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Demonstration For Ethiopian Jewry Disrupts CJF Assembly

A demonstration highlighting the plight of the Ethiopian Jewry caused the cancellation of the opening plenary of the Council of Jewish Federations' General Assembly last week in Toronto. In response, throughout the remainder of the conference, Israeli and U.S. officials and national Jewish leaders offered assurances that everything possible is being done to solve the problem.

The problem is that Ethiopian Jews, the victims of persecution by their government for a long time, now face extinction because of the famine in Ethiopia and Sudan, where many have fled to refugee camps.

A flyer distributed by the demonstrators called on every Jewish Federation and organization to "immediately make saving Ethiopian Jewry the number one priority over the next six months." It asked them to establish emergency rescue and relief funds and to "aid any and all agencies that are engaged in bringing Jews out of Ethiopia and providing relief for (refugee) camps in Sudan."

At several later conference events, official speakers sought to discourage private efforts to aid the Ethiopians. Ambassador H. Eugene Douglas, U.S. Coordinator for Refugee Affairs, claimed that he spends 25 percent of his time "picking up after individuals" engaged in private relief and rescue operations.

He asserted that if American Jews would only have patience, then within 45 to 60 days the focus would shift from sending aid to Ethiopia to sending it to Israel. He did not elaborate on the meaning of this statement.

Cryptic statements were the pattern for all official statements on the subject, with each speaker stressing the need for secrecy.

When Israeli Deputy Prime Minister Yitzchak Navon addressed the delegates on Thursday evening, he said, "One day when it can be told, you will see the bravery of the Ethiopian Jews who moved to Israel. They are our brothers and we welcome them, but it must be without demonstrations."

During a Saturday luncheon, Leon Dulzin, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive committee, said that the Jewish Agency had enough money budgeted to resettle all the Ethiopian Jews in Israel within the next two years.

In a sense, the problem faced by Ethiopian Jewry is not new, but the famine has brought a new urgency to the situation. For at least a decade, a few private groups have been rescuing Ethiopian Jews and challenging the Israeli and American governments to do more. The official response has always been a plea to trust that everything possible was being done. Clearly, the demonstrators at the GA lacked that faith.

As the opening plenary began, the demonstrators demanded that their leader, Simcha Jacobovici, be given five minutes



immediately to address the more than 2,000 delegates present. The conference is the annual meeting for CJF and attracts representatives from most Jewish communities in the United States and Canada.

CJF officials refused to let Mr. Jacobovici speak, but, as a compromise, offered to let another speaker address the delegates on the issue of Ethiopian Jewry. Mr. Jacobovici and the demonstrators refused. David Sakok, a representative of the Toronto Jewish Congress, claimed that Mr. Jacobovici also refused an offer, made earlier that afternoon, to allow him five minutes to speak at the end of Wednesday evening plenary.

At one point, C. Dennis Flynn, chairman of Metropolitan Toronto and one of the speakers scheduled for the plenary, tried to take control from the demonstrators by seizing the high ground. Above the shouts of the demonstrators he called for a moment of silence for the dying Ethiopians. Demonstrators and delegates went silent, but only until Mr. Flynn tried to resume his speech. Then 30 protestors, waving the posters of starving children and their placards demanding action now, resumed their chant of "Let Simcha speak." After attempts to cajole and threaten the demonstrators failed, the plenary was canceled.

Mr. Jacobovici failed in his attempt to address a plenary session, but he did succeed in raising the issue of Ethiopian Jewry in the minds of delegates. Many of those attending the conference, said they were forced to re-examine their views on the subject. The protest also succeeded in attracting an overflow crowd of about one-third of the delegates to a forum on Ethiopian Jewry later Wednesday evening.

The forum was part of the conference program, scheduled long before the demonstration; it was listed in the preliminary program distributed weeks before the conference. The scheduled speakers were: Ambassador Douglas, Yael Rom, co-chairman of the Israel Public Council on Ethiopian Jews, and Haim Aron, head of the Jewish Agency Aliyah Department. Neither Mr. Jacobovici, nor anybody advocating immediate action by American Jewry to help Ethiopian Jewry, was scheduled to speak. However, when the session

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JFRI Contributes \$5,000 For Ethiopian Famine Victims

Recognizing the plight of millions of starving Ethiopians, the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island has contributed \$5,000 to the growing effort to assist the disaster victims.

The money has been forwarded to the American Joint Distribution Committee, whose efforts parallel those of Catholic, Protestant, and nonsectarian agencies that provide similar humanitarian relief.

The special contribution is in addition to the ongoing support for Ethiopian Jewry that is provided in the Federation's

annual campaign, Federation President Charles Samperil said.

He noted that individuals and organizations have been encouraged to send contributions to aid the famine relief efforts. Contributions, marked "Ethiopian Relief," may be sent to the Federation at 130 Sessions Street, Providence, R.I. 02906, or directly to the American Joint Distribution Committee, Suite 1914, Department M, 60 East 42nd Street, New York, NY 10165.

Paraguay Launches Hunt For Nazi Fugitive Mengele

(JTA) — Paraguay has begun what was described here as a thorough nationwide investigation to locate Josef Mengele, the infamous war criminal and chief doctor at the Auschwitz concentration camp responsible for the murder of tens of thousands of Jews during World War II.

The investigation will be conducted by police authorities in Paraguay under the Ministry of Interior, according to Elizabeth Holtzman, Brooklyn District Attorney, who just returned from a three-day visit to Paraguay as a member of a delegation of four persons who travelled there under the sponsorship of the International Network of Children of Jewish Holocaust Survivors.

Furthermore, Holtzman told reporters today, Paraguayan officials have also agreed to allow foreign observers to monitor the investigation and will allow for written questions to be submitted to the government about the whereabouts of Mengele, who is believed to be living in Paraguay. Holtzman said she has contacted the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations on the matter of observers to the investigation.

Holtzman, who was instrumental as a member of Congress in the establishment of the OSI, was flanked at the news conference by the other members of the delegation: Menachem Rosensaft, founding chairman of the International Network of Children of Jewish Holocaust Survivors; Beate Klarsfeld, who has brought a number of Nazi war criminals of justice; and Bishop Rene Valero of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn.

During the delegation's stay in Paraguay, they met with Justice and Labor Minister J. Eugenio Jacquet, Supreme Court President Luis Maria Argana and Interior Minister Sabino Montanaro. They did not meet with President Alfredo Stroessner, although a meeting had been requested.

Visit Described As A Success

Mengele, who would now be 74 years old, received Paraguayan citizenship in 1959, which was revoked in 1979. Since 1962, West Germany has issued at least 10 requests to Paraguay for Mengele's extradition. He is wanted in West Germany for crimes against humanity.

Holtzman described the delegation's visit as a success, noting that this marked the first time the government has agreed to answer formal written questions on Mengele. She said this has significantly increased the potential of finding Mengele, who has not been seen in public



Fugitive Nazi Dr. Josef Mengele

for years, although believed to still be residing in Paraguay.

The Brooklyn District Attorney also called on the Reagan Administration to press the issue of Mengele with the Stroessner government, saying it should become a top priority in dealings with Paraguay. She told reporters in response to questions that while there is no way to confirm that Mengele is in Paraguay, she claimed she was told on the three-day trip that the Auschwitz doctor is still in the country. She would not say from whom or where this information was provided.

Klarsfeld, meanwhile, who last February went to Paraguay to press the search for Mengele, stressed that the most recent trip provides additional pressure on the Stroessner government to take action on Mengele. Last February, Klarsfeld told reporters in New York that she received assurances from Paraguayan officials that if they could locate Mengele, he would be deported. They said at that time, and again to members of the delegation last week, that Mengele could not be found.

Valero, the Brooklyn-based bishop, said he found government officials to be "very cordial" to the members of the delegation. He asserted that he went there with no preconceived judgement of Paraguay and was interested to find out where Mengele is living.

Rosensaft declared that he will "not be satisfied by mere lip service." He said he believed the investigation by the Interior Ministry will be comprehensive since there will be foreign observers monitoring it.

Exploring Dangers Of Tay-Sachs

by Susan Higgins

We are all carrying around 6 to 8 harmful recessive genes. Most of us will never have any reason to be concerned about this. But for a few of us, this genetic misprinting will translate into an agony of the worst kind. For some people this will mean helplessly watching a new baby son or daughter begin to blossom, only to deteriorate into a vegetative state and die before the age of five. Dr. Michael Sheff and Judith Rosenstein of the Tay-Sachs Detection and Prevention Program at Miriam Hospital want to see an end to this heartbreaking scenario known as Tay-Sachs disease.

Tay-Sachs disease strikes the most vulnerable members of the population and always kills its victims. This inherited disorder results in the complete destruction of the nervous system of infants. Recently medical researchers have identified the cause of this disease.

A Tay-Sachs child lacks a vital enzyme, hexosaminidase A (Hex A), necessary for breaking down certain fatty substances in the brain cells. Fatty materials (lipids) accumulate in these brain nerve cells, impairing its function and ultimately destroying the central nervous system.

Tay-Sachs babies appear vital and normal until about 6 months of age. As the disease begins to manifest itself general and rapid deterioration begins to occur. Once thriving, the child's development slows, then stops. Progressive mental retardation and loss of muscle control follow. The child loses all of his physical skills. He can't crawl or turn over. Eventually he loses his grasp, sight, ability to eat and to smile. The child will almost certainly die before he reaches his fourth birthday. No cure exists for this vicious killer; Tay-Sachs disease is always fatal.

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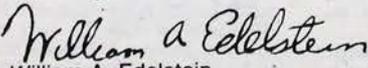
In accordance with labor law, the union employees of the Jewish Home for the Aged cannot strike without first giving management a ten (10) day written strike notice.

The Home has now received formal notification from the union that it is their intention to strike the Home as of **Tuesday, December 11, 1984** unless an agreement is reached.

