benefits to veterans were reduced. Now, two years later, they look at their own pocketbooks and find themselves a little richer and they think everything is fine and dandy. But what about those people that have been hurt along the way that are still suffering?"

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October 27:

President Reagan steps inside a synagogue in Woodmere, N.Y. for the first time since becoming President and dons a bright blue yarmulke and says, "Those who question why we went on a peacekeeping mission to Lebanon... Anyone who remembers the lessons of the Holocaust must understand that we have a fundamental moral obligation to assure: never again."

Rabbi Alexander Schindler, leader of American Reform Judaism, replies:

"The Marines were ordered into Lebanon to protect the PLO — which was surrounded and which threatened to destroy what was left of Beirut rather than surrender, not the Israelis. We are deeply offended by the implication that the American troops who were killed in their barracks by a terrorist bombing attack laid down their lives to protect Jews and Israel. Mr. Reagan's remarks also demean the significance of the Holocaust."

The public relations efforts continue, and Jews are being pulled into the middle to be used and cajoled.

Pay heed to the words of Rabbi Schindler and to the veterans from the JWV. Do not be cajoled and do not be swayed by syllogisms that seek to manipulate the truth.

Look beyond the facade. Look beyond the hype. Look at the record and make your own decisions on Tuesday, November 6.

### Israeli Business Seminar Nov. 7

On Wednesday, November 7, 1984 the New England-Israel Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce will cosponsor a complimentary trade and investment seminar entitled, "Business and Investment Opportunities in Israel."

Top level Israeli and U.S. executives will present a candid picture of the benefits and challenges of doing business with and in Israel. Speakers will include Dr. Felix Zandman, President of Vishay Intertechnologies, a leading international maker of electronic and optical products with an active Israeli subsidiary and Uzia Galil, founder and President of Elron Electronic Industries with several of its subsidiaries and affiliates located in New England. Dr. J. Morris Weinberg, President and founder of Fibronics International, an affiliate of Elron Industries will be Chairman of the Day. Others who will present information at seminar will include Kathleen Keim, Director of the Israel desk at the U.S. Department of Commerce in Washington, D.C. and Amos Wohl, Economic attache for the Government of Israel in the New England area. Ms. Keim will discuss market trends in Israel and their relevance for New England companies and Mr. Wohl will report on the current Israeli government incentive packages available to exporters and investors in Israel.

"Israel should be a key partner with New England business and we hope that seminars like the one on November 7 will

help to make that connection," said Jim Shulman, President of the New England-Israel Chamber, an independent non-profit organization dedicated to facilitating commercial relations between New England businessmen and women and their Israeli colleagues.

For further information about the seminar please contact the New England-Israel Chamber of Commerce at 423-9510.

### Candlelighting



November 2, 1984

4:21 p.m.

## Emergency Action For Soviet Teachers

by Debbie Israel Dubin

Soviet authorities are making a concerted effort to intimidate and frighten Jewish teachers and students in the USSR in an attempt to stop the development of the Jewish cultural renaissance. To stop teachers, the Soviets are planting contraband in the homes of Jewish educators to justify their subsequent arrest and detainment.

Families representing two of these recently arrested educators, Alexander Kholmiansky and Yuli Edelstein, vigorously protest these frame-ups. Defying personal danger, they delivered a letter signed by 60 other refuseniks to the Central Committee of the Communist Party, met with party officials, and are now urgently appealing to the West to join them in their demands for fair treatment of Jewish teachers.

"The situation is desperate! Alexander will die in prison if immediate action is not taken," pleaded Ilana Kholmiansky on behalf of her brother-in-law, Alexander. Alexander, a well-known refusenik and educator, was arrested on July 20, 1984 on trumped up charges of "anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda" which carries a maximum sentence of seven years.

According to Ilana, Alexander was framed by the Soviet authorities, who claimed the teacher established a national Ulpan (Hebrew schools). "He was searched and threatened four times before his arrest," Ilana said in a for-the-record interview in Moscow on October 14 and 15, 1984. "Finally, Alexander was arrested and a pistol was planted in his home. He has not yet been charged with possession of the pistol; it is a threat they are holding over him." Ilana insisted that the purpose of the frame-up is to intimidate and frighten other Jewish teachers. To protest his unfair arrest, Alexander has been on a month-long hunger strike. Ilana implores the West to symbolically join this hunger strike, if only for a day.

One of the other framed teachers is Yuli Edelstein, whose wife, Tanya, spoke on his behalf during the interviews. Tanya warned that her husband, Yuli Edelstein, is also the victim of the new overt Soviet

anti-semitism which is worsening day by day. Yuli Edelstein was arrested six weeks ago and his "investigation" is still going on. To protest, Tanya and Yuli's parents have begun a hunger strike, and are being joined by 41 other refuseniks in Moscow, Leningrad, Kiev, and other cities!

"The authorities put a small stone of opium in a match box and planted it in our home," said Tanya. "The very idea that an illegal drug or pistol would be owned by anyone in Russia is preposterous! This was obviously done to frighten other Hebrew teachers. The authorities picked the most far-fetched frame-up they could create to demonstrate their power, to prove they can do anything!"

"Telegrams from the West to support our men is vital now," stressed Tanya. "Telegrams must be sent immediately, demanding the following:

"First, the authorities should either make it illegal to teach Hebrew and Judaism, or leave our teachers alone and allow us to teach. If teaching is legal, then stop the arrests!

"Second, Alexander and Yuli must be permitted to return home to await trial!" Ilana indicated that Alexander, who was thin before the hunger strike, is now so weak and frail that the family is certain he will die in prison before he ever goes to trial unless the authorities return him to his home immediately.

Morry Schapiro, National President of the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews, advises that messages should be sent to: General Procurator of USSR, Alexander Rekunkov, Pushkinskaya 15A, Moscow 100309, RSSR, USSR; Ambassador, Soviet Embassy, 1125 16th St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20036; and Soviet Chairman Konstantin Chernenko, Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, Kremlin, Moscow, RSFSR, USSR.

Debbie Dubin is copublisher of *Noah's Ark*, a newspaper for Jewish Children, and a member of the American Jewish Press Association. She was sent to the Soviet Union by the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews.

## Introducing The Reform Mohel

by Lewis Barth

In early fall, 1981, Dr. Deborah Cohen, who practices family medicine at Kaiser-Permanente Hospital in Los Angeles, contacted the Hebrew Union College. She wanted to become a *mohel* and asked if the college could provide her with the requisite training. When her call was referred to me, it crossed my mind that the Reform movement nationally had never produced either a *mohel* or *Mohelet* (feminine form). Reform rabbis frequently officiate with physicians at *brit milah* ceremonies, but no program existed for the training of doctors in the history, laws, customs, and religious values of this ancient ritual. Dr. Cohen's request was seminal in developing an experimental course for Reform *mohalim*, the first of its kind in the history of liberal Judaism.

The emergence of a course in Los Angeles was paralleled in New York by Rabbi Daniel Syme and a group of doctors led by Dr. David James, a noted obstetrician. These courses have led to the establishment of the Reform *Brit Milan* Board, and the projection of a national program with future courses in other communities. The course is for Jewish obstetricians, pediatricians, family practitioners, and urologists who have been medically trained to perform circumcision and who require the religious knowledge to serve the needs of the Reform community. The new program is a cooperative effort of the three national institutions of the Reform movement — HUC, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Central Conference of Rabbis — which, together with an expanding group of physicians, provide a certification procedure for Reform *mohalim*.

Dr. Cohen had indicated that several of her colleagues shared her interest in becoming a *mohel* and would also be willing to participate in a course. We needed to determine how serious the doctors were, whether there was a need, and what issues might have to be faced in shaping a training program. It soon became apparent that the doctors were very serious, as were the needs and issues.

In helping to plan the first course, rabbis in the field expressed their frustrations regarding *brit milah*. Since the Reform movement was providing no

trained professionals to perform this *mitzvah*, most parents chose to have their infant sons circumcised in the hospital as a routine medical procedure. Occasionally Reform Jews would turn to Orthodox *mohalim*. But because of differences of principle between the Orthodox and Reform, embarrassing situations were commonplace. Most Orthodox *mohalim* do not recognize as Jews the children of women converted by Reform or Conservative rabbis. In cases where the mother was a convert, the Orthodox *mohel* would often bring two "kosher" witnesses and perform circumcision "for the sake of *brit milah*."

The Reform *Brit Milah* Board hopes to encourage the observance of this ritual by providing for movement physicians who are properly trained medically and religiously to perform circumcision — and who have the knowledge and commitment to Judaism — to provide a sense of the holy at a moment of supreme joy.

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# Letters To The Editor

**To the Editor:**

For the first time in six years, Kol Nidre services were celebrated in Nicaragua. Sixty members of a delegation of North American health care workers, in Nicaragua for the 2nd Annual U.S.-Nicaraguan Colloquium on Health, together with other North American Jews in Nicaragua as part of Witness for Peace, recited Kol Nidre at the Ecumenical Center Antonio Valdivieso.

Services were led by Carol Delton, a Berkeley, California, lawyer. This was the first time Jewish services were held in this war-torn country since the Managua synagogue closed in 1978. The group made a vigorous effort to contact the few remaining Nicaraguan Jews, but were unsuccessful in reaching any representative of this dwindling community. In the course of the service, particularly in the traditional "Al Hait," foreign intervention and arms support were described as unjust, but no specific reference was made to either American or Israeli arms shipments to the Contra guerrillas. The service received considerable attention inside Nicaragua, which has been accused by the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith and the U.S. State Department of official anti-Semitism. It was featured in

a front page article in the Sandanista newspaper *Barricada* on the day following Yom Kippur.

**Michael Fine, M.D.**

**To The Editor:**

In the coming election, voters are faced with a definite choice of issues and personalities. On the one hand, the Reagan-Bush ticket has orchestrated a campaign based on the assumption that the past four years have been perfect, with an administration which can do no wrong. They have produced a deficit of 194 billion dollars (triple that of the Carter administration), cut taxes for the more affluent, spent unlimited millions on a military budget beyond need, embarked on a foreign policy that has failed to achieve peace around the world and is the first administration in decades to fail to discuss arms control.

On the other hand, the Mondale-Ferraro ticket has projected a realistic economic plan to reduce the deficit, proposed a fair and sensible tax plan that would not hurt lower income citizens, proposed to engage in serious dialogue for a bilateral, verifiable nuclear freeze treaty with the Soviet Union, and advocated economic and diplomatic rather than military methods to solve the Central America crisis.

While voters are tempted to vote for the best actor, the best debater, or the best manipulator, it would be more prudent for them to choose the next leader of our nation on the main issues facing this country. Fundamentalists exhort about the morality of the abortion issue, but certainly it is immoral to overproduce nuclear weapons that would wipe the present civilization off the face of the earth. They say "Why worry about a Nuclear holocaust? The righteous will all go to heaven!"

On the basis of fairness and realistic comparison, on the issue of separation of government and religion, the platform of the Democratic Mondale-Ferraro platform is the best hope for Americans to choose.

**Simon Pressman**

**To The Editor:**

As Chairman of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC) and as a practicing physician who has frequently seen the critical value of prompt emergency care, I urge all Rhode Island citizens to support the November 6 Bond Referendum that would lay the foundation for a 911 emergency telephone system in our state.

By simplifying the procedure by which people in need can call for emergency assistance, 911 can save precious minutes that truly can make the difference between life and death, full recovery or disabling illness or injury.

911 has worked successfully throughout the nation. By voting "yes" on Bond Referendum #7 election day, Rhode Islanders can do much to protect the safety of their family and friends.

**Joseph E. Caruolo, M.D.**  
Chairman, Statewide Health Coordinating Council

## Milstein Wins Nobel Prize

(JTA) — Cesar Milstein, one of three immunologists who won the 1984 Nobel Prize in Medicine last week, began his scientific career in Argentina where his father, a Jewish immigrant from the Ukraine, settled in 1897. Among the honors he received prior to the Nobel Prize, Milstein was also the recipient four years ago of the Wolf Prize in Medicine from the Wolf Foundation in Israel.

The other two winners of the \$190,000 Nobel Prize were Georges Koehler, 38, of the Basel Institute of Immunology in Switzerland, and Niels Jerne, 72, professor emeritus in the institute. The prize, announced by the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, will be divided equally between the three recipients.

Their research into the body's natural defense against disease and their development of a revolutionary new technique for producing antibodies "opened up completely new fields for theoretical and applied biomedical research," the Karolinska Institute said. Antibodies are chemicals that the body's immune defense system produces to attack virus, bacterium or other molecular invaders of the body.

Milstein was born in Bahia Blanca October 8, 1927. He was educated in the University of Buenos Aires and received his Ph.D. from Cambridge University in 1960. Before settling in England in 1963, he was associated with the National Institute of Microbiology in Buenos Aires from 1961 to 1963.

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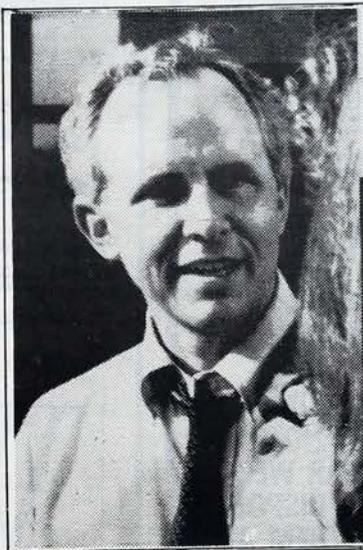
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# Devar Torah

by Rabbi David B. Rosen  
Temple Torat Yisrael

"The most difficult step to take is the first." So the old folk saying goes: as true as it is for us, how much more so it must have been for Abraham some 4,000 years ago.