Many of you have graciously committed times when you would volunteer at the Home prior to December 11, 1984. I now hope that you will be willing to volunteer your services from December 11, 1984 on.

Please contact Mrs. Bonnie Ryvicker, Volunteer Coordinator at the Home, 351-4750, and leave your name, address, telephone number and the days and hours that you will be available to help.

Once again, I thank you for your concern, participation and overwhelming support

Sincerely,

William A. Edelstein
Executive Director

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Local News

Temple Emanu-El's Concert

On Saturday evening, December 8th at 8 pm, Temple Emanu-El and its Sisterhood presents a Mitzvah Donor Concert, in support of Youth and Adult Services.

Featured in the program will be Susanne Katchko, Singer/Comedienne extraordinaire, and the Avodah Dance Ensemble, "a company devoted to enriching Jewish worship through modern dance."

In her "Jewish Music from Around the World," Susanne Katchko is an exciting performer whose programs feature Jewish music of diverse ethnic styles. As a trained singer and actress, her repertoire includes cantorial, American musical theater, and Russian popular songs. Well-known in the Boston area, she has performed in plays, musical comedies, as well as concerts of Jewish music.

The Avodah Dance Ensemble, founded in 1971 by Dr. JoAnne K. Tucker, its Director and Choreographer, began as a part-time professional dance company based in New York City. Movements and costumes are in the modern dance tradition of Martha Graham, under whom Dr. Tucker studied. Its repertoire now includes nine original dances, using characteristically Jewish movement to unite a series of dramatizations or moods.

Tucker's group of one man and four women — only one of whom is Jewish — performs "Sarah," based on the Biblical story of Abraham's wife; "I Never Saw Another Butterfly" from poems written by children in Nazi concentration camps during the Holocaust; and "Shevat Ahim Gam Yahad," based on the Biblical text: "Behold how good it is that brothers dwell together."

To date, Avodah has made more than 100 appearances in temples, Jewish community centers, and concert halls. Although she enjoys the concert hall, Dr. Tucker believes that Avodah's participation in worship services represents its distinctive contribution to Jewish renewal.



Susanne Katchko

The group has won a loyal and growing following, including a number of rabbis. Reform Temples have also permitted the dances to be staged as part of the worship service.

The complete program, which has been arranged through the JWB Lecture Bureau, will appeal to the entire family — from youngsters to teenagers and young adults; parents and grandparents alike.

The evening will include a Wine Intermission, followed by "dazzling desserts" and coffee. An early sell-out is anticipated, and advance reservations are suggested. Donor categories begin at \$12. Remaining seats may be purchased at the door, that evening.

For reservations and additional information, please call the Temple office at 331-1616.

Dora Getman To Speak On Soviet Jewry

The Annual Women's Pleas for Soviet Jews Program will be held on Friday, December 7 at the 8:15 p.m. services in the sanctuary of Tifereth Israel Synagogue, 145 Brownell Ave., New Bedford.

This year's program will feature speaker Dora Getman, a Soviet refugee who emigrated to Israel in 1973, having to leave her parents and brother behind in Leningrad. Mrs. Getman, who works for the Acquisitions Dept. of Tel Aviv University library, holds a Masters Degree in the English language from the University of Leningrad.

The Annual Women's Plea for Soviet Jews focuses on the plight of those Jews in the Soviet Union who are denied religious freedom or the right to emigrate.

New Bedford Mayor Brian J. Lawler will present a proclamation of Human Rights Day for Soviet Jews at the program. Locally resettled Soviet Jewish refugees will be honored as special guests.

The Women's Plea for Soviet Jews traditionally takes place at the time of the Chanukkah celebration, a holiday which symbolizes the fight for religious freedom.

There will be an Oneg Shabbat — Coffee Hour with a special Viennese pastry table following the program.

This program is free, open to the public, and sponsored by the Soviet Jewry Committee of the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Bedford, Inc., in conjunction with the local Jewish service organizations.

For further information, please contact the Jewish Federation at (617) 997-7471.

BBW To Rally For Soviet Jewry

B'nai B'rith Women of Rhode Island are sponsoring a rally on Dec. 2 in support of the Women's Plea for Soviet Jewry. The rally will take place at the Jewish Community Center, Elmgrove Avenue, Providence between 2-4 p.m. All members of the Jewish Community and their friends are urged to attend and lend their support to this important issue.

Jewish Home Women's Assoc. Holds Knit Sale

Hand knit sweaters, magnificent afghans and small boutique crocheted and knitted items for infants, children and adults will be featured at the annual Warwick Mall holiday knit sale by the Jewish Home for the Aged Women's Association. The sale will take place December 5 and 6 at the Mall and members of the Association will be present from morning until Mall closing time.

This is an opportunity to shop for unusual hand-crafted holiday gifts and to support special activity programs for residents of the Home as well.

Torat Yisrael Men's Club Meetings

The Temple Torat Yisrael Men's Club, 330 Park Avenue, Cranston, will meet on Tuesday, December 11 at 7:30 p.m. for a Board Meeting and on Sunday, December 16 for a breakfast meeting.

ANNOUNCING: CHANUKAH ESSAY CONTEST

The annual Chanukah essay contest is now underway, with a deadline of December 11 at noon. Last year, as well as this year, three winners will be chosen and they will have their essays reprinted in the *Herald* and receive two free passes to the Garden City Cinema in Cranston.

This year, the theme of the contest is: **How Can We Keep the Spirit of Chanukah Alive Today?**

Please keep your essays to a maximum of two typed-pages in length. Neatly printed essays are accepted, too.

Send all essays to: Essay Contest, R.I. Herald, 99 Webster St., Pawtucket, R.I. 02861, before the deadline of December 11.

Mark Simon Co-Produces Off-Broadway Play



Mark Simon, Co-producer of *Total Eclipse*

Mark Simon, formerly of Providence, will be co-producing an off-Broadway play at the Westside Arts Theatre (407 West 43rd Street, New York City) entitled *Total Eclipse*.

The play, which began rehearsals in October, will open on December 13.

Mark Simon came to New York in 1977 and has worked in various aspects of the theatrical community, always working towards his goal of producing plays. Most recently, Simon served as the Administrative Director of the Alliance of Resident Theatre/New York, the trade association of New York's non-profit theatres, for the past three years. He has also worked as Development Director for the Harold Clurman Theatre and as the Business Associate for the Manhattan Theatre Club.

Total Eclipse, set in Paris at the beginning of the late 19th century, tells the story of the destructive and passionate relationship of French poets Paul Verlaine, Arthur Rimbaud and Mathilde, Verlaine's wife, who was caught in the web of their artistic obsessions.

Mark Simon is co-producing the play with Charles P. Kopelman and Gary P. Steuer who have formed a collective company known as The Producers Collaborative.

Israel Travellers Honored

The Bureau of Jewish Education will honor students and teachers who have travelled to Israel over the past year under the Bureau's aegis. At Temple Torat Yisrael, on Friday evening, November 30 at 8:00 p.m., a special Shabbat service will welcome back the Israel travellers.

The service, with Rabbi David Rosen and Cantor Stephen Freedman, will include "Reflections on Israel" by two of the students; the service will also incorporate selected readings and music on the theme of Israel. William Melzer, Chairman, of the Bureau's Israel Travel/Study Committee will bring greetings of the Bureau.

Those who will be honored and their trips are: Robert Allen, Matthew Brier, Beth Fine, Ilya Friedman: **High School in Israel**; Leslie Freedman, Susan Gold, Erica Kamin, Michael Kaufman, Denise Missry, Allison Page: **Ramah**; Marjorie Ingall: **Ramah Seminar**; Jeffrey Josephson, Laurie Strauss: **Let's Go Israel**; Patricia Kaplan: **NFTY**; Linda Segal: **Yad Vashern Summer Institute**; Barbara Zenofsky: **Hebrew University Melton Teachers' Institute**.

The community is cordially invited to this special Welcome Back Service. A festive Oneg Shabbat will follow.

Parents Of Americans In Israel Plan Meeting

The next meeting of the Association of Parents of Americans in Israel will be held on Sunday, December 2 at 2:00 p.m. in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Shapiro, 178 Hemlock St., Fall River, Massachusetts (617-674-1024). All parents who have children living or studying in Israel are invited to attend. For further information, call Seymour Krieger, 351-2139.

First Amendment Series Forum December 6

The third program in the series "Your Stake in the First Amendment" entitled "The Clergy and the First Amendment" will be held at Temple Beth Am-Beth David in Warwick on Thursday night, December 6 at 7:45 p.m. It will address the role of the Religious Communities in a Pluralistic Society and will focus on such issues as prayer in school, equal access, tuition tax credits and the use or sponsorship of religious symbols by governmental agencies. The speakers include:

Father Roger M. Fortin representing the Catholic Church. Pastor John Cooper, President of R.I. Association of Evangelical Churches, representing the Evangelist position. Rabbi Shmuel Singer of Congregation Beth Shalom representing the Orthodox Jewish position. Rev. Richard Brown, Executive Minister from the Council of Churches, representing the Protestant viewpoint. Rabbi Lawrence Silverman of Temple Beth-El, representing the Reform Jewish position.

The program will be moderated by Professor Burton Fischman and will include time for the audience to question the panelists.

The first forum in the series was entitled "The Court and the First Amendment." It was attended by well over 350 people and Judge Raymond J. Pettine's speech received front page coverage and resulted in a Journal editorial.

The second session "Congress and the First Amendment" will take place Friday evening, November 30 at Temple Beth-El and feature Connecticut Congressman Sam Gejdesen.

The series is sponsored by: Social Concerns Committee, Temple Emanu-El; Domestic Affairs Task Force, Community Relations Council, J.F.R.L.; ADL-B'nai B'rith; National Council of Jewish Women, Providence Section; Providence Chapter Hadassah; Temple Beth-El; Temple Beth Am-Beth David.

Narragansett Electric Company Announces Scholarship

Narragansett Electric Company in cooperation with the Thomas Alva Edison Foundation and the Max McGraw Foundation, announced plans recently for the Fifth Annual International Edison/McGraw Scholarship Program.

The program is open to all high school students in public, private and parochial schools throughout the world. Twelve outstanding students will be recognized based upon their interest in pursuing careers in science or engineering and who demonstrate the creativity and ingenuity of inventors Thomas Edison and Max McGraw.

Two grand award scholars will receive \$5,000 each plus an all expense paid trip to the Edison Science and Engineering Youth Day program in Taipei, Taiwan.

Teachers of the grand award scholars will receive an all expense paid trip to the National Science Teachers Association annual convention in April 1985.

Applicants will be screened by a panel of professional educators who will submit a list of 25 finalists to a national panel of judges. The national panel will interview the finalists and select the winning scholars.

There is no formal entry form for the scholarship program. Interested individuals should submit the following information, typed in standard English, on 8 1/2 x 11" paper: a cover sheet with the title of the entry, the student's name, home address, home telephone number, teacher/sponsor's name, name of school, school address, school telephone number and grade in school; a proposal not to exceed 1,000 words or five pages, which may be an abstract of an already completed project or an idea which deals with a practical application in the fields of science or engineering; and a letter of recommendation from the student's teacher/sponsor which indicates how the student best exemplifies the creativity and ingenuity of Edison and McGraw.

Entries must be postmarked no later than December 1, 1984 to: Edison/McGraw Scholarship Program, c/o Dr. Robert Dean, P.O. Box 80953, San Diego, CA 92138.

The 25 finalists will be notified of their selection in January 1985. All scholarship winners will receive their awards upon graduation.

For additional information call Paulette Montpetit at Narragansett Electric, (401) 941-1400, extension 2406.

Hava Nirkoda At Emanu-El

Temple Emanu-El is presenting "Hava Nirkoda" a Festival of Israeli dance and song on December 16 at 2:30 p.m. The dance groups, which will participate in the performance, comprise a lively

cross-section of the Providence Jewish community, ranging from the preschool to the Leisure Club of Temple Emanu-El, and including every age in between.

Other groups scheduled to perform include: The Harry Elkin Midrasha, the Solomon Schechter Day School, the Providence Hebrew Day School, the Adult Institute Dancers, and Brown University Israeli Folk Dancers.

"Hava Nirkoda" is being coordinated by Rabbi Dan Liben of Temple Emanu-El, who is a veteran Israeli folk dancer and teacher.

Admission will be free and open to the public. For information, call Rabbi Liben, 331-1616.



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From The Editor

Alternative Gift Ideas For Holidays

by Robert Israel

The holiday shopping season gets ushered in with the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. The innocent looking floats, representing cartoon characters, are really only shells for the real sting which follows: Santa Claus, his arms laden with gift-wrapped presents, being pulled in his sleigh into Herald Square by none other than the Rockettes.

Succumbing to this barrage of merchandising can be avoided, however, by Jew and Gentile alike simply by seizing the opportunity to express warmth and consideration — which needn't include purchasing material gifts — to others.

There is, of course, temptation to do otherwise. When that temptation grabs hold of you, here are a couple suggestions:

- Since it is advisable to stay close to the true spirit of Chanukah, give a present of gelt (money) to the charity of your choice and let the recipient of the gift know about it (that is, if they don't need the money themselves). This year, I intend to give presents of tickets to a concert to benefit agencies working toward freezing the nuclear arms race that will take place at Brown University on December 2. The concert will feature the International String Quartet and WGBH's Robert J. Lurtsema. (An announcement appears in this week's *Herald*.) There is no end to possibilities in this realm. If we truly observe each one of the eight nights of Chanukah, surely one of these nights can be devoted to tzedakah.

- There are a number of fascinating and educational gifts available for both children and adults from the Department of Sales and Customer Service of the Board of Jewish Education, 426 West 58th Street, New York, NY, 10019. Among the selections for children: audiovisuals, records and cassettes on themes ranging from the story of Chanukah, recipes for the season, a "Hebrew Alphabet Alligator" which aid in the learning of Hebrew, puzzles and story books. For adults, one gift is a Jewish manuscript calendar which features reproductions of 14th and 15th century illuminated manuscripts. Because we are now observing Jewish Book Month, now is the time to consider adding to one's library and enriching one's life.

- As we approach Chanukah, with its theme of the fight for freedom, it is appropriate to consider the lives of others everywhere, not only in our own community, but abroad.

According to the Associated Press,

the cumulative effects of a five-year drought in Eritrea and the northern provinces of Ethiopia threaten the lives of between four million and six million people. Most of the region is under guerilla control, including most of the areas where the famine is most severe. Between 60 to 80 percent of the starving are in rural areas where government sponsored relief operations do not reach.

The United Nations has tried to get through to the worst areas, but because of the fighting, much of the relief has not been delivered. What is needed, desperately, in addition to continuing aid, is safe passage of relief supplies under neutral international supervision to all the hungry across the combat lines by airlift and truck.

One agency that is aiding famine victims in the contested areas of Eritrea and northern Ethiopia is the Grassroots International. Donations can be sent to P.O. Box 312, Cambridge, Mass., 02139. Other agencies include Oxfam America (617-482-1211), Save the Children, (800-851-2500) and UNICEF (212-686-5522).

Besides the current crisis in Ethiopia, there is an on-going crisis in the Soviet Union regarding Soviet Jews. The B'nai B'rith Women are planning a rally in support of Soviet Jewry on Human Rights Day, December 2. Showing your support merely requires you to show up and participate and learn of ways that you can add your voice to those who have already spoken against the oppression that exists in the USSR.

- There are many agencies presently collecting toys and other supplies for needy children and adults in this country and abroad. On one of the nights of Chanukah, give a gift a needy person and brighten their holiday. One suggestion is to give to the Chanukah/Christmas party for Central America at URI on December 9 at the Catholic Center from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. This effort seeks to gather contributions of medical/surgical, school, and other supplies for refugee camps in Nicaragua and Honduras. For more information, call 792-2324.

I have written many times about the need for community unity — individuals within this community to come forth and assist one another in this country and in every country in the world where help is needed — as there are so many incidents that arise and call out: now is the time, not tomorrow, but today.

Make Day School Education Free

by Menachem Raab

Sociologists paint a gloomy picture about the future of the Jewish community in America. In spite of their foreboding black visions, the organized Jewish community is not prepared psychologically, emotionally or financially to recognize that if there is any hope for Jewish survival it is only in intensive Jewish education.

This is probably the biggest problem facing day schools in the next decade. While they have been able to gain the recognition they deserve for the distinguished work they have done, they have not been successful in obtaining the financial support they require.

As educational costs spiral upward, the burden of the private education becomes unbearable for many parents. As public schools costs go up, taxes are raised to meet the new needs. The day schools, however, have no way of imposing a tax on the Jewish community. The options they have are limited and nearly totally voluntary. These schools depend on three major sources of income. First and foremost is tuition. Then come local fundraising efforts and community funds allocated through Federations.

Let us examine these sources — first, tuition. Tuition in a day school has always been a burden on the parent who is doubly taxed — for the public school he does not use and the day school. And as the cost of education escalates and tuition fees become higher, more and more parents find that day school education has outpriced itself for them. While some apply for scholarships or tuition allowances, financial help is not always forthcoming. Furthermore, many parents have too much pride to ask for scholarships. The parent who is determined to get a day school education for his child will swallow pride. The peripheral parent who wants this kind of education but can live without it, will not ask for help and will send his child to the free public school — a terrible loss to the Jewish community.

Fundraising is becoming ever more difficult. There are so many causes vying for the limited dollar of the philanthropist that the day school finds it increasingly more arduous to keep raising the same sums annually, not to speak of increasing income from contributions. The Federations are encountering the same formidable obstacles.

If one projects this problem into the future he can envision an enormous conflict in the Jewish community which endangers its very survival. The schools will not be able to remain solvent without stronger community aid. We will be losing tens of thousands of Jewish children because the communities are not worrying about how they are to get their Jewish education. We abandon them because we do not see education as a number one priority. Yet, our very existence depends on this education. From the days of Shimeon ben Shetach, Jewish education has been the unalienable right of every Jewish child, whether he could afford it or not. It must continue to be so.

Instead of greater demands by Federations to increase the tuitions or to charge the actual cost of education, the policy should be reversed. Tuitions should be reduced and Jewish schooling should become public Jewish education. This should be priority number one in the Jewish community or else the day school will become the inheritance of the elite.

Jewish education should be free to Jewish children regardless of their ability to pay. Jewish families fortunate enough to have the means should be asked to support Jewish education as a philanthropic effort. Tuition, however, should not be charged. In short, the Jewish academic institutions should be Jewish public schools for all children. If this should happen, we would not have to bemoan the low enrollment figures in Jewish schools.

It was encouraging to learn that at a recent General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations, President Martin Citrin said that Jewish education is the first priority on the Federation agenda. "Without Jewish education, there is no Jewish people. Our last bulwark against assimilation, our best nourishment for healthy Federations and healthy Jewish communities is Jewish education." He asked, "What would it mean, if we could provide a free Jewish education for all Jewish children and adults?" It is good to begin to hear this kind of creative thinking among the Federation leadership.

But let us assume the parents' financial burden will be eased. There still remains

the second critical problem — the lack of qualified professional personnel.

The teaching profession, in general, has lost its glamour and charisma. How much more so is this true in Jewish education? There are all too few full time positions available in Jewish education. Only in some day schools, where the Jewish studies schedule is staggered, can a teacher be offered a full time position. Unfortunately, even then, the salary is so meager that only teachers who have no alternative remain in the field and do not seek other means of employment. It can almost be said tragically if someone stays in Jewish education, there must be something wrong with him and one should not entrust a child to his care.