Here was a young man, living comfortably with his family in Mesopotamia, surrounded by all the creature comforts typical for that age. And Mesopotamia was not, to be sure, a

second-rate nation; it was perhaps the richest and most powerful civilization of its time.

Still, the Torah reports that when Abraham (then known as Abram) was summoned by God, "Lech Lecha" — "go forth from your native land and from your father's house, to the land that I will show you," he went.

It must have been a difficult decision. And yet, he took that first step and went, thereby setting in

motion a series of events that would culminate in the establishment of a new people celebrating a new faith in a new land.

Abraham was willing to break with his comfortable life in order to begin a journey to something better, more significant. How many of us possess similar courage?

Recently, I read about an unusual exhibit at one of the World's Fairs. As visitors passed along a line of brightly-lit boxes, they viewed magnificent colored birds. Amazingly these birds were not in cages; they were flying around in boxes without bars, netting or glass. Why didn't the birds fly out? Was there some invisible glass or electrical current which kept them in?

To such recurrent questions the keeper would respond: "No, there is nothing between you and the birds. The only thing that keeps them in is the light."

The explanation turned out to be quite simple. The passage through which the Fair visitors walked was in total darkness. The only light in the building was in the birds' box. The birds were content to be warm, well fed, and they could not muster up enough courage to fly out into the darkness. They would not venture into the unknown.

They were prisoners, not confined by bars which shut them in, but rather prisoners of the light which kept them in comfort.

How unlike Abraham! He left the brightness of Mesopotamia for the darkness of Canaan. Yet there he would behold a spiritual vision which, in the long run, was far brighter than any he had ever experienced in his secure and comfortable land of origin.

Perhaps too often we are like the birds of the World's Fair; we are prisoners of our comforts, chained by the so-called pleasures of the society in which we live. Perhaps we too need the courage of Abraham to move forth into a life of uncertain possibilities, but with a bright reward of spiritual freedom.

When we hear the voice of our faith summoning us to "lech" — to go — are we prepared to take that first difficult step on the road to a more significant and spiritually rich life?

## Cantors Ivan & Emanuel Perlman To Perform At Emanu-El



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Temple Emanu-El presents the sixth annual Cantorial Concert on Sunday, November 11, 1984, at 8:00 p.m., featuring Cantors Ivan and Emanuel Perlman. A Benton A. Odessa Memorial Event, everyone is cordially invited. There will be no charge for admission.

## Worden/Kenyon Exhibit At JCC

An exhibit of paintings by Walter Worden and photographs by Jeffrey Kenyon will open in Gallery 401 at the Jewish Community Center, Sunday, November 4 with a reception from 2:30-4:30 p.m. The exhibit will remain in the gallery through November 26.

Gallery hours are Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-10 p.m., Friday 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday 9:00-5 p.m. Closed Saturday.

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- Introduced legislation (Jan. 19, 1984) requiring municipalities to pay 1.5% interest surcharge on unpaid bills after 60 days. (He does business with municipalities and the State.)
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# Around Town

by Dorothea Snyder



## A First For Cranston Hadassah



The president of Cranston Chapter of Hadassah, Florence Hanzel, and the famous purse project. (Photos by Dorothea Snyder)



Choosing from the fabric selection are Gloria Roy, left, and her daughter Linda. Sara Rosenthal waits on them.

Twelve hundred purses and 14,400 names later, Florence Hanzel turned her three-year project over to Doris Jacober.

Writer's cramp or a case of the scribbles wasn't the reason.

Florence had assumed the title and the responsibilities to her 450-member Cranston Chapter of Hadassah. There was no time to continue on with the pursuit of her purse project which she had drafted.

A fund-raiser, the sale of purses brought enthusiastic response. Personalized in script, each purse was penned a dozen times.

Projects are an entity that Florence can't stay away from too long. A year ago, she started the group on building an inventory of fabric and small knitted craft items.

The result was the First Annual Fabric and Craft Sale of the Cranston Chapter of Hadassah held at Warwick Mall for two days last week. The event was so successful that all roads appear to lead to a second in 1985.

Co-chairwomen were Blanche Eisentadt and Bertha Goldberg.

The sale will benefit the Hadassah Med-

ical Organizaiton.

Other programs on tap this past week for the Cranston Chapter of Hadassah were a Paid-Up Membership Breakfast at Shalom Apartments in Warwick and the beginning of a three-part series study group coordinated by education chairwoman Alice Schneider. Helen Abrams is in charge of membership.

The Sunday breakfast presented *Women In Politics* featuring women candidates running on the state and national slate.



Displaying small-knitted craft items at their First Annual Fabric and Craft Sale are from left, Doris Jacober, Esta Lipson and Bertha Goldberg.



Ida Levy, left, likes the crocheted hangers that Florence Hanzel shows her. Frances Sadler, center, assists.



Cranston Hadassah member Babby Weisman shows customer Dorothy Krall a sweater vest to wear with the hat and mitten ensemble she has bought.



Patricia Hanson, right, sells an apron to Mrs. Joseph D'Elena whose granddaughter Joanne approves.

# Jewish Voters

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Republican advisor Waldman believes this issue has been overblown, but he does admit that "there is a problem if religion gets tied in with policy." It was precisely this concern that Mondale addressed in his B'nai B'rith speech, in which he all but accused the President of "moral McCarthyism" and suggested that Mr. Reagan has opened up his administration to "a determined band" of fundamentalists who "are reaching for government power to impose their own beliefs on other people."

If Mondale is winning the church-state battle, the Republicans have countered with an equally emotional issue: the unleashing of anti-Semitism through the candidacy of Jesse Jackson. "The Democrats," says Waldman, "have a very bad record on anti-Semitism," and he refers specifically to the failure of the Democratic platform committee to pass a resolution condemning anti-Semitism out of fear of alienating the Jackson forces. He also cites Republican polls that show Jews to be more afraid of anti-Semitism than the infusion of religion into politics.

How this will play in light of the Reverend Jackson's public apology before the Democratic Convention is difficult to gauge. But the Democrats are taking no chances. Immediately after the Convention they added a platform plank denouncing anti-Semitism and bigotry. Political Coordinator Cohen states without qualification that Jackson has "no influence on issues of concern to the Jewish community," especially the Middle East and quotas. Mondale noted in his B'nai B'rith address that the Republicans themselves welcome as policy advisors men like Rev. Jimmy Swaggart, who, according to Mondale, "insists that ... Jews are damned to go to hell."

Other issues will inevitably be factored into the 1984 Jewish vote, but none seem to have the emotional weight of Israel, church-state or anti-Semitism.

Among these are concerns about budget cuts, medical costs, Social Security, the deficit, and the future of the Supreme Court. On a Constitutional Convention, Walter Mondale joins the vast majority of Jews in opposing it as a threat to the Bill of Rights, but Reagan favors it as a way to pass a balanced budget amendment.

Then there is the issue of war and peace. Has the Reagan foreign policy made America, Israel and the world safer? or has the new Cold War brought us closer to war, escalated the nuclear arms race, and left Soviet Jews without hope?

However Jews answer these questions, 1984 may well be a watershed year in Jewish politics. Waldman argues that if Jews break with tradition and vote Republican, it will give them more say in what he believes to be the majority party of the future. But traditions die hard, and in this case need not die at all as long as the Democrats show the type of sensitivity on Jewish concerns that the liberal and loyal Jewish community rightfully deserves.

## ADL Report

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40 years ago that the First Amendment's separation of church and state "rested on the belief that a union of government and religion tends to destroy government and to degrade religion."

Mr. Reich singled out nine significant cases, including five now pending before the Supreme Court, which illustrate the trend. Pointing out that some of the cases involve lower court decisions that uphold church-state separation, he said that "there is serious concern as to how they will fare when they reach the Supreme Court, given its recent rulings." These are the nine cases:

—Wallace v. Jaffree (1984): The U.S. Supreme Court affirmed a lower federal court decision striking down an Alabama statute permitting state-written school prayer and will rule this term on the constitutionality of Alabama's silent prayer statute.

—School District of the City of Grand Rapids vs. Ball (1984): Two state-financed educational courses offered in parochial schools in Grand Rapids, Mich., were held unconstitutional by a U.S. circuit court.

—Felton vs. Secretary of Education (1984): A U.S. circuit court ruled that New York City's use of federal funds for remedial education of low income students provided on-site in

parochial schools violates the Establishment clause of the Constitution. The case is now pending before the U.S. Supreme Court, which may consolidate the Felton and Grand Rapids cases to decide the constitutionality of publicly funded and remedial education courses held on parochial school premises.

—Thornton vs. Caldor, Inc. (1984): The Connecticut Supreme Court struck down the state's sabbath observer law which exempts employees from work on their sabbath. The court held that the law entangles government in religion. The case is now pending before the U.S. Supreme Court.

—McCreary v. Stone (1984): The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to rule on a case involving the right of citizens in Scarsdale, N.Y., to display a Nativity scene in a public park. A federal circuit court ruled that the Village of Scarsdale may not prohibit the display.

—Lynch vs. Donnelly (1984): The U.S. Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of a Nativity scene erected by the city of Pawtucket, R.I. The case marked the first time that the high court agreed to review a case involving a publicly-sponsored religious display. The distinction between the Pawtucket and Scarsdale cases is that in the former, the High Court ruled that the Constitution does not prohibit Pawtucket from displaying a creche; in Scarsdale, the issue is whether private groups have a First Amendment right to display religious symbols.

—Widmar v. Vincent (1981): The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that a state university's regulation prohibiting use of campus facilities for religious worship or teaching violated students' free speech rights to meet for prayer and Bible discussion.

—Mueller v. Allen (1983): The Supreme Court upheld a Minnesota statute which authorizes deductions for state income tax purposes for tuition, textbooks and transportation expenses involved in sending children to parochial schools.

—March vs. Chambers (1983): The Supreme Court upheld the Nebraska Legislature's 16-year-old practice of opening each legislative day with a prayer by a state-employed Christian chaplain. In a dissent, three justices criticized the majority for "carving out an exception to the Establishment Clause."

## Rabbi Singer

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social and educational needs. The welfare of the entire Jewish community is a concern to us because it is wrong to be separate, in a ghetto, because of our belief."

This philosophy also has political motivations as well. Last year at Congregation Beth Shalom, columnist and radio commentator Shifra Hoffman of the Jewish Press gave a lecture on "Jew Hatred in America." She and Rabbi Kahane are considered radical right wing spokespeople and have advocated, among other things, banishing all Arabs from the state of Israel and preserving Israel solely for Jews. Rabbi Singer is not in support of the philosophies expressed by Hoffman and Rabbi Kahane.

"I am not comfortable with that approach," he said, "and I am definitely not comfortable when Jewish law is brought into the political arena and someone like Kahane says, 'G-d is our commander,' and all that. I do think that these individuals have a right to be heard and that providing a forum for them is important in the community to show differing points of view, but I am not happy with their viewpoint."

Rabbi Singer and his wife, Reva, come to Providence from the Children of Israel Congregation in Youngstown, Ohio. Prior to that, the Singers lived in North Woodmere, N.Y., where he officiated at Congregation Young Israel of North Woodmere. In addition to his rabbinic duties here, Rabbi Singer is director of Vaad HaKashruth of Rhode Island and will be teaching courses at the Elkin High School of Jewish Studies and at the Congregation's Mitzvah Society.

### Jewish Home Holds Annual Meeting

The Fifty-second Annual Meeting of the Corporation of the Jewish Home for the Aged of Rhode Island was held on Sunday, November 4, 1984. The Martin M. Chase Auditorium was filled to capacity as members of the Corporation came to elect and install Officers and Trustees. Mr.

William A. Edelstein, Executive Director reported on the operations of the Home during the past year.

The Keynote Speaker was Stanley Aronson, M.D., Professor of Medicine at Brown University.

Returning for a third term of office as President is Martin M. Temkin. Mr. Temkin discussed the many challenges that faced him during his second year in office. He thanked the Officers, Trustees and members of the Corporation for their unflinching support. He further stated that through mutual cooperation and joint efforts our elders were able to receive quality health services with dignity.

The Installing Officer was Rabbi Leslie Gutterman of Temple Beth-El.

The slate of Officers for the ensuing year are: Martin M. Temkin, President; David E. Penn, Vice President; Mrs. Max Leach, Vice President; Ellis S. Waldman, Treasurer; Norbert Fessel, Assistant Treasurer; Herbert L. Brown, Recording Secretary; and William Fellner, Assistant Recording Secretary.

Those people who were elected to serve

a three (3) year term of Office as a Trustee are: Martin Aisenberg, Fred Barry, Stanley Blacher, Mervin Bolusky, Mrs. Samuel Bresnick, Samuel Bresnick, Robert Brodie, David Brodsky, Malcolm Bromberg, S. Ronald Daniels, Mrs. Milton Dubinsky, Carl Feldman, Edward Feldstein, Lewis Finkel, David Friedman, James P. Galkin, Leonard Y. Goldman, Leonard Granoff, Robert Leavitt, Herbert Malin, Richard Marks, Richard Mittleman, Mrs. Dorothy Nelson, Mrs. Elaine Odessa, Richard Oster, Eugene Posnick, Herbert Rosen, Leonard Rumpel, Joseph Schwartz, Banice M. Webber, M.D., Mrs. Manfred Weil.

Serving a one (1) year term of Office as a Presidential Appointment are: Victor Baxt, Irwin Chase, Milton Dubinsky, Major General Leonard Holland, Mrs. Elliot Revkin, Harris N. Rosen and Charles Salmanson.

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## Judah Lodge Celebrates Anniversary

The Judah Touro Lodge of B'nai B'rith will celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the founding of the Lodge on Saturday evening, November 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the social hall of Temple Shalom in Middletown. Following cocktails, a full course Kosher dinner will be served. Highlights of the celebration include an address by Lester Macktez, Vice President of B'nai B'rith International, a candle lighting ceremony honoring charter members and long time members, the presentation of a book detailing the history of the Judah Touro Lodge by Bernard Kusinitz, dedicated to the memory of Edward Goldberg, the reading of proclamations honoring the Lodge by local and state governments and entertainment by Cantor Stephen Freedman of Temple Torat Yisrael, Cranston.

Heading the event are cochairmen Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer and Brian Gillson. Committee members include Abraham Fischer, Bernard Kusinitz, Charles Waterman and Carl Kuzminsky, ex-officio.

Reservations are still being accepted up until November 4.

For further information or to make reservations, contact Rabbi Jagolinzer.

## Garden Club To Meet

Emanu-El Garden Club will meet Thursday, November 8, 1984 to hear Diana J. Washburn, an independent art consultant, talk on "Art and Flowers."

Coffee and dessert will be at 12:30 p.m., the meeting at 1 p.m. in the Bohnen Vestry. Guest fee is two dollars.

## Barbara Levine Appointed

Herbert J. Abedon, re-elected President of the Music Festival of Rhode Island at its annual meeting held on October 2, announces the appointment of Barbara Levine to the post of Executive Director. The former Coordinator for the Friends of List Art Center at Brown University, Mrs. Levine is a Member of the Corporation of the Providence Public Library and serves on its Development Committee. She is also Learned Journal Chairman of the Providence Chapter of the Brandeis University National Women's Committee.

Other officers elected at the annual meeting were: Benjamin W. McClelland, Vice-President; Kathleen M. Ireland, Treasurer and Philip A. Gruppuso, Secretary. New Directors include: Mary Beck, Harriet Chachkes, Elise Lancaster, George A. Levine, David E. Reiley, Eugene G. Weinberg and Phyllis Weinberg.

## Miriam M. Levy Weds Andrew I. Albert

Miriam M. Levy and Andrew I. Albert were married on October 28 at Temple Emanu-El, Providence. Officiating at the marriage were Rabbi Wayne Franklin and Cantor Ivan Perlman. The bride is the daughter of Elaine Yosinoff Levy of Providence and Allan Levy of Attleboro, MA. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Albert of Riverhead, NY.

Sara Levy was her sister's maid of honor, and bridesmaids were Jill Albert, sister of the groom, Nancy Corey, Helene Lewis and Claudia Williams.

Best man was Bradley Guarino. Ushers were Alexander Horton, Gary Korus and Barry Price.

The bride is a graduate of Syracuse University and is employed by Dun and Bradstreet Corp., Wallingford, CT. The groom is a magna cum laude graduate of the same university and is employed by General Electric Company, Plainville, CT.

Following a wedding trip to the Caribbean, the couple will reside in West Hartford, CT.



Miriam M. Levy

## Jill E. Leven To Wed David DeCoursey

Mr. and Mrs. David E. Leven of Providence announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill E. Leven to David DeCoursey, son of Mr. and Mrs. William DeCoursey of Minneapolis, MN.

Miss Leven is a graduate of Tufts University and is employed by Honeywell, Inc., as is her fiance.

Miss Leven is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Leven of Providence and Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Mitchell of Fort Lauderdale, FL. A March 1985 wedding is planned.

## Low Back Clinic At JCC

The Health & Phys. Ed. Department of the JCC will offer a Low Back Clinic, starting November 8, for those who suffer from chronic or recurrent low-back pain. The clinic will be taught by Alan Silk, L.P.T., a licensed physical therapist on the staff of the Miriam Hospital Chronic Pain Rehabilitation Program, and will meet Thursdays from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Enrollment is limited to 15. Fee is \$20 for JCC members, \$40 for non-members. For information call Elliott Goldstein, JCC Health & Phys. Ed. Director, at 861-8800.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## "Voice Of Turtle" At URI

The South County Jewish Music Concert Series (SCJMCS) is proud to present in concert "Voice of the Turtle" on November 11, 1984 at 7:30 p.m. at the University of Rhode Island's Fine Arts Center's Recital Hall in Kingston.

Voice of the Turtle specializes in the performance of the rich musical heritage of the Sephardic Jews. After being exiled from Spain in 1492, this Jewish community preserved the unique sounds of its own Judeo-Spanish culture as well as those of the lands through which it travelled. Challenged by this history, Voice of the Turtle creates concerts which evoke images of biblical history, holiday ritual and the paths of exile. Using biblical "Pipe and timbrel," "harp and psaltery," together with the historical instruments of the Medieval and Renaissance periods, Voice of the Turtle captures the beauty inherent in the liturgical folk expressions of an ancient and vibrant culture.

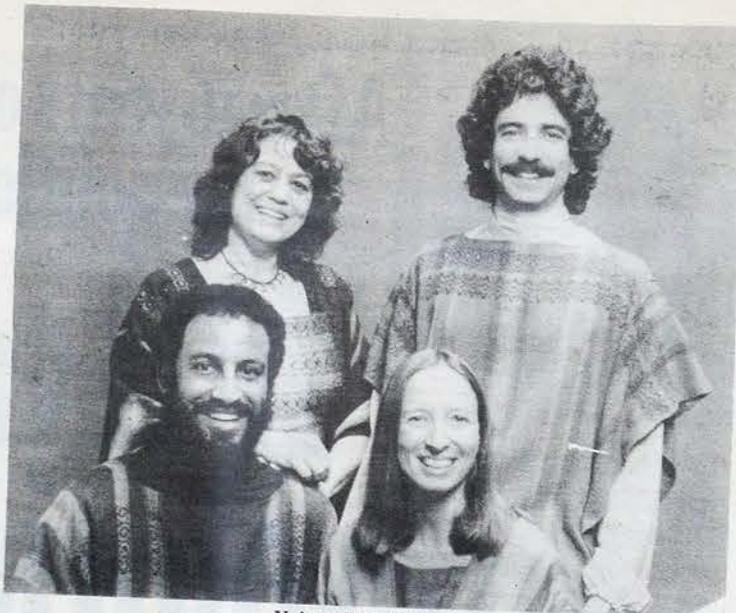
The SCJMCS was begun in 1980 in an attempt to bring quality Jewish music to the South County (Rhode Island) area. Previous artists who have performed under the auspices of the group include Israeli music superstar Ruthi Navon, the Diaspora Yeshiva Band (religious rock), Klezmer great and Israeli Philharmonic clarinetist Giora Feidman, folk musician Cantor Sherwood Goffin, Sepharadi

(Oriental) music by Joe Elias, internationally acclaimed Zamir Chorale of New York, and the Klezmer Conservatory Band.

Member organizations include Congregation Beth David of Narragansett, Congregation Shaare Zedek of Westerly, Westerly B'nai B'rith, South County Hadassah, South County Hebrew School, South County Jewish Community Council, West Bay Jewish Center, Southern Area Council of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, University of Rhode Island Music Department, and University of Rhode Island Hillel.

Artists chosen by a Steering Committee; participation in the Steering Committee is open to all interested individuals. To participate, please call the URI Hillel Office during normal business hours at 792-2740 and leave your name. The committee will return your call and advise you of its next meeting.

Concerts are funded through subscriptions, donations, ticket sales, grants from University of Rhode Island sources (e.g. Student Entertainment Committee, Arts Council, Alumni Association, Student Senate and URI Foundation) and the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts.



Voice of the Turtle

This season's other two concerts are "Paul Zim and his Simcha Klezmer Band" performing Sunday, February 10 at 7:30 p.m. and "The Chai Duo" performing Sunday evening March 31 at 7:30 p.m. Both concerts will be performed at URI's Fine Arts Center's Recital Hall in Kingston.

Admission for all concerts is \$5.00 general admission and \$2.50 for students, senior citizens and children. Subscriptions are also being offered. A contribution (tax

deductible) of \$30.00 will enable "sponsors" to receive a free family pass compliments of the Steering Committee. "Patrons" (\$60) and "Angels" (\$100) of the Arts are also desperately needed and most gratefully accepted. Student passes (two seats per concert) are also available to full-time students for \$10. For further information, please call 792-2740 during normal business hours.

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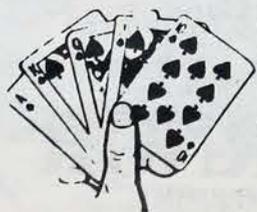
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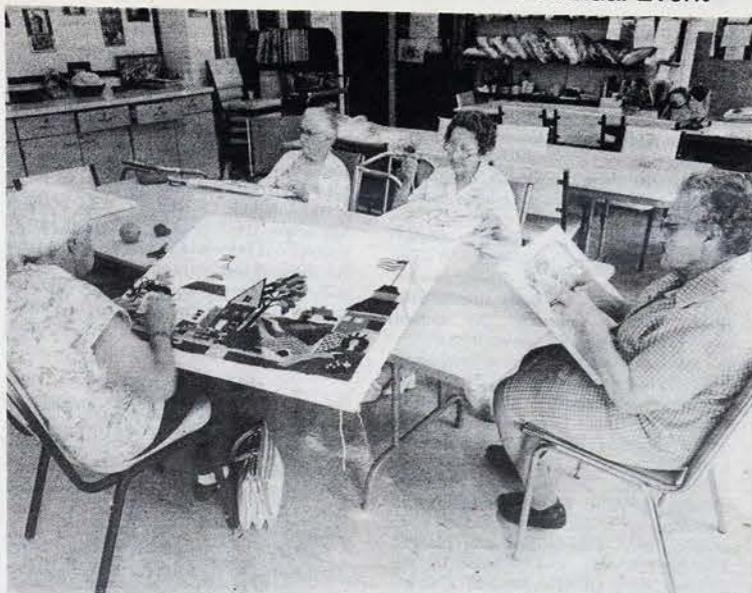


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Susan Quigley-Duggan is a versatile performer and actress who sings in a variety of musical styles from concert, opera and recitals to jazz, pop and musical theatre. She has a Masters in Music Degree from New England Conservatory of Music in voice, and has worked as a stage director of opera and musical cabarets.

Jeffrey Fronczek, lyric tenor, soloist for

the Boston area opera and choral groups, is leading singer at Temple Tifereth Israel, New Bedford, and with the Providence Opera Company. His rich tenor voice lends itself with ease to the operetta and musical style theatre.

Proceeds will go towards expanding resident services which are so vital to the medical and psycho-social needs of our residents. Information regarding tickets can be obtained by calling Women's Association office (351-4750, Ext. 36) Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

### Singles Events

#### SHALOM SINGLES

Shalom Singles (ages 35-55) of the South Area Jewish Community Center is sponsoring a presentation and discussion: "Sexuality in the 80's," by Ellen Frishman, LICSW and psychotherapist,

on Wednesday, November 14 at the Center, 1044 Central St., Stoughton, at 8 p.m. Frishman says "Sexuality today is an individual statement, a reflection of needs and values... an expression of intimacy." Do you agree? Share your views at the special Center program.

Please preregister by calling Patti or Liz at the Center by Friday, November 9, 821-0030 or 341-2016. The cost is \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members. Newcomers are always welcome.

Looking for some laughs?

A fantastic evening of comedy and dining is being sponsored by Shalom Singles (ages 35-55) of the South Area Jewish Community Center on Saturday, November 17 at Nick's in Boston. A deluxe chartered bus will leave from the Center at 8 p.m. and escort you to Nick's for a scrumptious dinner followed by a hilarious evening of comedy. Don't miss this great time! Space is limited, so sign up now by calling Patti or Liz at the Center, 821-0030 or 341-2016 by Tuesday, November 13. Checks must be prepaid, payable to SAJCC. The cost of \$24 for members and \$27 for non-members and includes the chartered bus, the delicious dinner (coffee, dessert and gratuities not included) and the fabulous entertainment.

Newcomers to Shalom Singles are especially welcome. We invite you to join the group for only \$10 a year, which entitles you to discounted rates for all programs.

#### ISRAELI NIGHT

A wonderful evening of Israeli dancing, music and fun is being sponsored by Shalom Singles of the South Area Jewish Community Center on Wednesday, November 7 at 7:30 p.m. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced dancer, you will enjoy splendid and authentic Israeli dances taught by expert dancer and teacher, Rachel Fine.

Please pre-register by Friday, November 2 by calling Patti or Liz at the Center, 821-0030 or 341-2016. The cost is \$1.50 for members and \$2.50 for non-members. The dancing will be at the Center, 1044 Central Street, Stoughton.

We encourage people to join Shalom Singles for only \$10 per year. Newcomers are especially welcome.

Thursday, November 8 — Discussion/Dessert for Single Adults at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Avenue, at 7:30 p.m. The topic will be "Loneliness," Judith Jaffe, M.S., will be the facilitator.