To be sure, there are still a few dedicated, loyal, sacrificing, outstanding teachers in our day schools. They have been sustaining the system til now, but their numbers are diminishing and they can no longer carry the entire burden. The result has been that the day school has become the purview of women who teach in order to supplement the family income or who find this field easy to enter without much prior training.

It is incumbent upon the Jewish community to respond to the crisis of untrained, unqualified teachers. First, the position must be made more palatable. Better salaries must be paid. Greater security must be provided.

The Jewish community must raise the social status of the educator. A special effort should be made to offer educational personnel special privileges in Jewish religious, cultural and educational institutions such as reduction in fees or complimentary memberships. Jewish business establishments should be encouraged to offer discounts to educational personnel. The community should be inspired to befriend the teachers and invite them to its social circles.

Too many schools do not know what their goals are. Too many schools try to be everything to every parent so that they do not develop a *weltanschauung* of their own. They "hire" teachers and give them a text with instructions "to teach it" and leave it at that. Teachers come and go and the school goes on and on.

What happens to these students? They never develop an appreciation for what they are taught for they are never taught what they are to appreciate. Very few schools try to inspire. Very few schools take a stand against complaining parents in favor of commitment to Jewish principles. The administration is afraid to antagonize parents lest they remove their children from the school. "Every child is precious and we do not want to lose a single student."

In spite of all the problems of the Jewish day school it is the best education a Jewish child can get today.

Jewish leaders must make this education accessible to all, and they must help it reach the highest quality attainable.

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Letters To The Editor



To the Editor:

Received my Nov. 23, 1984 issue this p.m. Noted Pres. Edward D. Feldstein's (Pres. of Temple Emanu-El) reply to the letter of Cantor Stephen Freedman (Temple Torat Yisr') re the scheduling of three important events, by three organizations, on the same evening.

And then I read the rest of my mail (*Herald* first). It included: in the same *Herald*:

Rummage Sale, Dec. 4 — Cranston Hadassah.

Rummage Sale, Dec. 5 & 6 — Sisterhood Torat Yisrael Temple Bulletin.

Rummage Sale, Dec. 12 & 13 — Sisterhood Beth Am-Beth David Temple Bulletin.

True, they're not on the same date, and my wife and/or I, belong to all three, but I offer no comment.

Jack Smith
Cantor Emeritus
Temple Torat Yisrael

Failure Of U.S. Human Rights Policies

by Robert Healy

The United States government had branded her and her associates terrorists. It had refused entry visas to all but her.

Her name is Emelina Panameno de Garcia. Rev. Patrick Rice, who works for human rights in Argentina and who brought her to the United States, called her "Alicia." On her black frock she wore a small flower; her leg was bandaged and behind the dark-rimmed glasses were piercing brown eyes.

In less than 10 minutes, speaking through a translator at Georgetown University's Gaston Hall last week, she addressed all that is wrong with U.S. human rights policies.

Alicia was a member of Co-Madres in El Salvador, a committee of mothers whose family members had been jailed, kidnapped, killed and held prisoners in El Salvador. Their principal sponsor was Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero, who was assassinated in a death squad attack in 1980. The right-wing leader Roberto D'Aubuisson, a former candidate for president in El Salvador, has been implicated in planning the murder.

Fr. Rice told of the Co-Madres activities in El Salvador. They demonstrate, they march at churches and in front of government buildings, and they remind all who watch them of the human rights problems there. They are a human rights conscience. For that, the State Department has called them terrorists, too dangerous to enter this country.

The Co-Madres have taken political positions, but as one source said, "If they had done anything wrong they would be in jail."

Alicia was in Washington to receive the Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Award.

She said the organization of mothers was founded in 1977 to demand freedom for political prisoners and to learn their whereabouts. The Kennedy award was very important, she said, "especially for the orphans of El Salvador."

Then she told her own story: her 14-year-old son had been taken from his catechism classes by a death squad in 1978; in 1981, a squad of eight men entered her home, tortured her and raped her "with savagery." She said that after she was "beaten over parts of my body,

they inserted the butt of a rifle into my vagina." She said they then turned to her 12-year-old daughter, "tore her clothes off and threw her on the bed." She said there came a knock on the door which diverted the attention of the squad and her daughter ran out into the streets where her neighbors protected her. The daughter was "fortunate to get out alive."

She spoke of the vigils the mothers organized and the 10,000 people they brought together to march on November 5. She concluded: "Thank you for the opportunity to say these humble words."

The four empty chairs on the stage of the hall were for those who had been denied visas by the State Department. The State Department said that the women had been found ineligible under the immigration law, "which prohibits the issuance of visas to people who advocate the use of violence."

The embassy in San Salvador had agreed to waive the ineligibility, but it was learned from a source that at the last minute the State Department refused to admit the women. A spokesman, John Hughes, said: "These decisions have not prevented the presentation in the United States of a full range of political positions espoused by the organizations of which the various applicants are members."

Alicia, who had been working with Fr. Rice in Argentina in an umbrella organization of mothers of political victims in 18 Latin American countries, was admitted, according to a source, because she had not been in El Salvador for almost two years.

All around in government it was denied that keeping the four other women out of the country had anything to do with the Robert F. Kennedy award.

But Kennedy's words in South Africa in 1966 ring true for the mothers as well as for the blacks of South Africa:

"... Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples build a current that can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance."

Reprinted from the Boston Globe.

Israel Aims At Equality Of Sexes

The Israeli Ministry of Education, well aware of sex bias in attitudes toward work skills, is now engaged in a campaign to encourage young women to enter technological fields such as electronics, computer skills, automation and control, robotics, and data processing. A competition in technical aptitude was held recently at ORT's advanced Syngalowski Center, near Tel Aviv. This was announced by Gertrude S. White, National President of Women's American ORT, at the organization's headquarters in New York City.

Mrs. White said that some 120 young women, from all parts of Israel, competed in eight technological subjects at the Syngalowski Center under the aegis of the Ministry of Education's Department of Technological Education. Results of the testing gave high positions to ORT students: first place went to Yael Lapid, from the ORT Kiryat Bialik Comprehensive High School; Fabiana Privot, from ORT's Lvovitch Center in Netanya, was runner up.

Mrs. White said that the definition of a particular skill as "mannish" or "womanish" is based entirely on such factors as society, era and geographical location. There is no reason why women, as well as men, should not enter technological fields. This new, equalizing trend, she observed, is increasing rapidly in industrialized countries, where many high positions in technology are now occupied by women.

Mrs. White said that societal and familial attitudes are often crucial in determining careers for young women. There is a vital need, she stated, to change many of the prevailing attitudes that place a gap between the sexes in relation to work skills, since the demand for workers with sophisticated and advanced technological knowledge is becoming greater with every passing day.

Mrs. White quoted Chaim Geron, principal of the ORT Syngalowski Center: "Women's brains are not geared for math," is a comment I often hear from young female students who apply to our school," he says. "Indeed, the percentage of young female students here is quite low, although psychology and sociology demonstrate be-

yond a doubt that there are no objective differences in the abilities of the sexes. It is simply a matter of attitudes and interests. Defining skills as 'male' or 'female' is a prejudice, just as it is biased to say that men are more capable than women in certain fields."

Mrs. White said that ORT-Israel, the leading vocational and technical education network in the country and ORT's largest single program, aims to champion the equality of the sexes in relation to careers, so that in the future, males and females, starting from early childhood at home and in school, will be raised on an equal basis.

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. Today, the international ORT network is comprised of some 800 vocational and technical schools located in twenty countries on five continents with an annual student enrollment in excess of 100,000, 75,000 of whom study in Israel. The Bramson ORT Technical Institute in New York City, ORT's recent entry into the Jewish Day School movement in Florida and the forthcoming Los Angeles ORT Technical Institute (LAOTI) are bringing ORT's expertise to the American scene. Women's American ORT, founded in 1927, is the largest of membership organizations in 40 nations which support the global ORT program.

Jews Ignore Plight Of Homeless

(JTA) — A Conservative rabbi has asserted that he has found many Jews "unsympathetic and unsupportive" concerning the plight of poor and homeless Jews, feeling "these unfortunates should go to the designated social service agencies, both Jewish and secular."

Rabbi Barry Schwartz, spiritual leader of B'nai Sholom in Rockville Centre, N.Y., made the charge in a recent issue of his synagogue bulletin, declaring that the "rapidly growing problem" of homelessness has emerged "as a major

societal tragedy."

He added "there is also a frightening number of Jews all over America and especially in New York City who are poor and homeless. Many of these homeless suffer severe illness and are in desperate need of assistance." He charged that, "to date, society's response is simply putting a temporary dressing on what has become a large festering wound."

Rabbi Schwartz wrote that when poor and homeless Jews come to his synagogue, he does what he can for them in response

to their requests for money, food and shelter. He also refers them to social service agencies, he reported "and they do go and they do receive some assistance but the public shelters provided for these homeless are rat-infested and barely habitable."

He said that while he was not suggesting that his synagogue become a shelter house for such Jews, "although that would not be alien to the concepts of the Torah," he was suggesting more understanding of poverty and homelessness among Jews.

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Devar Torah

by Chaim Casper
URI - Hillel

One of the consequences of living in a pluralistic society is that simple day to day meetings can become sources of deep seated conflict between members of the same community. These are the "horror stories" we often hear, where one side is appalled at the approach of the other side.

What are the answers to these situations? As in all human encounters, there are no easy answers. Rather, there can only be an honest attempt to try to understand both sides. And through understanding can come action to make our encounters more compatible.

Therefore, I offer the following "Jewish Sensitivity Quiz." All situations come from real life situations. Their universality makes it probably that the reader has heard of the case or a similar one to it. However, the reader may not have had a chance to react. If any of these incidences happen to you, what would you have done?