Sunday, November 11 — Brunch for Single Adults at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Avenue, at 11 a.m. Guest speaker Norman Tilles on "Impact of the Elections on Israel and the American Jew."

Wednesday, November 28 — Basic introductory lesson in Club Dancing by Richard Hill for Single Adults at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Avenue, at 7:30 p.m.

### Registration At Cohen Camps

The Eli and Bessie Cohen Foundation sponsors of Camp Pembroke, Pembroke, Mass.; Camp Tel Noar, Hampstead, N.H. and Camp Tevya, Brookline, N.H., announce the opening of registration for the 1985 season.

All three camps are located on lakes within a one hour distance from Boston and boast of modern up-to-date facilities. The camps feature a complete program of waterfront activities accredited by the American Red Cross which include swimming, sailing, boating, canoeing and water skiing. Land sports such as tennis, softball, volleyball, soccer, and basketball are also offered. A meaningful and creative Jewish cultural program as well as arts and crafts, music and dramatics are an integral part of the camps. All activities are under the supervision of mature and experienced counselors many of whom have come through the ranks of the camp.

An Israel trip as well as counselor training are part of the Cohen Foundation program. Pembroke, Tel Noar and Tevya are accredited by the American Camping Association indicating that the camps have met specific standards in the areas of administration, program, personnel and campsite.

Further information regarding registration may be obtained by contacting the camp offices, 30 Main St., Ashland, Mass. 01721, Tel. 881-1002.

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## Candidates' Statements — Election '84

### Anthony Solomon

Touring factories in the Warwick area recently, candidate for Governor Anthony Solomon met with students and faculty at the Community College of Rhode Island to share with them his plan to bring URI, RIC and CCRI closer to Rhode Island industry.

"As outlined in my economic plan," Anthony Solomon explained, "I am committed to having our institutions of higher education work more closely with Rhode Island's industries for mutual benefit. My particular interest is to utilize the talents of our many fine scholars and researchers for the development of new products. Successful new products provided for Rhode Island companies will create the new jobs we need for the future."

Noting that he had always viewed spending for public higher education as an "investment" rather than just a state expenditure, Anthony Solomon pledged stronger support for colleges in his meeting with CCRI's Student Council president, Andrew Crowshaw. "The Community College of Rhode Island is a model of what can be done to provide our young people with the skills that they need for jobs," Anthony Solomon commented, "and this is vital for attracting industry since companies need a skilled labor force."

### Richard Licht

There's an old way of serving as Lieutenant Governor, and there's the way I will do the job. I am running for Lieutenant Governor to play a role in shaping Rhode Island's future.

When I think about Rhode Island's future, I think about my own family. I think about the kind of education my children will need to find a good job right here in Rhode Island. I wonder whether they will be able to turn on their faucets and drink their water.

As Lieutenant Governor, I will promote the alignment of education, research and business to prepare our young people for today's work place and to offer research programs which will lead to the jobs of tomorrow.

In order to help our small businesses cut through government red tape so they can expand and create jobs, I will be the state's Small Business Advocate. My

office will propose legislation to promote small business interests and serve as a resource to bring in available capital.

Furthermore, I will initiate a statewide water conservation program as the first important step towards a cleaner, more plentiful fresh water supply.

As Rhode Island's Lieutenant Governor, I will continue to speak out to protect our interests — just as I have done for the past ten years as a State Senator. I will help create the jobs, provide the quality education and preserve the kind of environment that will keep our children here at home.

### Victoria Lederberg

Victoria Lederberg, Professor of Psychology at Rhode Island College and a lawyer, is the Democrat candidate for State Senate in District 3 in Providence's East Side and Oak Hill in Pawtucket. Mrs. Lederberg has been a State Representative for eight years.

During her legislative career, Mrs. Lederberg has sponsored and seen passage of legislation for governmental reform (open meetings and conflict of interest laws), fiscal responsibility and economic development, quality education, library support, and mental health programs. These issues continue as her legislative priorities.

As chair of the National Advisory Panel on Financing Elementary and Secondary Education, Mrs. Lederberg was responsible for advising Congress and the President on the federal government's role in supporting our nation's schools.

In recognition of her work in the legislature and in community service, Mrs. Lederberg has received awards from Rhode Island College, Business and Professional Women's Association, Rhode Island Educational Media Association, R.I. Association of School Committees, National Council of Jewish Women, R.I. Mental Health Association, among others. She is a board member of the Career Women's Affiliate of the Jewish Federation of R.I.

Mrs. Lederberg has been cited as an "Outstanding Educator of America," and listed in *Who's Who in America, the East, Politics, and Women*. She is married to Seymour Lederberg, Professor of Biology at Brown University, and their two children are in college.

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1. FINANCIAL SPENDING — survey said: — 86.4% feel that state spending is out of control. Financial responsibility is a must.

2. COMPULSORY AUTO LIABILITY INSURANCE — survey said: 92.6% want this a law. No insurance — no registration.

3. BUSINESS CLIMATE — survey said: 67.9% feel that strikers benefits, workman's compensation reform are needed to encourage new business to locate in Rhode Island. More businesses, more jobs.

4. E-911 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM — survey said: 71% feel the cost of implementing this statewide, is insignificant to the amount of lives and serious injuries it will save, especially for our senior citizens.

5. INITIATIVE LEGISLATION — survey said: 58.0% feel voters should be able to sponsor and enact laws directly, without going through the General Assembly.

These are some of my major issues, and I am ready to place my integrity and reputation on the line to see that they are implemented.



## Dick Sinapi

I am running for Congress because I am deeply concerned about the direction in which my opponent and others are taking this nation. The United States has always been the land of opportunity, but in the past four years many of those opportunities have vanished as the government has forsaken programs which allow the less wealthy to advance themselves.

I personally was born in a working class family, yet I was able to attend fine public schools and receive government assistance to go on to Colby College and Harvard Law School. Hence, because of federal funds I was given the opportunity to receive the best possible education, and the government has sponsored many other programs which have aided lower and middle income individuals. I become concerned when the government drastically cuts back these programs because I want our children to have the same, if not better, opportunities that I have enjoyed.

I also become concerned when I see people forced to pay more taxes than they can afford while the wealthy utilize loopholes to pay little or nothing. That is why I have proposed the elimination of most tax exemptions so that the system becomes based upon the ability to pay, not the ability to avoid.

Finally, I am concerned that our children may have to pay for our current financial failures. That is why I have developed a tax plan which, along with cuts in our bloated defense budget, will help reduce the record budget deficits caused by the Republican Administration's policies of the past four years.



## Roger Begin

Rep. Roger N. Begin, Democratic candidate for General Treasurer, announced that if elected, he would strive to issue State of Rhode Island "mini bonds" to permit a broad cross-section of citizens to invest directly in the future of their State.

According to Rhode Island General Laws the General Treasurer may, with the approval of the Governor, issue bonds of the State in denominations of \$100 or \$500. This provision of the law has never been employed. Traditionally, bonds of the State of Rhode Island are issued in minor denominations of \$5,000 each. Many citizens of the State do not have \$5,000 to invest in their State's bonds. The issuance of "mini bonds" in denominations of \$100 or \$500 would

permit many more citizens of the State to invest in the future of Rhode Island.

Other states have successfully implemented a "mini-bond" program for their citizens. Mr. Begin said, "I believe that the citizens of Rhode Island should have the same opportunities to purchase the bonds of their own state and to invest in their own futures."



## Alex Daunis

Alex Daunis, Independent for State Representative, stands for the following concerns:

Education — Create a comprehensive long-range education plan, increase state funding from 40% to 50%, require competency testing and include computers in core curriculum.

Crime — More neighborhood police patrols, statewide "911" emergency phone system, statewide crime victim's hotline, crime victim counseling and crime victim compensation fund.

Child Abuse — Stiffen sentences for child abusers, establish mandatory sentences for two-time child abusers, emphasize preventive programs, establish family counseling networks.

Child Care — Support affordable high-quality day-care, strengthen child-care certification requirements, implement rigorous screening programs for child-care employees.

Senior Citizens — Support a Senior Citizen's Service office, stiffen penalties for crimes against the elderly, support discount bus fares and would examine prescribed medication charges.



## ED DiPRETE

Appearing at a news conference for gubernatorial candidate Ed DiPrete, U.S. Senator John H. Chafee said that Rhode Island's next Governor must be independent from the policies of the General Assembly leadership if the dangerous intrusion into the administration functions of the executive branch by the legislature is to be stopped.

"We need a Governor," Chafee said, "who will stand up to the leaders of the legislature instead of one who is abused by them. Ed DiPrete has the strength of character and experience to provide aggressive new leadership to get Rhode Island moving, again. After 16 years of one party rule," Chafee continued, "Ed DiPrete's election will signal an end to government by the party bosses and replace it with government by and for the people."

DiPrete stated that since Chafee left the Governor's office in 1969, we have seen a handful of legislative politicians succeed in building power bases in what were previously executive functions. The inclusion of legislators on the Lottery Commission, the Coastal Resource Management Council and the Board of Regents are just some examples of the stronghold the legislature has placed on the Governor's authority. The result is party patronage interest being put ahead of the public interest.

Chafee called the practice a very dangerous development and said that Ed DiPrete has the independence from political influences to stand up to such legislative interferences.

"I have worked closely with Ed DiPrete," Chafee said, "during his years as Mayor of Cranston. He has been particularly impressive in his understanding of the details of executive leadership."



## ELEANOR SASSO

"In one short year Herbert L. Bloom introduced three bills which would directly benefit his business or his family. On January 5, 1984 only five days after taking the oath of office, he sponsored a bill requiring insurance companies to give discounts to those who install car alarms. His company installs car alarms.

Fourteen days later, January 19, he proposed legislation requiring municipalities to pay 1½% interest surcharge on unpaid bills after 60 days. He does business with municipalities and the state.

One month later, on February 15, he

introduced a bill which would include Capital Police under the Law Enforcement Officer's Bill of Rights. His daughter is a Capitol Police Woman.

My opponent has indicated by his actions that he will use a Senate seat for his personal gain. It is shocking to see such blatant use of ones elected office, a position of public trust, used for such self-serving purposes."

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## Candidates' Statements — Election '84

### Linda Kushner

Linda Kushner, State Representative from the 4th District, Providence, makes the following statements:

Linda believes that the way one runs a campaign indicates how one will represent the District. The Kushner campaign is a community based campaign involving voters from all walks of life. As you have seen in 1982 and again this year, the emphasis of the campaign is on discussing legislative issues and on providing the community with voter information. Over 90% of the funds for the campaign have come from individual contributors; 88% of the contributions are donations of \$200 or less. Linda believes that it is incumbent on a candidate to exercise the same care and fiscal restraint in spending campaign funds as she does in spending the public's money. Linda has done this in both of her campaigns.

Linda has one of the best attendance records at the legislature, only missing 2 sessions in February 1984 out of two years.

Linda has voted on all major legislation.

Linda has spoken out, co-sponsored and authored legislation on a wide variety of issues.



### Referendums

The following are the official state referendums you will be asked to vote on November 6. (Information was furnished by the Secretary of State's office.)

1. Constitutional Convention — Shall there be a convention to amend or revise the Constitution?

2. Constitutional Amendment — Suffrage — Approval of this Amendment to the state Constitution will restore the

right to vote to those convicted of a felony automatically upon the completion of their prison sentence or upon the completion of their period of parole or probation. Presently, persons convicted of a felony may have their right to vote restored only by an Act of the General Assembly.

3. Constitutional Amendment — Bail — Approval of this Amendment to the state Constitution will allow bail to be denied those charged with committing offenses involving the use, or the threat of use, of a dangerous weapon if proof of their guilt is evident or the presumption great and if such individuals have been previously convicted of either an offense including the use, or the threat of use, of a dangerous weapon or of an offense punishable by imprisonment for life. Presently, a person charged with committing an offense can be denied bail only if the offense is punishable by life imprisonment, if the proof of the person's guilt is evident or the presumption great.

4. Higher Education Bonds — \$2,200,000 — Approval of this question will authorize the State of Rhode Island to borrow \$2,200,000 for the establishment of a high-technology and management-science facility at Rhode Island College. Island College.

5. Elementary and Secondary Education Bonds — \$2,600,000 — Approval of this question will authorize the State of Rhode Island to borrow \$2,600,000 for the updating of equipment at the state vocational schools and for energy conservation and other improvements at the Rhode Island School for the Deaf.

6. Environmental Management Bonds — \$3,000,000 — Approval of this question will authorize the State of Rhode Island to borrow \$3 million for the acquisition and development of and improvements to

state port facilities in support of the state's fishing industry.

7. Emergency Telephone System Bonds — \$5,000,000 — Approval of this question will authorize the State of Rhode Island to borrow \$5 million for the planning, design, purchase, and installation of a statewide emergency telephone system (a so-called "E911" system).

8. Environmental Response Fund Bonds — \$5,000,000 — Approval of this question will authorize the State of Rhode Island to borrow not more than \$5 million to partially fund the Environmental Response Fund which shall be administered by the Department of Environmental Management in order to study, evaluate, and remedy hazardous-waste sites.

9. Sewerage and Water Supply Failure Fund Bonds — \$5,000,000 — Approval of this question will authorize the State of Rhode Island to borrow not more than \$5 million to establish a fund to provide financial aid to homeowners who incur expenses in remedying failed septic or water supply systems, and to make grants to cities and towns for up to 1/2 the cost of extending lateral sewer lines and public water systems to areas experiencing multiple failures of septic or water supply systems.