1. A Traditional Conservative rabbi is hired by a synagogue as its spiritual leader. At the time of his employment, the synagogue lay leadership had Traditional sympathies. Within the ensuing three years, the original lay leadership is replaced with a more liberally minded set of officers who urge the rabbi to accept concepts "more in tune with the times." He says "no." The Board of Directors, upon recommendation of the Executive Committee, votes not to renew his contract. A group of the rabbi's supporters call for a general membership meeting to vote on the issue. The rabbi loses the vote by six votes out of over 500 cast, and is not rehired for the following year.

Who acted improperly and why?

A. The rabbi for not acceding to the wishes of the new leadership and/or not properly "scouting out" the synagogue before accepting the position;

B. The original synagogue leadership for leaving the rabbi in midstream;

C. The new synagogue leadership for not being more sympathetic to the rabbi;

D. The synagogue membership for not supporting the rabbi;

E. All of the above or any combination thereof;

F. None of the above.

2. A woman calls the local Hillel director and asks him for the name of a local mohel (ritual circumciser). After a couple minutes of discussion, it becomes known that the woman is non-Jewish having never undergone any conversion ceremony. The rabbi explains to her that since she is not Jewish, her son is not Jewish and therefore he does not need the services of a mohel. "What do you mean?" asks the woman incredulously. "Your predecessor told me that if I felt I was Jewish, I and my child would be Jewish!"

Who acted improperly and why?

A. The first rabbi for acting outside of Halakha (Jewish law)

B. The mother for believing the first rabbi and for not checking further.

C. The second rabbi for being dogmatic and not more understanding of current realities.

D. All of the above?

E. None of the above?

3. At a Bar Mitzvah ceremony, a female member of the extended family (who is wearing a low cut blouse) steps forward to accept an *aliyah*. As she arrives at the *bimah*, she is met there by the rabbi who sends her back to her seat. He walks up to the podium and says, "As a sign of respect, women should not accept *aliyah* if they are dressed in this manner."

Who acted improperly and why?

A. The woman for her choice of clothing?

B. The rabbi for sending her back?

C. The synagogue's ritual committee for allowing to give women *aliyot* (without any guidelines)?

D. The family for giving her an *aliyah*?

E. All of the above?

F. None of the above?

4. A local kosher caterer, extremely successful in his profession, is under the supervision of the local Board of Kashruth. Part of the terms of supervision require that the caterer pay a set fee to the Board of Kashruth (to cover their expenses). The caterer gets behind in his payments, building up a \$3,000 bill. The Board calls the caterer and tells him they want a down payment immediately. The caterer sends them a check for \$150 which bounces. The Board then sends the caterer a certified letter saying that they want a certified check for the whole \$3,000 or else they will withdraw their hashgacha (supervision). The caterer responds by taking out a full page ad in the local Jewish newspaper saying that because of the "money grabbing rabbis," he was ceasing to be kosher and would henceforth serve Jewish style food. Six months later he goes out of business due to a lack of business.

Who acted improperly and why?

A. The caterer for not paying his supervision bill on a regular schedule and/or for ceasing to be kosher;

B. The Board of Kashruth for letting him get behind in his payment and/or for insisting on payment;

C. The local community for not taking the initiative to try and arbitrate the dispute between the two and/or for stopping to patronize him once he ceased to be kosher;

D. All of the above;

E. None of the above?

5. A girl goes to a Jewish Day School through grade 3. Her family moves to a new community where there is no day school, only a Hebrew School attached to the local synagogue. She is enrolled in the school for one day, which is long enough for her and her parents to determine she is far advanced beyond the capabilities of her peers. The parents take her out of the school with no continuing Jewish education. Two years later, when making arrangements for the girl's Bat Mitzvah ceremony, the synagogue's Board says she

cannot have a Bat Mitzvah ceremony in the synagogue because she is not a Hebrew school graduate. After a loud protest is heard in the community over this incident, the synagogue Board agrees to have the rabbi draft an equivalency test for the girl to take to determine if her education background is on a par with the Hebrew School graduates. The girl fails the test claiming that it is too hard and too advanced for even her peers (or anyone else in the community for that matter) to pass. The rabbi claims all graduates of the school could pass the test.

Who acted improperly and why?

A. The girl's parents for moving her to a community with no day school;

B. The Hebrew School Board for not providing the girl with an appropriate educational opportunity;

C. The Synagogue Board for insisting that all Bar/Bat Mitzvah candidates must be graduates of the Hebrew school if they are to celebrate that ceremony at the synagogue;

D. The rabbi for drafting an unfair test;

E. The girl for wanting it both ways — no Hebrew school, yes Bat Mitzvah;

F. All of the above;

G. None of the above.

In cases above, it is clear that the Jewish community is a meeting place for converging ideas. What is our response to these different ideas? Do we say, "Let's have a big fight and solve this now," or do we say, "we have different concerns — how can we reflect both concerns?" Only by trying to understand the concerns of our neighbors and peers can we hope to

help them express their concerns while still being true to our needs. Only through this mutual expression of goals will we succeed in opening up our community and enabling as many of our members as possible to participate. It is a goal worth trying for.

USY Plans Study Weekend

The New England Region, United Synagogue of America, for the third time will repeat its successful and popular study weekend Thursday evening through lunch Sunday, December 13-16.

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A shabbat weekend of study and relaxation will follow, led by Dr. Morton K. Siegel, director of the Department of Education, United Synagogue and chairman of its Commission on Jewish Education who will be the Kallah scholar-in-resident.

For information, call the United Synagogue office (617) 698-0085.

Chicago Federation Contributes \$25,000 To Ethiopian Famine Victims

(JTA) — The Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago made a \$25,000 contribution last week to assist in the worldwide efforts to aid the victims of the famine in Ethiopia.

This \$25,000 along with any contributions for Ethiopian relief which individual members of the Chicago Jewish community or others may send to the Federation, will be sent to Ethiopia through the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

As in similar past crisis — in Cambodia in 1980; in Italy in 1981 and in Lebanon in 1982 — the JDC relief efforts will be coordinated with those of the Catholic, Protestant and nonsectarian agencies providing humanitarian assistance for the victims of famine in Ethiopia.

During the past year, JDC has been working in Ethiopia to help develop health services in the Gondar province. Now, the government of Ethiopia has asked JDC and other voluntary agencies for help in the famine relief effort and the Jewish community in Chicago and other American communities are urgently seeking the most effective way to respond to this human crisis.

Expression Of Tzedakah

Chicago Jewish Federation President

Charles Goodman declared that "the \$25,000 which our Federation has voted to send to Ethiopia is one more expression of our commitment to the Jewish tradition of helping all who are in need without regard to religion, race, or nationality. In the Jewish Tradition, there is no word for charity. The Hebrew word is Tzedakah — which translates as righteousness and justice.

"We think it only right and just that those who have food be as generous as possible in saving victims of the famine which now is rampant throughout Africa and is particularly acute in Ethiopia. We ask that members of the Chicago community who wish to send individual contributions to this most important cause make out their checks to the Joint Distribution Committee and send them to the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago, One South Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606, Room 721."

Since last February, the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council has stressed the need for greater U.S. help for Ethiopia and other drought-stricken African countries. The NJCRAC engaged in advocacy efforts on behalf of the \$150 million African Emergency Food Aid Bill which has since passed the Congress.

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JWV Opposes Religious Symbols On Public Property

In a letter to Russell E. Dickenson, National Park Service Director, Samuel Greenberg, National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A., voiced his dismay at the Park Service's proposed inclusion of a nativity scene in the federally sponsored Christmas Pageant of Peace. National Commander Greenberg stated that the JWV of the U.S.A. has a long standing policy of opposing government sponsored religious activity and finds the proposed inclusion of a creche in a federally sponsored presentation unacceptable. In his letter, National Commander Greenberg wrote, "We must not forget the principles of religious freedom on which this country was founded. This religious freedom embraced the ideal of the separation of church and state, an ideal which has been proudly upheld by so many."

National Commander Greenberg continued, "This country can only thrive if we continue to hold fast to the wisdom willed to us by our Founding Fathers who incorporated, into our Constitution, the basic principle of church-state separation. We cannot begin to violate those long cherished truths by erecting what some Ameri-

cans regard as a religious and holy symbol on public property."

Mr. Greenberg, National Commander of the oldest active veterans' group in this country, urged the National Park Service to reconsider its proposed plan and to remove, from their display, any overt religious symbols.

Hadassah Rummage Sale

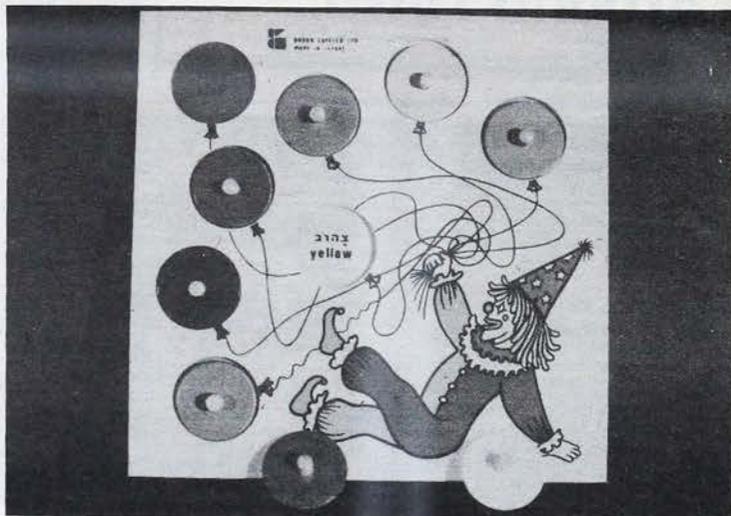
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Around Town

by Dorothea Snyder



"There's some confusion as to who we are within the Jewish community," says Maxine Richman, who chaired the S.A.G.E. concert last week.

"Let me explain. In August 1983 Rabbi Leslie Gutterman called our agency at Jewish Family Service and asked if anyone of us who work with Jewish elderly in Rhode Island had ever met together to talk about our ideas, concerns and to brainstorm in general.

"We thought it was a superb idea. We invited professional people within the state who work with Jewish elderly to a meeting at our agency where Rabbi Gutterman could throw out this whole concept of our meeting together. Representatives came from the Bureau of Jewish Education, Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family Service, Jewish Home for the Aged, Leisure Club of Temple Emanu-El, Shalom Apartments and Temple Torat Yisrael Mealsite.

"The response was incredible. We worked together before on the telephone. We commonly worked with certain clients and yet some of us had never met face to face with each other. We thought it was a superb idea. We decided to meet monthly, alternating at all seven agencies to share our ideas and concerns about our Jewish elderly. We decided to call ourselves S.A.G.E. which stands for Senior Adult Group Educators."

Maxine, acting as spokeswoman, says, "Our focus was to educate ourselves about community services so that we could better enhance the quality of life of our Jewish clients. A key idea was to bring centralized programming to them. We started with an annual program idea last Spring when we held a concert program. So many of these people are old and frail.



Once they were able to circulate and see people and enjoy some kind of quality of life. Now they live either in a nursing home or live a very isolated life in their own houses or apartments."

A week ago Tuesday S.A.G.E. sponsored its second concert featuring the zippy "Seniors In The Pink" at Temple Beth El. "By bringing people together like this, it makes them feel real special. That's what we have been doing since we started."

S.A.G.E. consists of 15 who are social workers, directors of volunteers, housing managers, activities and day care directors, she says. "It's a way of showing we really care about our elderly populations. So often they are neglected. I'm proud to say our Jewish community here in Rhode Island feels committed to enhancing the quality of life of our elderly Jewish people. I've worked all over and many other groups and organizations do not have the type of programming we have."

Speaking with Maxine almost a week after S.A.G.E.'s second concert, she is elated. "The high continues as I speak to our elderly clients today. The fact we did something special will keep them going for weeks. You know, I wasn't sure up to the morning of the concert that one of my clients who is in her late seventies and who has Parkinson's Disease was going to attend.

"I asked a volunteer who lives out in Warwick to pick her up. Not only did she come, but the volunteer told me that she was talkative, thrilled and happy to be out of the house. During the concert, she was singing to herself. The volunteer said to me, 'Don't thank me. I can't tell you what it did for me and how special I felt that I could help her out.'

"Another of my clients is an elderly couple who live very isolated and independent. He rarely gets out of bed. When I saw them, they looked so beautiful. The gentleman walked in wearing the suit he had bought for his grandson's Bar Mitzvah. She wore a brand new coat. Her comment to me was that they have a closet full of clothes with no place to go.

"It just makes them feel so special," Maxine continues. "One volunteer couldn't get over the reunions and how one woman at the concert was running into people she knew, exclaiming how she hadn't seen this one and that one in 20 years. That's what we're looking for. The renewal of friendships with the hope that perhaps from that day on, the friendships will resume and continue even by way of the telephone."

Debbie Prinz is a social worker at Jewish Family Service. Sitting with



Good To See Old Friends



Maxine and me, she related how S.A.G.E. took special pains in making the Social Hall at Temple Beth El look beautiful. "We wanted everything to be perfect — fresh cut flowers and greens. Lovely desserts. We wanted it to be extremely beautiful so that everyone could sit there and say that something special with so much care was put into it for us. We were told that they felt as if they were at a wedding or a Bar Mitzvah."

Debbie also said how last Spring at S.A.G.E.'s first concert a very tender reunion took place. "Two elderly clients bonded in friendship previously lived in the same housing for elderly. What happened was that one had fallen and subsequently became a resident of the Jewish Home. They had no way to see each other.

"I arranged it with the Home and a volunteer that both could come to the concert to have this reunion. When they saw each other, we all had tears in our eyes. They cried. We cried. They hadn't seen each other in over a year and didn't know when they'd see each other again. They haven't seen each other since that day.

"It was just so moving. Here were two people who had been friends for 10 years and all of a sudden it was taken away from them. They could talk on the phone, but it wasn't the same kind of impact. It was so moving. To me," she says, "it made the whole day worthwhile. These ladies showed so much emotion. One of them is over 90. The other is in her eighties. Both are frail. They sat together and had a

wonderful afternoon. They couldn't thank us enough."

Maxine and Debbie look to the Spring when another social event will be held. The fact that it is four or five months away makes no difference to their clients they say. "That will keep them going from now to then knowing they have something to look forward to, their friends to see and the reunions that will take place again."

S.A.G.E. hopes, according to Maxine, that future funding will enable the group to reach out to the Jewish population in Woonsocket and Newport and truly be statewide.

An evaluation sheet was left on the tables last week querying the guests at the concert what their likes are, what kind of programs do they want, what improvements can be made, and would they like to come again.

This story should end with the appreciative comments so wonderfully expressed to S.A.G.E. In essence, it is not the end, but the realization of what is yet to come.

The comments are: "Would like to have more of these social affairs for us. It was delightful." "I think it is just wonderful of all of you to be committed to taking time to entertain us." "Loved every minute of the show." "Entertainment superb." "As a newcomer to Rhode Island from New York now living at Shalom Apartments, I was delighted with the concert today. Thanks very much." "Terrific!" "I loved it."

And then there was this last comment: "It did me good to see old friends."



Ethiopian Jewry

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Two years ago, Rabbi Strajcher (center), led a group of students and their families in a rally to express solidarity for Ethiopian Jewry.

was open to questions, Mr. Jacobovici was the first to get the floor. He issued a plea to save Ethiopian Jewry from the Diaspora Museum's list of extinct Jewish communities.

"After the famine, Christian and Moslem communities in Ethiopia will continue to exist, but Jews will be extinct in Ethiopia. The Diaspora's oldest surviving community will lose its critical mass."

The community is said to date back to the time of King Solomon. They had been isolated for so long that, when they were reunited with the rest of Judaism, many in the world community questioned their status as Jews. Both the Ashkenzic and Sephardic Chief Rabbis of Israel eventually ruled that they are Jews.

It is their status as Jews that Ambassador Douglas sought to play down.

"Don't let it become only a Zionist issue. If it were only Jews rescuing Jews, we would not be far along (in helping) as we have come." If the Ethiopian leader (Mingistu) thought he faced demands to let out one group from his fractured nation, he would not allow any Jews to leave, the Ambassador added.

He also urged the delegates to keep the problem of Ethiopian Jews in perspective. He compared it to situations in Cambodia, Honduras and El Salvador. He reminded his audience that in Afghanistan 30 percent of the pre-war population has fled the country.

The Ambassador's comments were balanced by the statement of an Ethiopian Jew who spoke at the forum in his native language, with another Ethiopian Jew serving as his translator.

"Our people are dying. Please come home and save them."

Virtually all the delegates agreed the Jewry must answer the call. They remain sharply divided over the best course to pursue.

Beiser Appointed Associate Dean

Edward N. Beiser, professor of political science, has been appointed associate dean of medicine for Brown's Program in Liberal Medical Education (PLME), effective at the start of the second semester in January. He will join Drs. Stephen R. Smith, associate dean, and Roy K. Aaron, assistant dean, in developing, implementing and supervising the PLME curriculum. Beiser will be primarily responsible for PLME students whose major interests lie in the humanities and social sciences. He will also develop course offerings, seminars, symposia and other activities for all PLME students, as well as hospital-based opportunities for residents and practicing physicians.

"Prof. Beiser's commitment to the ideals of liberal education is highly respected by his faculty colleagues," said Dr. David S. Greer, dean of medicine.

Exploring Dangers Of Tay-Sachs

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"Recent scientific breakthroughs now provide for early detection and prevention of the birth of such children. A simple test can reveal the level of the enzyme Hex A in the blood cells. From this information carriers can be identified," Dr. Sheff points out. He feels that in this age of information, lack of education is largely responsible for this perpetuation of anguish.

In their lab at the Miriam Hospital in Providence, Judy explains "A carrier will have 50% of enzyme Hex A in his or her cells, and a child with Tay-Sachs will have none." There is a one-in-four chance that a Tay-Sachs baby will be born when two carriers of the recessive gene conceive. There is also a fifty percent chance that the child will be a carrier of the disease, while not actually being affected by it.

The Rhode Island Tay-Sachs Detection and Prevention Program staff feels information about testing must be communicated to the public. "We must educate the whole community to accept testing as one of the things one does such as having a blood test to get married," Dr. Sheff says. "We would like to develop genetic trees in the community to help identify the at-risk population."

Indeed, this rare, genetic disorder is 100 times more common in the Jewish population. The defective gene is present in about 1 in 30 persons of Ashkenazi descent but only about 1 in 300 in the general population. Identified some ninety years ago, Tay-Sachs is most commonly found among Jewish people whose ancestors were from Central and Eastern Europe. A London ophthalmologist, Dr. Warren Tay and Dr. Bernard Sachs, a New York neurologist independently identified the disease.

Since that time, many have searched for a much desired cure. "There's not too much research to be done anymore," Dr. Sheff says with resignation in his voice. "It is known precisely how the disease operates and the genetics are reasonably well understood. We are dealing with brain cells that do not regenerate. Because of the location of the nerve cells affected (an area in the brain) we can't get enough of the enzyme across the blood brain

barrier. We must concentrate on detection, education, and prevention."

Dr. Sheff and his assistant Judy Rosenstein have brought their plea for screening to the people and in turn the Jewish community has been receptive and extremely supportive of their efforts. In conjunction with local Rabbis, temples and schools were recently sites for blood testing. Since appointments were dispensed with at Dr. Sheff's lab, an experiment that will probably continue, the number of people appearing at his door has increased.

Couples who are identified as carriers are referred to the Genetic Counseling Center of Rhode Island located at Rhode Island Hospital. Counselors inform couples who are carriers that there is a 3-in-4 chance their baby will be normal. Other options such as adoption, artificial insemination and abortion are also discussed. "I think 80 to 90 percent of the Rabbis in the Rhode Island area would agree" Dr. Sheff emphasizes, "that the diagnosis of a Tay-Sachs child is sufficient reason for termination of pregnancy. But again each case must be considered individually."