10. Mental Health, Retardation, and Hospitals Bonds — \$8,000,000 — Approval of this question will authorize the State of Rhode Island to borrow \$8 million for the construction of, or for the acquisition of and renovations to, community-group facilities for retarded, multi-handicapped, and mentally ill persons; for the purchase of equipment and furnishings for these facilities; and for the replacement of equipment at

institutional facilities and for the renovations and repairs to heating, power, and related utility systems.

11. Transportation Bonds — \$9,975,000 — Approval of this question will authorize the State of Rhode Island to borrow \$9,975,000 for the further development and improvement of non-interstate highways; for the reconstruction, resurfacing, and rehabilitation of the interstate highway systems; and for bridge replacement and highway-safety projects.

12. Corrections Bonds — \$10,600,000 — Approval of this question will authorize the State of Rhode Island to borrow \$10,600,000 for the construction and equipping of a self-contained medium-security facility, to include work, recreational, and support service areas.

13. Heritage Capital Development Program Bonds — \$14,000,000 — Approval of this question will authorize the State of Rhode Island to borrow \$14 million for capital development to be allocated as follows:

a.) \$4 million to administer loans to be made for the acquisition and restoration of property; \$2 million in accordance with guidelines established by the Historical Preservation Commission, and \$2 million in accordance with guidelines established by the Natural Heritage Preservation Commission;

b.) \$4 million for the Department of Environmental Management to acquire science and recreation areas, and \$4 million for restoration and improvements to the State House; the expenditures can also include the costs of related activities, such as reports and studies, the buying of equipment and furnishings, the payment of relocation expenses, and so forth.

c.) \$2 million to acquire development rights to farmlands in accordance with guidelines established by the Agricultural Lands Preservation Commission.

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## Delegates Attend ORT Conference

Delegates from Rhode Island-Southern Massachusetts Region attended the 15th National Board Conference of Women's American Ort in Philadelphia, October 21-24. Some 800 Women's American Ort leaders from all parts of the United States, representing 145,000 members of the organization in 1,300 chapters from coast to coast participated.

Local delegates who attended the 15th National Board Conference were: Lynne Grant, President; Rochelle Port, Immediate Past-President; and Marsha Feital, Region Representative.

Ort, the vocational and technical education program of the Jewish people, has been in operation since 1880. Over two million people have been trained by Ort since its inception.

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The Rhode Island-Southern Massachusetts Region of Women's American ORT (Organization for Rehabilitation through

Training), a national organization that raises money for technical and vocational schools in the United States and around the world is having their twentieth (20th) annual bazaar and auction. The bazaar will be held on Sunday, November 11, 1984, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The sit down auction will begin at 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. This bargain filled event will be held at UCT Hall, 1530 Atwood Ave., Johnston. The bazaar will feature jewelry, toys, white elephant, hardware, holiday items, yard goods, new merchandise, liquor wheel and hot and cold foods. The auction, led by Michael Kenner (license #7258) will be offering a get-away trip to Grossinger's Hotel, many dinners at local restaurants, items personalized by movie, TV and sport celebrities, plus many other items.

Sunday will be a Fun Day for the whole family — besides all the bazaar goods, there will be games for the children, pictures, and face painting. Admission is Free.

For further information call 943-5995 or 943-2979.



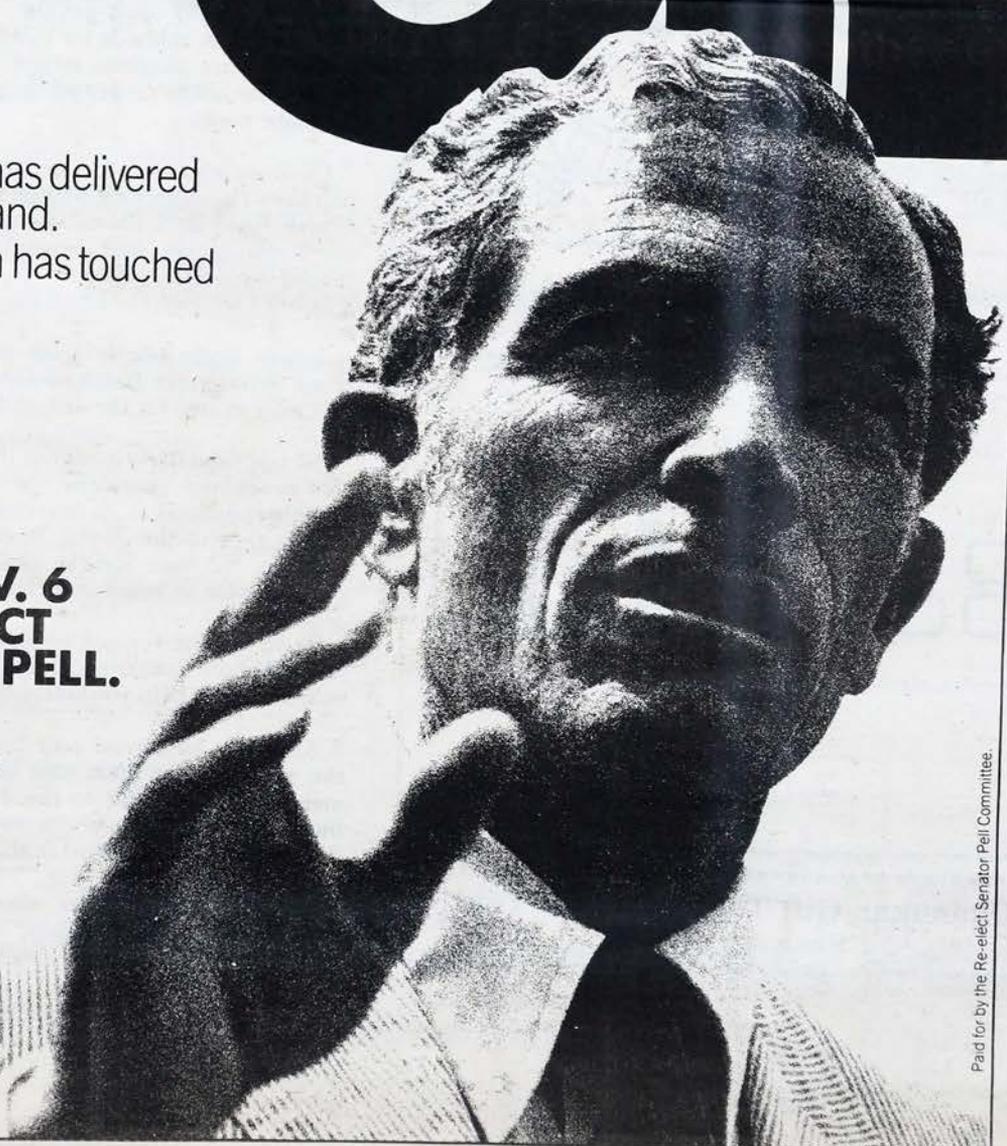
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## Hebrew Words of the Month



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Was looking for great things to cook.  
He turned page after page,  
Then flew into a rage —  
He angrily ate the whole book!

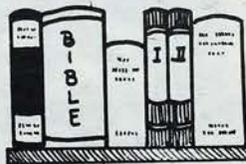


## Jewish Book Month Jumble

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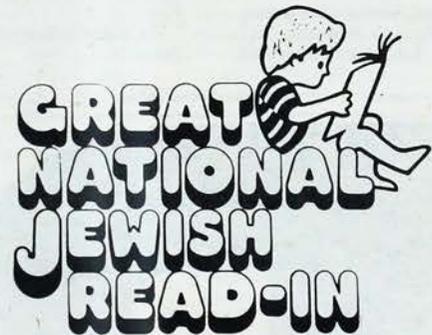


Now unscramble the circled letters to find the answer to the riddle.

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— Answers on page 2.

**The Chanukah Gift That Lasts All Year!**  
See page 4!



Children in grades 3-8 can earn money for blind children and grown-ups and, at the same time, they can enjoy reading books. All they need to do is participate in the Great National Jewish Read-In, sponsored by the Jewish Braille Institute of America.

To earn money for the Read-In, children get sponsors (people who pledge a certain amount of money for each book read during the Read-In). Then children read as many books as they can.

Money earned during the Read-In is used by the Jewish Braille Institute to help blind people. The Braille Institute prints books and magazines in braille for blind people all over the world. Some of the books are religious school books, prayer books, Bibles, and just-for-fun books on Jewish subjects. Blind people are not charged for these books.

Children who earn \$20 or more during the Read-In will receive patches. Those earning \$40 or more will receive a Great National Jewish Read-In T-Shirt. The prize for earning \$75 or more is a sweat shirt jacket. And the student who raises the most money will receive a special Grand Prize Award! Last year, the grand prize was a \$1000 U.S. Savings Bond!

Jewish Book Month is the perfect time to begin the Read-In. Some schools are participating, however anyone can read books and earn money for the Jewish Braille Institute.

All you need to do is cut out the official sponsor form on page 2 of this newspaper. Take the sponsor form to relatives, friends, and neighbors and ask them to sponsor you. Be sure to tell them that all money goes to the Jewish Braille Institute. Remember, the more sponsors you have and the more books you read, the more money you will raise to help blind children and grown-ups.

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After you have read your books, go to your sponsors to collect the money. Show them your book list. Please have your sponsors make checks payable to the Jewish Braille Institute of America, Inc. Then, mail the checks and your sponsor form to the Jewish Braille Institute, 110 East 30th Street, New York, New York 10016.

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# WHEN YOU CLOSE THE CURTAIN TO VOTE, WILL YOU BE CLOSING IT ON YOURSELF?

**Can It Happen Here? A Time For Soul Searching. For The First Time, In The Depths Of My Soul, I Wonder—What Does The Democratic Party Really Stand For?**

## HAVE YOU ASKED YOURSELF THE SAME QUESTIONS I AM ASKING MYSELF?

Where is the Democratic Party going in 1984? Has its direction actually changed from liberalism to an undemocratic ideology? From speaking out against bigotry to remaining silent to gain votes? I cannot forget that less than 50 years ago in Germany, the people stood silently by while the Nazis smashed synagogues and beat and murdered Jews. The silence was devastating. It was a silence heard round the world. A silence that allowed a genocide unparalleled in the history of mankind. I ask myself how can I vote for a party that would compromise religious freedom for a few votes?

## THE ANSWERS I GET ALARM ME.

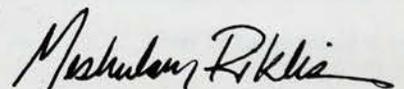
- I see a party embracing a would-be candidate who sounds as if he is a spokesman for The Third World.
- I see a party failing to speak out against overt anti-Semitism.
- I see a party more interested in party unity than uniting against what is right and just.
- I see a party that has failed to speak out strongly against the Russians' treatment of its Jews and dissidents such as Sakharov.
- I see a party unclear about the strengths and future of America.

## AND SO I HAVE BEEN SEARCHING FOR BETTER ANSWERS IN THIS IMPORTANT ELECTION YEAR.

- I find myself agreeing with what President Reagan and the Republican Party are saying and doing.
- I find a Party and a President who speak out against anti-Semitism.
- I find a Party and a President who speak out against the venom of Louis Farrakhan.
- I find a Party and a President who speak out to the UN to stop its anti-American, anti-Israel, anti-Semitic tirades.
- I find a Party and a President who are not naive and gullible about the policies and plans of the Soviet Union.
- I find a Party and a President that Israel says is one of the best administrations they have ever dealt with. One that fully realizes the importance of Israel as a friend and strategic ally.
- I find a Party and President who have consistently come to the aid of our friends and allies around the world.

*I am taking the time and my own money to express all this because I believe this is a time for soul searching. When I close the curtain of the voting booth I want to be sure I'm not closing it around my future as a Jew, an American and a patriot. I have examined the issues that are important to me and I know where I'm going.*

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# Peres Seeks To Turn Around Israel's Economy

by Walter Ruby  
Jewish World

If Shimon Peres proved anything during his four days of meetings and appearances in New York last week, it was that he is neither Menachem Begin or Yitzhak Shamir.

While it is still too early to make judgments as to the likelihood of the ultimate success or even the survivability of Israel's new national unity government, Peres made clear last week that he sees Israel and its role vis-a-vis the outside world in more pragmatic and less rigidly ideological terms than did the two Likud premiers.

Unlike Begin, who on his trips here seemed to delight in lecturing the American political leadership about the Holocaust and demanding of American Jews that they loyally support all Israeli government policies — despite the deep concerns many had about Israeli settlements — Peres seemed to be engaged in symbolic outreach toward a number of American constituencies.

The Prime Minister held meetings with top American bankers and investors to try to sell them on the idea of investing in Israel, especially in the development of hi-tech industries. He met with veteran civil rights leader Bayard Rustin and conveyed to Rustin his willingness to try to heal the black-Jewish rift by receiving Jesse Jackson in Israel. Peres put to rest any feeling that he was biased in favor of President Reagan in the U.S. elections by meeting with Walter Mondale at the Waldorf Astoria and praising the Democratic nominee as "an old and great friend of Israel."

Peres eagerly courted the media, appearing on "Nightline" with Ted Koppel and sitting down with the editorial board of *Time* magazine. Minister of Commerce Ariel Sharon is presently suing *Time* for instigating a 'blood libel' against himself, Israel and the Jewish people in connection with its reporting on the Sabra and Shatilla massacre.