In spite of the media blitzes and efforts to educate the public, many people are reluctant to be tested. "Many people fear the test," says Judy, "and others just think it couldn't happen to them." "We must let people know that there is a greater risk in not being tested," Dr. Sheff adds. "Fortunately there are no Tay-Sachs children in the area at the moment. But we've tested 2200 people in the community and found 80 individuals who are carriers. Three couples have been found to be carriers. These are not just numbers, they are neighbors. At this rate a Tay-Sachs baby will be born in this community every 5 or 6 years," Dr. Sheff sighs. "If that happens in spite of all the recent technological advances and educational efforts, it would be a terrible shame."

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Social Events

Pakman-Feigelson Trio At JCC

On Sunday, December 2, at 7 p.m., the Jewish Community Center will present a free chamber-music concert with the Pakman-Feigelson Trio, performing works by classical and Jewish composers.

The Pakman-Feigelson Trio includes violinist Yevgenya Pakman, pianist Mark Pakman, and cellist Yosif Feigelson — all Russian emigres with outstanding musical credentials on both sides of the Iron Curtain. The Pakmans are both graduates of the Moscow Conservatory; Mark was a winner in the Young Pianists Competition in Moscow, and Yevgenya performed with the Moscow Chamber Orchestra and the Moscow Philharmonic. Yosif Feigelson studied cello under Mstislav Rostropovich, and won prizes in the Tchaikovsky and Bach International Competitions. The three musicians have taught and performed widely in North America, and are based in New York City.

The JCC concert will feature Beethoven's Variations on "Bei Mannern, Welche Liebe Fuhlen" from Mozart's "The Magic Flute"; Brahms' Sonata in D minor, op. 108, for violin and piano; Bloch's "Nigun (Improvisation) from Baal Shem" for violin and piano, and 3 pieces from "Jewish Life" for cello and piano; and Mendelssohn's Trio in D minor, op. 49, for piano, violin, and cello.

Providence Hadassah To Meet

Providence Hadassah joins Cranston Hadassah for an afternoon of Art, with Helen Poor — Artist, Teacher, Lecturer.

The program will be "The Woman was an Artist." This is depicting Jewish artists through their work and their views. This program will be held on Monday, December 10, 1984 at 12:30 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El.



Lee P. Krasner

Krasner Named V.P. At Hospital Trust

Lee P. Krasner has been promoted to Vice President in the Personal Investment Management Department of the Trust and Investment Management Division of Hospital Trust National Bank, it was announced here recently. She manages investment portfolios for trust and agency accounts.

Mrs. Krasner joined Hospital trust in 1978 in the Trust Division as a Portfolio Manager Trainee, and in 1979, she was elected an Investment Officer. In 1981, she was promoted to Assistant Vice President, and in 1983, she transferred to the Estate/Trust Administration Department.

Mrs. Krasner is a graduate of Providence College where she received a BA degree and is currently enrolled in Providence College's MBA program. She is a member of the Board of the R.I. Heart Association, and is a member of the Social Action Committee of the Jewish Federation of R.I.; Hadassah; and the Providence College Alumni Career Women's Network. She resides in Rehoboth, MA.

Temple Beth-El Sisterhood Sponsors Event



Co-chairladies from left: Mrs. David Botvin, Mrs. Howard Kaufman and Co-hoes Fashion Co-ordinator Deborah Anjoorian.

The sisterhood of Temple Beth-El is sponsoring a Donor Event, Monday, December 3, featuring fashions by Cohoes. Sheila Martines will act as commentator for the program. All proceeds will be used for youth programs.

Monte Carlo Night At Sinai

The Brotherhood of Temple Sinai will sponsor a Monte Carlo Night on Saturday, December 1, 1984, from 6 p.m. to midnight at Temple Sinai, 30 Hagen Ave., Cranston.

A "Lucky Seven" Buffet featuring 7 meat and 7 salad courses will be served from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Open bar from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Dessert table will be available all evening.

Games of chance will include poker, black-jack, over and under and color wheels.

A \$300 drawing will take place. 1st draw — \$150, 2nd draw — \$75, 3rd-5th draw — \$25 each. Donation is \$7.50 per person. Tickets are available at the door or may be purchased in advance from Temple Brotherhood members. You need not be present to win.

Friedmans Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Alan R. Friedman of West Warwick announce the birth of their daughter, Lauren Beth on August 16, 1984. Maternal grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Norman I. Goldberg of Providence. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Murray Friedman of Providence. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gersmann of Hillsboro Beach, Florida, Mrs. Etta Bigney-Spigel of Boyton Beach, Florida, and Mrs. Rebecca Friedman of Providence.

CORRECTION

In the November 23 issue regarding the marriage of Paul and Lauren Redman, the ring bearer was Michael Redman and sister Beth S. Dwares was maid of honor.

Abrams Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Abrams of Cranston announce the birth of their first child, daughter Brett Mathew on November 13, 1984. Maternal grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. William A. Wolff of West Nyack, New York. Paternal grandparents are Mrs. Leah Abrams and Mr. Leonard Abrams of Providence. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Pauline Grafer, Mrs. Frances Beaubis and Mr. Louis Wolff.

Millens Announce Birth

Meta and Andy Millen of Charlemont Street, Newton Highlands, Mass., announce the birth of their first child, a son, Brandon Scott born November 15, 1984. Brandon's grandparents are Rita and Lou Millen of Barrington, R.I., and Lottie and Harold Levy of Lakewood, N.J. Bessie Heller of Providence is Brandon's paternal great-grandmother.

Rosenshontz To Perform

The duo Rosenshontz will present a family concert Saturday, December 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the final performance in the Fall season of the Channing Music Series at Channing Church in Newport.

Gary Rosen and Bill Shontz joined forces in 1974, blending impressive musical backgrounds. Rosen, a graduate of Oberlin College, studied classical guitar and composition and has written songs for such superstars as Sesame Street characters Big Bird and Oscar the Grouch. Shontz, a former college music professor, is a versatile performer and teacher with a Master's of Music in flute, clarinet, saxophone and recorder from Ohio State University.

Rosenshontz's first concert for a family

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Colonel Haim Sarid Visits Brookline



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Milton and Rachel Popkin of Brookline, Mass. recently hosted a meeting with Colonel Haim Sarid on behalf of the Jewish National Fund, New England Region. Colonel Sarid, an Emissary from Israel, spoke to the group about the accomplishments of Jewish National Fund over its 83 years history.

Noting that Jewish National Fund owns much of the land of Israel, has planted over 160 million trees and developed the infrastructure for over 1,000 settlements including Tel Aviv, Colonel Sarid told the group of the challenges lying ahead. This

includes development of Israel's 75% unused land, laying the infrastructure for new settlements and the planting of hundreds of millions more trees.

Among those present were: Robert T. Abrams, Esq., President New England Region; Benjamin Nigrosh, Chairman, New England Region; Milton Popkin, Rachel Popkin, Co-Hosts; Evelyn Naigles; Colonel Haim Sarid, Jewish National Fund Emissary; Bernard E. Bell, President, R.I. Council; Ernest Nathan and Jonathan G. Sloane; Nate Zielonka; Dr. Robert L. Baskies.

Torat Yisrael Rummage Sale

The Sisterhood of Temple Torat Yisrael is planning to hold its annual Fall Rummage Sale on Wednesday Dec. 5th 9:30 am-3:00 pm and Thursday Dec. 6th, 9:00 am-11:30 am at the Temple, 330 Park Avenue, Cranston, R.I. Merchandise at the sale will include clothing for men, women, and children, as well as household items. Everyone is welcome.

Jewish Book Month — November 18 to December 18 Book Fair At JCC

An all-day Book Fair will be held at the Jewish Community Center on Sunday, December 2, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The fair will feature a wide selection of hardcover and paperback books for all ages: fiction, non-fiction, best-sellers, reference books, and more. The community is invited; admission is free, and includes free popcorn and bookmarks.

The fair will feature a brunch at 10:30 a.m., with guest speaker Raul Lovett. Lovett, a well-known Providence attorney and human rights advocate, will speak about his recent experiences as a volunteer in the Israeli Army. Fee for the brunch is \$3. At 2 p.m., Milbre Burch, Providence

Jewish Experience In American Film At Emanu-El

To celebrate Jewish Book Month the Temple Emanu-El Library has prepared an exhibit of outstanding photographs organized with the cooperation of the National Center for Jewish Film, Brandeis University, and the American Jewish Historical Society under the auspices of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

These posters are arranged in the following categories: The Jews as Historical Figures; Classical Images and Stereotypes; Americanization: Pain and Progress; Yiddish Theatre/Yiddish Film; The Holocaust; Dealing with the Aftermath; Anti-Semitism as an Issue; To Be or Not To Be — A Jew/Maintaining the Identity; It Only Hurts When I Laugh: Jewish Humor in Film; Jewish Women, Other Modern Roles.

This exhibit will be on view in the Bohnen Vestry during Jewish Book Month, November 18 to December 18. On December 7 Rabbi Wayne Franklin will speak on Bookmaking Among the Early Jews in America and the Founding of the Jewish Publication Society. Following the services, the annual Library Reception will be held. Books from the collection dealing with the subject of Jews and American film will be on display.

Yankelev To Debut

Yosef Yankelev, musician in residence at Rhode Island College, will make his Rhode Island debut December 8 at 8 p.m. He will be performing with Judith Lynn Stillman who will serve as his piano collaborator. The recital will be held in Roberts Hall Auditorium at Rhode Island College. There is no charge to attend and everyone is welcome.

storyteller and mime, will entertain Book Fair guests with stories for adults and children. The entertainment is free.

The book sale continues on Monday, December 3, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The JCC is located at 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence. For information call 861-8800.