### Hunter Speech Disrupted

Peres also seemed to be reaching out to a wider cross section of the American Jewish community than did Begin and Shamir. The evening before he left the country Peres held a reception for a

diverse group of American Jewish writers and intellectuals including novelists Cynthia Ozick, Jerzy Kosinski and Howard Fast, Theodore H. White, author of the "Making of the President" series, Leonard Fein, editor of *Moment* Magazine, Martin Peretz, editor of *New Republic*, neo-conservative writer Irving Kristol, author Lucy Davidowicz, and Queens College President Dr. Saul Cohen.

Peres' last appearance before departing was a speech and question and answer session with Jewish and Zionist college and university student activists at Hunter College. Peres' speech to the student leaders was disrupted by several supporters of jailed Jewish terror suspects in Israel, who shouted angry slogans until they were removed from the auditorium. Outside the building several hundred Satmar hasidim blocked traffic and shouted slogans against alleged desecration of ancient Jewish gravesites in Israel.

Peres stressed throughout his visit here that Israel's unity government will give first priority to overcoming Israel's severe economic difficulties and to arranging a withdrawal of the IDF from southern Lebanon. It will also give a high priority to beginning a long term effort to heal the deep ideological rifts that have sundered Israeli society.

Peres also made clear that he hopes that in the process of taking the nation through a painful period of austerity and economic readjustment, his government will have some success in influencing the nation to turn away from the rampant materialism and consumerism of recent years. He said he hopes to see a return to the values of hard work, sacrifice, idealism, and common purpose that animated the Jews of Israel during the years before and after the 1948 founding of the State of Israel.

Peres, appearing before the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, emphasized the important role he believes that American Jewry can play in helping to strengthen Israel's economy. Praising the American Jewish community for its role in "bringing the United States and Israel together," he told the group, "You are partners in a double undertaking: to make Israel stronger economically and militarily and to help Israel become self-sufficient."

### Not Here To Beg Funds

Despite reports that Peres had informed the Administration that Israel will need about \$4 billion in U.S. aid in fiscal year 1985-1986 to successfully overcome its economic travail without making dangerous cuts in its military budget, Peres stressed, "I did not come to Washington like a beggar asking for help ... We are not asking the U.S. to maintain our standard of living or subsidize the way we live. It is up to us to do so."

The Prime Minister promised the group: "We shall again tighten our belts, reduce expenses and restrain our budget." Peres reviewed the austerity steps his government had already taken and said that Israel will work toward controlling inflation by means of voluntary agreements between government, management and labor. Peres stressed that Israel will attempt to end its enormous trade imbalance by increasing exports from \$11 billion to \$19 billion through a full restructuring of the Israeli economy along high-tech lines.

According to Peres, "We are optimistic that we can restructure the Israeli economy to one that is based on high technology and the information society. We are doing this both out of choice and necessity." Stressing his belief that such a restructured Israeli economy would eventually free the Jewish state of its dependence on U.S. aid, Peres stated, "I made clear to my American friends that we don't plan to be forever on American assistance. We understand that the less we have to ask (of the U.S.), the more friendly we will become."

### More Aid Necessary

Peres said, however, that high levels of U.S. aid are currently necessary if Israel is to avoid making sizable cuts in its defense budget, which Peres said he told the Administration would be dangerous to Israel's security. Peres told the Conference of Presidents that if Israel does not receive an adequate level of aid from the U.S., "we will have to cut our defense budget. I see that as a mistake which will weaken Israel and would be an invitation (to surrounding Arab states) to raise the level of aggression."

Peres stressed that "no one in Washington suggested implicitly or explicitly that Israel should make itself weaker because of its economic problems



Shimon Peres

... by cutting its defense budget. No conditions were put before us by the Administration."

Peres expressed gratitude that the U.S. had agreed to provide Israel immediately with \$1.2 billion in economic aid of the \$2.6 billion in grants allocated for the 1984-1985 fiscal year.

Peres said that he is also "very grateful" for Congressional passage of the free trade area between Israel and the U.S. and the \$2.6 billion aid package to Israel. However, Peres did point out that the \$2.6 billion is almost exactly the same dollar amount as Israel received in 1974 in the wake of the Yom Kippur War, despite the fact that the real value of the dollar is only about half the amount it was then. Peres also noted that the American fighter aircraft that Israel purchases today cost about \$40 million per plane as compared to the \$4 million Israel paid for U.S. Phantoms in 1974.

Peres emphasized that part of the reason a national unity government is now needed in Israel was to "repair the emotional gaps and chasms in our national debate ... and to get rid of a style unacceptable in a democratic country." Peres concluded, "We have several parties but only one country — the State of Israel. That must be our main consideration."

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### Orr Shalom: Light Of Peace For Troubled Youth



by Alex Birman

"When they handed us back the revised budget, we were in shock. All the prior agreements, all the compromises... everything was reversed. We brought the Welfare Ministry's budget to our accountant and he told us that we couldn't possibly run a program for juvenile delinquents with so little government support. Reviewing the figures with us, he tried to convince us to abandon the project. It would have been very easy for us to agree with him and drop our plans, but we knew that meant these homeless troubled children would continue to live on the streets, and there was no other institution willing to accept them. We thanked our accountant for his advice and walked out of his office even more determined to go ahead with the project." Budget revisions, obstacles, and unforeseen difficulties are not new to Hal and Shelley Cohen, directors of Jerusalem's Orr Shalom Village for Children. In October, the Cohens will open their fourth home which will house young boys with police records. They are meeting the challenge of working with these children by designing innovative psychological and educational programs with the same determination that has enabled them to achieve a formidable record of success with some of Israel's most troubled and deprived youth.

For most new immigrants, settling in Israel and adjusting to a new society is sufficiently difficult, yet six months after arriving in Israel, the Cohens opened their first home for deprived children. Both Hal and Shelley, graduates of Antioch/New England Graduate School, obtained experience as psychologists in child counseling and juvenile rehabilitation programs in Lynn, Massachusetts, Syracuse and Ithaca, New York, and Nashua and Rumney, New Hampshire. In New Hampshire, they helped found the New England Salem Children's Trust, a therapeutic village for delinquent adolescents. The village, composed of small homes providing professional services within a family framework, was so successful that the Cohens envisioned establishing a similar village in Israel. Hal recalls, "We saw a pressing need in Israel for an alternative child-care system that would provide professional services within a small family framework. Large institutions were offering professional and educational services to troubled youth, but these children were not obtaining the guidance and love that only a family can provide."

In 1980, the Cohens opened their first home at Beit Zayit, on the outskirts of Jerusalem. Hiring a small staff and with minimal capital, they informed the Welfare Ministry that they were prepared to accept homeless children. "They referred to us the most difficult children, and figured that we'd close down in a week or two after the kids either ran away or destroyed

the house. Now after four years, social workers and government officials still can't believe how well our program has succeeded. We've proved to them again and again that individually designed therapy and educational programs provided within a caring family framework is the answer."

Today, Orr Shalom Children's Village consists of three homes — two located at Moshav Even Sapir in Jerusalem, and one at Motza Illit. Each home, in which eight to ten children reside, is headed by a pair of hired "house-parents." For most of the children, placement in Orr Shalom has been their first time experiencing a stable family life. Ronit, who entered Orr Shalom last year, exemplifies the success that Orr Shalom's family oriented program has had with deprived children. Ronit's mother had a long history of illness and was hospitalized during most of Ronit's early years. Her father, an unemployed house painter, depressed by his wife's extended illness and his inability to obtain work, began drinking. When Ronit was 10, her mother died, and her father, suffering from alcoholism, physically abused her. Ronit fled, joining a gang of youths living in the streets. Having lived for three years on her own, the Welfare Ministry felt Ronit would not adapt to living in a foster home due to her aggressive and anti-social behavior and referred her to Orr Shalom.

Ronit's initial adjustment to living at Orr Shalom was difficult, but psychological counseling and educational tutoring have enabled her to attend a regular school and relate positively to both children and adults. Shelley explains, "Ronit has truly blossomed. A girl of 13 living in the streets not only loses the educational instruction needed to mature properly, but the guidance and support that enables a child to know how to behave in order to gain acceptance from others. It's amazing how readily our kids respond to this guidance. For them, someone saying 'this is right' or 'that is wrong' is a sign of love and concern, and I've seen the miracles this type of love can produce."

Living in Jerusalem and directing a program that has produced so many miracles has not blinded Hal and Shelley from the difficulties involved in expanding their program. In order to finance their latest endeavor they have launched an ambitious fund-raising campaign seeking out new individual and foundation sponsors. With over 30,000 Israeli children separated from their natural families, and increasing numbers needing homes each year, they are determined to reach out to more troubled youth. Hal and Shelley Cohen undauntedly believe that in a city renowned for miracles, they will continue to be provided with the means to produce more miracles of new life and new hope for deprived and troubled youth.

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### "Calamity Jane" At URI

The University of Rhode Island Women's Center will present the musical *Calamity Jane* on Thursday, November 8 at 8 p.m. in the Memorial Union Ballroom in Kingston. The play, which is free and open to the public, is a fast-paced, two character drama that uses the words of this remarkable character — a mule-skinner, railroad worker, nurse, Indian scout and frontier wife in Deadwood, South Dakota in the late 19th century — and the traditional music of the period to tell Calamity's story.

The show, which has been on tour in the United States for the past two years, was recently seen in Washington, D.C., at the National Portrait Gallery's "Portraits in Motion" series. This summer, it received critical acclaim in Scotland at

the Edinburgh Theater Festival.

*Calamity Jane* stars Suzanne Baxtreser, who co-authored the show. Her extensive work in the theatre includes appearances at the New York Shakespeare Festival, the Minneapolis Children's Repertory Theater, the Cambridge Ensemble, and the Reality Theater in Boston. She starred in the Emmy Award-winning production, "No Lies," which appeared nationally on PBS. In addition, she has taught theater at Skidmore and Emerson Colleges, as well as in Europe and South America.

For more information, contact Fran Danowski, at the Office of Student Life, 792-2101, or Sue Stange, at the Women's Center, 792-2097.

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### Silverman Exhibit In Warwick

Warwick Gallery announces a One Man Show for Charles M. Silverman, Master of the Pencil.

Opening Sunday, November 4 and continuing through November 10, 1984.

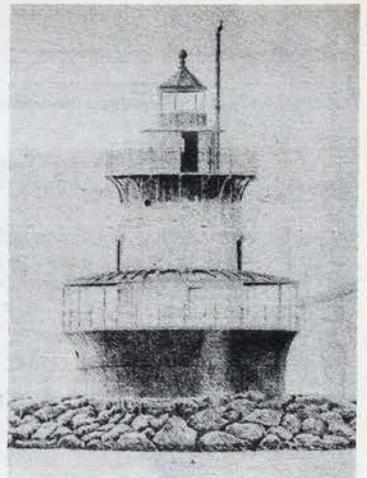
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Of particular interest, the pencil drawings are scenes of Rhode Island and Southern New England by a native Rhode Islander.

Hours are Sunday, November 4th, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. and Monday thru Saturday, 9:30 to 5:00 p.m.

#### CORRECTION

In the announcement in last week's *Herald* regarding the birth of Alana Ashley, the announcement should have read the paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Epstein of Jericho, New York.



A pencil drawing by Charles Silverman

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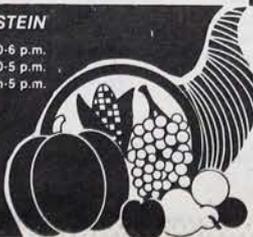
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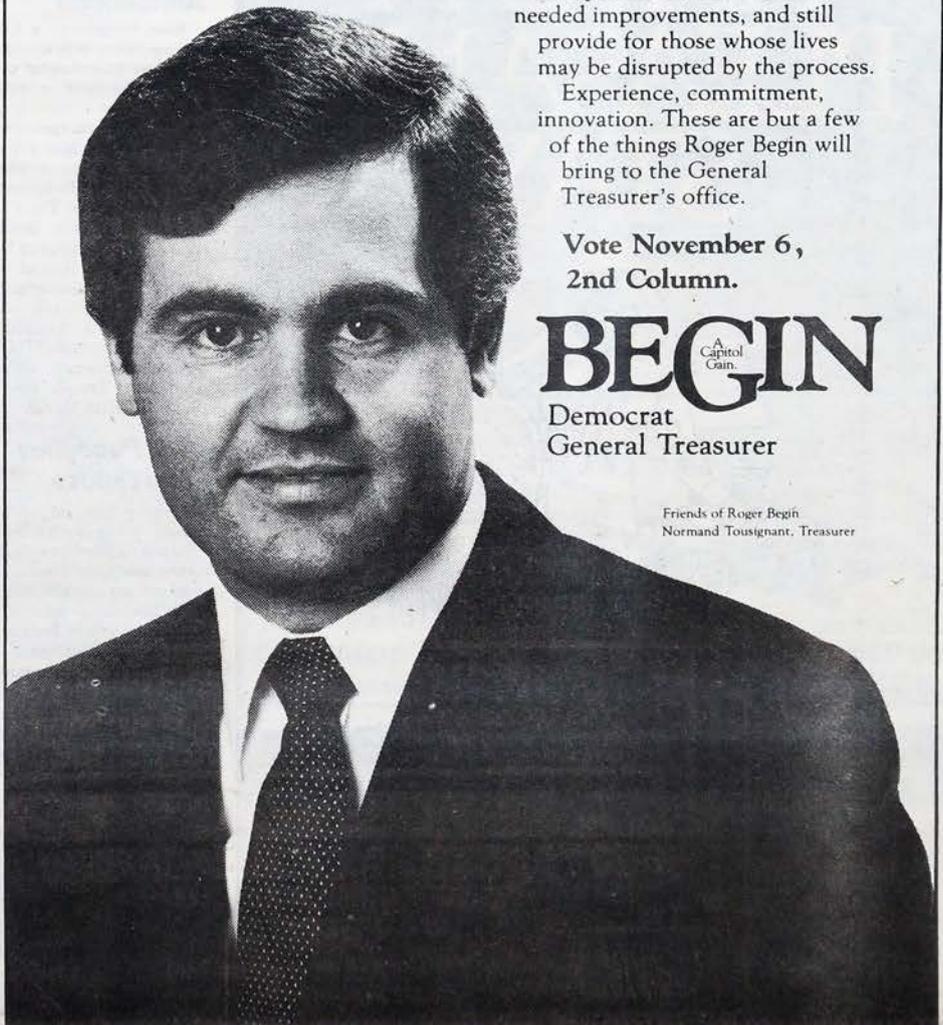
Roger Begin also plans to work for the creation of a mortgage subsidy program for those who have to involuntarily relocate their homes. This would permit the state to make needed improvements, and still provide for those whose lives may be disrupted by the process.

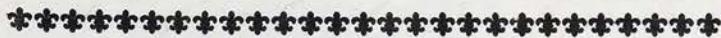
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### BBW To Rally For Soviet Jewry

B'nai B'rith Women of R.I. are in the process of organizing a rally in connection with BBW's plea on Soviet Jewry. This is an important issue especially with the latest report regarding our fellow Jews in the Soviet Union. Anyone who would like some more information and could volunteer some time, please contact Cathy Gavopoulos at 944-7160 or Harriet Priest at 831-5014. All efforts toward helping to "Let My People Go" will not go unnoticed. There are similar rallies being planned throughout the country to coincide with Human Rights Day, December 4. While we're enjoying our holidays and the freedom to practice our religious beliefs . . . let us not forget those who have been denied such freedom. BBW issues an urgent invitation to all groups to join us in this effort. There is no voice too small or no cause too big!

### First Amendment Series Announced

Sam Gedjenson, a Congressman from Connecticut, will discuss "Congress and the First Amendment" on November 30 at Temple Beth-El in Providence, also at 8:10 p.m.

The third discussion will take place on December 6 when a panel of Catholic, Fundamentalist, Orthodox Jew, Protestant and Reformed Jew will discuss "The Clergy and the First Amendment," at Temple Beth Am-Beth David in Warwick, beginning at 7:45 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend, free of charge. The discussion series is being sponsored by the Social Concerns Committee of Temple Emanu-El, the Jewish Federation of R.I., the ADL of R.I., National Council of Jewish Women, Hadassah, Temple Beth-El and Temple Beth Am-Beth David.

### AJC Publishes Two Guides

Two guides on current church-state issues — one dealing with Christmas and Chanukah displays on public property, the other analyzing recent federal legislation authorizing student religious meetings in high schools — have just been published by the American Jewish Congress.

The publications, prepared by AJCongress' Commission on Law and Social Action, provide up-to-date information on two recent controversial church-state issues. One deals with the implications for the Jewish community of two current court decisions upholding the display of creches — nativity scenes — on public property. The other explains the legislative history and legal impact of the recently enacted so-called "equal access" legislations at the federal level.

The publications were designed as practical guides for school administrators, community organizations, religious leaders, parent-teacher groups and public officials who need to know how the new legal requirements should be applied.

The two publications are entitled "Christmas-Chanukah in the Community

and the Schools: A Jewish Communal Guide," and "Equal Access: A Practical Guide." Single copies of each publication are \$1. Orders for 2-10 copies are priced at \$.85 each. Bulk orders of 11 to 100 copies are \$.60 per copy. Orders accompanied by a check or money order should be sent to AJCongress Publications, 15 East 84th Street, New York, New York 10028.

### NCCJ Announces Annual Contest

The National Conference of Christians and Jews (NCCJ) is announcing that the Eleventh Annual "Books for Brotherhood" reading program and essay contest is underway. The program is co-sponsored by the local NCCJ office, under the direction of Charlotte I. Penn, and the Providence Public Library with Cynthia Neal, chief of library services to children. Schools wishing to participate can contact the NCCJ office by calling 351-5120.

Public, private and parochial school students in grades four through eight may participate by reading one or more books promoting the concept of understanding others. Suggested reading lists have been posted in schools and public libraries throughout the state. A review of not more than 300 words highlighting the student's personal perspective of brotherhood and the importance of understanding other people should be submitted to local teachers or school libraries.

Essays are due at the local NCCJ office, 141 Wayland Avenue, Providence, RI 02906, by NOVEMBER 9. A panel of educators will serve as judges, chaired by Dr. Kenneth R. Walker, Co-ordinator of Urban Education at R.I. College. R.I. Herald editor Robert Israel who served as a judge last year will once again be a judge this year. A Certificate of Recognition for every student who participates in the program will be sent to the local schools, who are encouraged to utilize them for a Brotherhood Week Program in their individual schools. Five winners and five runners-up representing each grade level will receive awards at the award ceremony to be held at the Providence Public Library during Brotherhood Week in February, 1984.

### John Updike At Brown Nov. 7

Noted novelist and short-story writer John Updike, whose novels about contemporary America include scenes from the Rhode Island landscape, will appear on the Brown University campus on Nov. 7 and 8 to talk to students and read from his work.

Updike will read his fiction Nov. 7 at 8 p.m. in Sayles Hall. The next day, he will speak informally at a coffee hour at 10 a.m. in Arnold Lounge in Keeney Quadrangle.

### Jewish Woman Appointed

(JTA) Clara Jusidman de Bialostotzky, a prominent sociologist with a doctorate in economics, has become the first Jewish woman to hold a high post in the Mexican government. She now heads the Instituto Nacional Del Consumidor (INCO), Mexico's institute of consumer affairs.

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## Parents Plights & Rights

by Dr. Steve C. Imber



Dear Dr. Imber:

I am deeply distressed about my son. He used to be a pretty good student when he was in elementary school. He earned lots of B's. He always did his homework and he had a good attitude about school. When he went to middle school things began to fall apart. His grades slipped, his behavior became bad, and his attendance dropped. Pretty soon, he was failing several subjects. He almost failed the seventh grade and was failing the eighth before the school finally tested him (I had been trying to have him tested for almost two years). He was found to have learning disabilities and emotional problems. He got one period of resource a day. I thought that would help, but it didn't. He repeated eighth grade and then got several more D's and F's in the eighth, ninth, and tenth grades. Now he doesn't want to go to school. Actually, he would like to go but feels sick when he tries. For a while, he hung around with a group of kids who were always in trouble. Now, he has no friends. His guidance counselor has suggested that I let him just quit school, at least for now. I don't want him to quit although he's seventeen years old. Doesn't the school have a responsibility to help him?

**Hurting Bad**

Dear Hurting:

Junior and senior high school teachers and counselors often work with 125 or 150 students per day. Resource teachers are sometimes responsible for 25, 30, or in some rare instances even 50 students. School psychologists and educational diagnosticians are often overwhelmed with students to test. Administrators are up to their ears in budgetary problems, disciplinary disputes, and union conflicts. Special education supervisors and superintendents attend more meetings than Carter has pills!

First and foremost, it is a parent's responsibility to advocate for the rights of their children or adolescents. Unfortunately, many parents seem to forget that.

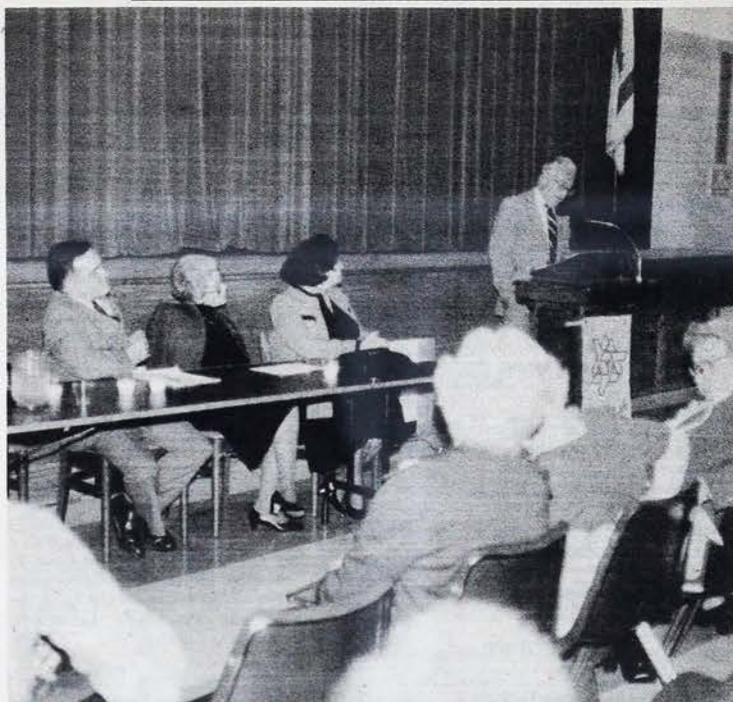
However, in spite of all the obstacles, schools do have a responsibility to help. One or more of your son's teachers might have assumed the responsibility of reaching him before he experienced intense failure. Perhaps his seventh grade guidance counselor might have intervened. When it became more obvious that your son was beginning to experience failure (i.e., poor grades, deteriorating behavior,

decreased attendance) one of his teachers or his counselor might have taken the responsibility to refer him for a special education evaluation. It is highly regrettable that you had to fight so hard and wait so long for an evaluation to be completed. It is even more disturbing that your son has continued to experience intensive school failure. Your son's resource teacher might have referred him for another evaluation (as is his right) and even recommended more intensive assistance for him.

Although your son is seventeen years of age, he is still entitled to special education services until he graduates or until he becomes twenty-one years of age. From our telephone conversations, it appears that in spite of his ordeal, he is still motivated to go to school. I would strongly recommend an immediate re-evaluation through the public schools or privately. If he is still evidencing learning disabilities and emotional problems, he may require a very supportive and highly individualized program designed to meet his educational and emotional needs (i.e. an independent school with a special education program). Additionally, he will most probably require skilled reality-oriented, goal-directed counseling services. Although you and your son have had a very bad time of it, try to work as cooperatively with school personnel as possible. There are many dedicated teachers, special educators, school psychologists, and administrators. However, if your son does not get intensive and highly individualized supportive services (assuming that testing confirms the aforementioned disabilities), you may need the assistance of a special education consultant and legal assistance.

The problem of school failure is a pervasive and pernicious one. Your son is far from alone. There are corporate businessmen and businesswomen, regular and special education administrators and teachers, counselors, psychologists, social workers, and perhaps leaders of teacher unions who are not only concerned about this problem but who would be willing to do something about it. I would welcome phone calls or letters of interest. It's a big problem, but it's not insoluble.

*Dr. Imber is a professor of special education, past-president of the International Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders, and a private consultant. Questions about children or adolescents with learning and behavioral problems may be addressed to him at 145 Waterman Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02906 (276-5775). All communication will be held strictly confidential.*



At the opening of the Parnosseh exhibit at the JCC last week were, standing, Bernard Wax, Director of the American Jewish Historical Association. Seated, left to right, Albert Klyberg, Director of the R.I. Historical Society; Lola Schwartz, Executive Director of JCC; and Rachel Kaufman, advisory board chairperson for Parnosseh.



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# Obituaries

## MILDRED GRAY

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — Mildred Gray, 78, of 2618 Collins Ave. died October 24 at Miami General Hospital. She was the widow of George Gray.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Sam and Rose (Goldstein) Siegel, she lived in Miami Beach for 30 years. She previously lived in Providence.

Mrs. Gray was a former member of B'nai B'rith, and the Rhode Island Jewish Community Center.

She leaves a daughter, Gloria O'Grady of Marshfield, Mass.; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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

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## LOUIS AUGUST

MIAMI, Florida — Louis August, 70, of Miami, Florida, died on October 17, 1984, at a local nursing home after a 3 month illness. He was the husband of Mary August.

Born in Russia, a son of the late Michael and Flora August, he lived in Pawtucket and Boston before moving to Florida 48 years ago.

He leaves a son, Howard Sheldon August, and three sisters, Greta Hollander, Jessica Kelman of Lake Worth, Florida, and Beverly Schwartz of Providence.

A funeral service was held on October 19 at Mt. Nebo Cemetery in Miami.

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## IRVING FELDMAN

PROVIDENCE — Irving Feldman, 65, of 43 Barnes St., died October 23 at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Dr. Barbara (Dodsworth) Feldman.

He was founder and proprietor of Felrap International Inc., a wholesaler of wrapping machines and laundry film, which he founded in 1967.

He was a member of Common Cause and the Narragansett Chamber of Commerce. He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

He was born in Amsterdam, N.Y., a son of the late Jack and Anna (Ollender) Feldman. He moved to Providence in 1973 from Newton, Mass., where he had lived more than 30 years.

Besides his wife he leaves two daughters, Andrea M. Feldman of Providence, and Martha Woodworth of Rockport, Mass.; a son, Paul Feldman of Redway, Calif.; a sister, Lorraine Holtz of Los Angeles, Calif., and a brother, Jack Feldman of North Carolina.

The funeral service was private. Arrangements were by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St.

## BENJAMIN BLACHER

EAST PROVIDENCE — Benjamin Blacher, 91, of 1357 Wampanoag Trail, founder and former treasurer of Blacher Bros. Inc., Pawtucket, which he operated for many years before retiring five years ago, died October 28 at home. He was the husband of the late Blanche (Brier) Blacher. He was also the husband of the late Esther (Gleckman) Blacher.

Born in Russia, a son of the late David and Lena Blacher, he lived most of his life in Providence, and 11 years in Cranston. He had recently moved to East Providence.

Mr. Blacher was a World War I Army veteran. He was a member of Temple Emanu-El and its Men's Club, the Corporation of Miriam Hospital, was a founding member of Ledgemont Country Club, a member of the Jewish Community Center, the Jewish Home for the Aged, the Kiwanis Club, Providence Lodge 14, BPOE, and the Jewish War Veterans, Post 23.

He leaves two daughters, Wini Galkin of Cranston and Nancy Shuster of East Providence; two stepdaughters, Joyce Galkin of Warwick and Betty Curran of Providence; two brothers, Samuel Blacher of Greenwich, Conn., and Lewis Blacher of New York City; a sister, Fannie Finklestein of Providence; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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

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## ROSALIE H. STRAUSS

PROVIDENCE — Rosalie H. Strauss, 73, of 89 Washington Ave., a former teacher, died October 18 at Miriam Hospital after a four-month illness. She was the wife of Joseph Strauss.

Born in Boston, a daughter of the late Max C. and Frieda (Lipman) Krickstein, she lived in Providence for more than 70 years.

Mrs. Strauss taught in the Providence and Cranston School Departments for 20 years until 1965. From 1965 until 1973, she was coordinator of Adult Education for the City of Providence. She was a member of the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged, and Temple Torat Yisroale and its Sisterhood, and the Pioneer Women.

Besides her husband she leaves two daughters, Avis Goldenberg of Pawtucket and Ellen McKenna of Warwick; a son, Charles M. Strauss of Providence; a sister, Mildred Hill-Katz of New York City, and nine grandchildren.

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

## CLARA SPIEGLE

PROVIDENCE — Clara Spiegle, formerly of Lewis Street, a lifelong Providence resident, died October 25 at the Jewish Home for the Aged, Hillside Avenue, where she lived for three months.

She leaves a daughter, Norma Wolff of Cranston; a son, Marvin Spiegle of Providence; a brother, Dr. Harry Goldberg of Warwick, and three grandchildren.

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

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## ROSE WINSTON

PROVIDENCE — Rose Winston, 88, of the Regency Apartments, 60 Broadway, a textile designer whose work is among historical exhibits at Williamsburg, Va., died October 25 at home. She was the widow of Army Col. Frank Langham Winston.

Born in Woonsocket, she was daughter of the late Abraham and Ida Colitz.

Mrs. Winston spent some early years in Providence, and was a charter member of the Rhode Island Motor Corps of the American Red Cross in World War I. She was a former visiting lecturer at the Rhode Island School of Design. Later, while in New York City, she was a volunteer teacher of Braille. She lived in Pennsylvania before returning to Providence in 1976.

An independent designer, she spent a period in Williamsburg when the colonial restoration was under way, and was commissioned to create bedspreads and draperies, her specialties, for exhibit there.

Mrs. Winston was a member of Temple Beth-El and its Sisterhood.

She leaves a sister, Martha Colitz. She also leaves nephews, Bruce G. Sundlun, Jeffrey J. and Stephen J. Feinstein, Providence; and nieces, Jane Williams and Martha Colitz, Rock Hill, South Carolina.

A funeral service was held at Temple Beth-El, Orchard Avenue, Providence. Arrangements by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope Street, Providence, R.I.

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## BERTHA (NASS) JAFFE

FALL RIVER, Mass. — October 21, 1984. Wife of the late Max Jaffe. Residence formerly of 29 Powell Ave., Newport. Funeral service was held at Hoffman Memorial Chapel, Fowler Avenue, Newport Tuesday, October 23. Shiva week will be observed at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Jaffe, 21 Harwich Rd., Providence 2-4 and 7-9. Contributions may be sent to the Jewish Home for the Aged, Robeson Street, Fall River or the Jewish Home for the Aged of R.I., 99 Hillside Ave., Providence.

## LESTER EISENSTADT

CRANSTON — Lester Eisenstadt of 52 Sunset Terrace died at the Cranston General Hospital on October 24, 1984. He was the husband of Mrs. Rose (Pickar) Eisenstadt.

He was born in Bristol, R.I., a son of the late Morris and Sadie (Zelniker) Eisenstadt. He was a graduate of Brown University, Class of 1932. He was a member of the Brown Club of Rhode Island. He was a World War II Army Veteran, having served in the European Theatre of Operations as a staff sergeant in the Signal Corp.

He was a member of the Jewish War Veterans Post No. 23. He was an original member of Temple Torat Yisrael and its Men's Club for 25 years. He had been employed by the Brewster Lumber Company, retiring eight years ago.

In addition to his wife he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Pearl F. Kaplan of Cranston and Mrs. Ray Immerman of Silver Spring, Md.; two brothers, Samuel and Sidney Eisenstadt, both of Cranston, and four grandchildren.

Graveside funeral services were held Friday, October 26, 1984 at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick, R.I. Arrangements were by the Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

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## ANN TOBIN

WARWICK — Ann Tobin, 62, of 51 Northampton St. died October 27 at Rhode Island Hospital after an illness of one day. She was the wife of Abraham Tobin.

Born in New Bedford, a daughter of the late Nathan and Bessie (Natherman) Shuster, she lived in Warwick for 32 years.

Mrs. Tobin was a charter member of Temple Beth Am, and a past president of its Sisterhood. She was a member of the Majestic Guild and the Women's Association of the Women's Home for the Aged.

Besides her husband she leaves two sons, Norman I. Tobin of Cranston and Paul J. Tobin of Feeding Hills, Mass.; a sister, Sarah Goldstein of Brookline, Mass., and three grandchildren.

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

## Memorial Service At Jewish Home Nov. 12

Rhode Island Selfhelp, in cooperation with the Holocaust Survivors of Rhode Island will hold their 31st Memorial Service in memory of those who lost their lives during the persecution of the Jewish people in Europe, Monday, November 12, 1984 (Veteran's Day) at 11:00 a.m. at the synagogue of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Avenue, Providence. The public is welcome to attend.

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## Review: "Forbidden Broadway" In Boston

by Dorothea Snyder

Down deep in the chasms of our theatrical selves, there lurks a Carol Channing, Ethel Merman, Yul Brynner, Rex Harrison, Lauren Bacall, and more screaming to get out!

And if they escape, we spoof it up a bit with gesticulation and trills of lyrical mimicry.

*Forbidden Broadway* does just that and brilliantly to boot. This clever parody on illustrious luminaries and Broadway shows like "Cats," "Evita," "La Cage aux Folles," are portrayed by refreshing and extremely talented performers who spoof so spiffily.

It is sparkling entertainment!

The cabaret style show just opened in the renovated Terrace Room at Boston Park Plaza. Amidst an understated art decor, the stage set is not lavish. A simple silver lame curtain and sleek costuming are the accents.

What is lavish are the excellent voices of Jeff Bannon, Toni DiBuono, Karen Murphy, Craig Wells and the superb music of pianist-accompanist Brad Ellis. They transmit high-charged energy and show biz pizzazz!

It all goes back to that original concept of defining talent. Talent, presented in its truest sense, rises above any elaborate set.

staging or costuming. This cast is wonderful!

The show ends while it's ahead. Under two hours, so much is jam packed in and rolls along at a prancy pace. It's so good you could see it again.

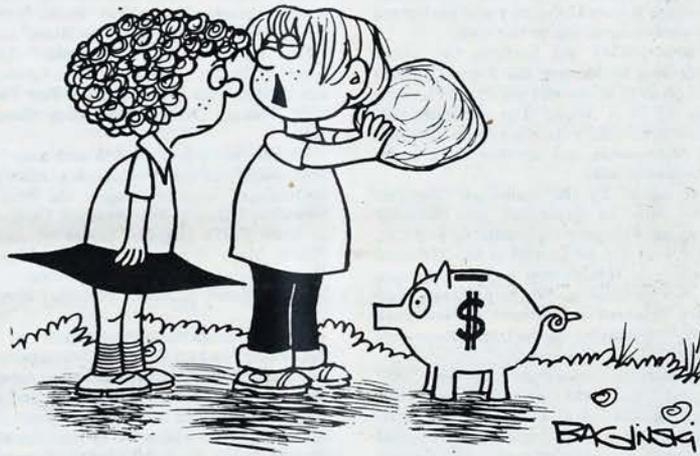
*Forbidden Broadway* is not new. Written and conceived by Gerard Alessandrini with musical direction by Fred Barton, the show continues to be a success since it opened at Palsson's Supper Club in New York January 1982. It is still playing there.

Productions are running in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Toronto and in Philadelphia, they're winding up an eleventh month.

This brings us to the fact that good shows do run stale after long runs if the cast is not up to par. The success of *Forbidden Broadway* proves its magic formula of staying alive and on top by keeping the audience's enthusiasm in sync with the energetic pitch of the show.

*Performances of "Forbidden Broadway" are Tuesdays through Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m., and Sundays at 2 and 5 p.m. For tickets and information, call the box office at the Terrace Room, 64 Arlington St., Boston, MA 02117, (617-357-8384).*

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The first concert will be an orchestral one featuring the works of Ludwig van Beethoven. Conducted by Bruce Murray, the concert will open with the *Overture to Goethe's "Egmont"*, composed for the premiere of that play. Next, the orchestra will be joined by guest pianist Jeffrey Kahane in a performance of the *Piano Concerto No. 3*. The concert will conclude with Beethoven's famous *Symphony No. 3 "Eroica."*

This concert will be held on Saturday evening, November 10, beginning at 8 p.m.

On Sunday afternoon, December 16 at 3 p.m. COTI will present its second concert which will be a piano recital by Veronica Jochum. A pianist in the tradition of the German school, Miss Jochum is the daughter of the famous conductor Eugen Jochum with whom she studied. She also studied with the well known pianists Rudolf Serkin and Edwin Fischer.

The third performance of the season will be a chamber orchestra concert on Saturday evening, January 12 at 8 p.m. featuring the young American pianist Christopher O'Riley. Like Jeffrey Kahane, Mr. O'Riley was a finalist in the last Van Cliburn Competition. Last year, he was in Rhode Island as a part of the Affiliate Artists program sponsored through Brown University and performed in various locations in the state.

Mr. O'Riley will perform two piano concertos by Mozart, the *Piano Concerto No. 20 in D Minor* and the *Piano Concerto No. 23 in A Major*. The orchestra will present Rossini's *Overture to La Cimbale di Matrimonio* and another work to be announced later.

A recital by the American Chamber Trio will be presented on Saturday evening, February 16, beginning at 8 p.m. The Trio has performed at the National Gallery in Washington and the Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago, and have appeared in television in New York and Los Angeles as well as nation-wide radio.

The final performance of the COTI season will take place on Saturday evening, April 20 at 8 p.m. This will be an all-American pops concert and will feature a performance of George Gershwin's *Popular Rhapsody in Blue* with pianist Virginia Eskin. Also included

on the program will be selections from Broadway shows, a sing-a-long and other popular pieces. Virginia Eskin is also well known to Newport audiences having performed as a recitalist last season for COTI. She has also appeared numerous times with the Newport Music Festival. A resident of Boston, she has been active in the performing and recording of works by American women composers.

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### Jazz At CCRJ

Tickets are still available for the Lawson/Haggart Jazz Band's performance of "Music in the Hackett Tradition" at the Fifth Annual Tribute to Bobby Hackett on Sunday, November 4, at 7 p.m. at the Community College of Rhode Island's Knight Campus in Warwick.

Yank Lawson on trumpet and Bob Haggart on bass will lead Bud Freeman, tenor saxophone; Phil Bodner, clarinet; Lou Stein, piano; Alan Dawson, drums; and Rhode Island's own George Mazzo on trombone in the tribute to the legendary jazz musician. Lawson and Haggart first met in the Bob Crosby and the Bob Cats Band in the 1930's and have since made outstanding contributions to the jazz world.

Haggart is the composer of the tune "What's New?", which has recently made a major comeback, as well as "South Rampart Street Parade," "Dogtown Blues" and "The Big Noise from Winnetka." The band's co-leader, trumpeteer Yank Lawson has played with Will Osborne, Ben Pelack, Tommy Dorsey and Benny Goodman.

Tickets are priced at \$15 and may be purchased from the Development Office at the college's Lincoln campus, the Public Relations Office at the Warwick Campus or from Carl's Diggins' House of Jazz, North Main Street, Twin City Music House, Plainfield Street in Providence or Ladd's Music Center, Hillside Road, Cranston.

Proceeds from the annual concert go to the Bobby Hackett Fund for Scholarships and Performing Arts, established to recognize jazz and other music students and to sustain performing arts at the college. In addition people who wish to may donate directly to the fund. All contributors will be invited to a special stage party to meet the artists following the performance.



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