Gallery 401 — An exhibit of clay sculpture by Amy Podmore will open Sunday, December 2, with a reception from 3 to 5 p.m. and will continue through December 31. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday through Thursday; Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; and Sunday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Chanukah Almanac

It was announced recently that a new edition of the Chanukah Almanac has been prepared for free distribution by the Congregation Kol Yisroel Chaverim and its public service arm, the National Jewish Information Council. Rabbi Rubin R. Dobin, Spiritual Leader of the Miami Beach-based Congregation, and editor of the Chanukah Almanac explained that the Feast of Lights will be observed with the lighting of the first candle on Tuesday evening, December 18, 1984, and an additional candle every evening until the eighth candle is lit on Tuesday evening, December 25. Free copies can be obtained by sending a request to Rabbi Rubin R. Dobin, Congregation Kol Yisroel Chaverim, Chanukah Almanac, POB 6194, Miami Beach, FL 33154. All requests must be accompanied by a long self-addressed, stamped envelope.

In describing the significance of Chanukah, Rabbi Dobin stated that the Festival celebrates the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem by the victorious Maccabees in the year 167 BCE after they won the struggle against the Syrian invader King Antiochus, who had tried to suppress the religious traditions of the Jews. The lights are kindled every one of the eight nights of the Festival as a reminder of the brightness of freedom which dispels the darkness of bigotry and oppression.

Singles Events

SHALOM SINGLES

Are all your old friends married? Are you looking for strategies to find a new support network? Join Shalom Singles (ages 35-55) of the South Area Jewish Community Center for "Single in a Coupled World," a presentation/discussion on Thursday, December 13, from 8-9:30 p.m. The program will be led by Margie Nesson, a professional staff member at the Jewish Family and Children's Services. Important issues will be addressed in a comfortable setting at the Center, 1044 Central St., Stoughton.

Coffee and refreshments will be served. You must preregister by Wednesday, December 5. Checks should be payable to SAJCC and mailed to the Center. The fee is \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members. Please call Patti or Liz, 821-0030 or 341-2016 for further information.

Are you singing the "Holiday Blues?" You are not alone. Join psychotherapist, Ellen Frishman at the South Area Jewish Community Center on Wednesday evening, December 5 at 8 p.m. to discuss the "Myth of Merriment." Often at this

New Program To Combat Epidemic Suicide Among Jewish Teenagers

A nationwide program to stem the "epidemic" of suicide among Jewish teenagers will be launched by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations at the semi-annual meeting of its board of trustees in Miami Beach November 30-December 2. It was announced this week by Charles J. Rothschild, board chairman. The UAHC is composed of 770 Reform synagogues with 1.3 million members.

Some 200 board members from throughout the United States and Canada are expected to attend the meeting in the Sheraton Bal Harbour Hotel on the theme, "Saving Our Children."

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, UAHC president, will disclose plans for the new UAHC program in an address to the Reform Jewish leaders at Sabbath services Friday evening, November 30. Rabbi Schindler will analyze some of the causes of the rise in teenage suicide nationally from 8 to 27 per 100,000 over the past 20 years, among them: growing concern over

time of year, people begin to experience a disparity between the commercialism of the Holiday spirit and their inner sense of well-being. Ms. Frishman will explore tips for coping with and even enjoying the Holidays.

The program will take place at the Center, 1044 Central Street in Stoughton. The fee is \$3.00 for members and \$4.50 for nonmembers.

For reservations, please call the Center, 341-2016 or 821-0030.

If you missed Lerner and Loewe's musical hit *Gigi* when it was at the Providence Performing Arts Center, you can see it at the Colonial where it will open on Tuesday, November 20 for a four-week engagement.

The show stars Louis Jourdan, Betsey Palmer and Taina Elg.

Evening performances are 8 p.m. on Tuesday through Saturdays with Wednesday and Saturday matinees at 2 p.m. Sunday matinees are at 3 p.m. There will be a special holiday matinee on Friday, November 23 at 2 p.m.

The box office number is (617) 426-9366. Tickets are available also through ticketron (617) 720-3434 or at the Colonial.

the threat of nuclear holocaust, mounting pressures caused by competition to enter college and graduate school, a rising divorce rate and a corresponding weakening of family ties.

Although there are no confirmed statistics on suicide among Jewish young people, it is believed that Jews are overly represented among teenagers who commit suicide, just as they are disproportionately involved in cult groups.

Ways of preventing suicide among young people will be the subject of an address to the trustees at 10:15 a.m. Saturday (December 1) by Lynn Leight, founder of the SHE (Sex, Health and Education) Institute, a non-profit center for young people's problems with 14 branches across the country, including a center in North Miami. Mrs. Leight, a registered nurse and a certified sex counselor, is assistant adjunct professor at the University of Miami's School of Family Medicine.



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Israel's Economy: Back From The Brink

by Robert Eshman

(JSPS) — When Shimon Peres took office on September 14 as Israel's eighth Prime Minister, he announced that the country was on the verge of "economic catastrophe," and called on its citizens to wage an "Economic War of Independence."

Israel's Unity government, a merger of Labor and Likud, the country's two major political factions, immediately began hammering out a painful program of economic cures. Such displays of unity are usually reserved here only for real wars. But by the account of most observers, the country's economic situation had deteriorated to the point of threatening the very existence of the young state. Said ex-Finance Minister Yigael Hurwitz in January: "It is an economic Yom Kippur War."

For the average Israeli, inflation has been the most troubling aspect of the crisis. Prices rise weekly, at least: in the days after the unity government took power, electricity rates shot up 30 percent, postal rates 60. Post office stamps carry no denomination, a new coin or bill is minted about once every three months, vending machines are almost non-existent, and phones use tokens, not coins.

With the shekel's value dropping daily, many store and restaurant owners mark prices in dollars, and almost all large transactions are in dollars. "Otherwise," said a shopper in Jerusalem electronics store, "we'd need suitcases, not wallets."

In the industrial sector, inflation has stymied long-term planning. "You don't know what the prices are going to be the next day," said the manager of a kibbutz-based factory. "How can you plan for five years?"

The country's spiraling "Israelinflation," agree most economists here, results from a combination of military exigencies and misguided policies. The wars of 1967 and 1973 forced Israel's defense outlays from 12 percent of the GNP in 1957 to over one-third the GNP today. Less money for production and export and more for military hardware and services — both non-productive — sent more shekels after less goods, driving prices up.

The first Likud government in 1977 tried to ease inflation's burden through then-Finance Ministers Yoram Aridor through "popular economics." Aridor lowered import duties, allowed Israelis to hold more dollars, and increased subsidies by 158 percent, even as productivity lagged. Between 1980 and 1983 private consumption grew to more than double the GNP. As the standard of living grew, so did inflation. It zoomed from 30 percent in 1976 to 100 percent in 1980 to almost 1000 percent as of mid-October.

Among both the government and its citizens, "it was a classic case of overspending," said Technion University Professor of Economics Benny Bental. "The government never chose to do this or that, it was always this and that."

To support its spending habit, Israel borrowed dollars from abroad and printed shekels at home. The borrowing has helped give Israel a foreign debt of \$5.1 billion. The government's printing of near-worthless shekels sent the public buying dollars instead, draining reserves of hard cash with which the nation buys foreign supplies and obtains credit.



Shimon Peres

The Likud's last Finance Minister, Yigael Cohen-Orgad, managed to reduce the balance of payments deficit by 25 percent, mainly through devaluation and budget cutting. He claimed he could have gone even further had early elections not disrupted his plans. In a farewell press conference, Cohen-Orgad also hinted that his predecessor Aridor was to blame for the present economic dilemma.

In the election campaign, the Labor Party also accused Prime Minister Begin's invasion in Lebanon and his settlement policy for costing the nation millions unnecessarily. A Bank of Israel report estimated that the Lebanon War alone increased Israel's defense budget by seven percent over two years. Likud officials, including Cohen-Orgad, counter that these expenditures were crucial. They said it was the Labor-backed national union, the Histadrut, that stalled economic recovery by its unwillingness to negotiate wage and price freezes.

Whatever the problem's source, Israelis themselves were long-cushioned from its effects by an all-encompassing indexation system linking wages, welfare payments, tax brackets, bank accounts and mortgages to the cost of living index. "So what if a cup of coffee will cost a million shekels," said a Jerusalem cafe owner. "Then my wages will be one billion. I just cross out all the zeros."

Since few had confidence in the shekel, few saved. Instead Israelis bought record numbers of videos, cars, appliances and black market dollars. "The feeling was you didn't want to have money in your hands," said Mira Dror, a senior economist for Hervat Haovdim, the labor-owned holiday company which serves as a corporate umbrella for a quarter of the country's national product.

"Until last year I would have said that people weren't feeling inflation," continued Dror. But in the last quarter of 1983, the cost of living shot up 60 percent. Price increases far outran the ability of the by-then twice monthly salary adjustments to cover them. "Overdraft is a way of life," said Dror. "You are always in the mud."

The hardest hit have been welfare recip-

ients and low-income wage earners, according to the National Insurance Institute. The Institute, which provides a safety net of welfare payments, estimated that under Likud the number of poor in Israel grew by 30 percent and now totals one half million.

More frightening to most Israelis is the growing number of unemployed, as factories close down in the face of falling demand and rising production costs. While the national unemployment rate is just over 5.6 percent, unemployment in lower income development towns has reached as high as 15 percent. In Carmiel, in the Northern Galilee, 10 percent of an 80,000 person labor force is jobless, according to local Labor council secretary Ezra Pik. In the past four years, Pik said, 11 factories have closed.

Dov Pelig, the General Secretary of the Mapam-affiliated Kibbutz Artzi movement, called this situation a "social atomic bomb. In Israel, all young people come back from the army. After they're willing to give their life for you you can't tell them there is no work for them." Recently the Labor Ministry announced that there are now 3,000 discharged soldiers out of work, and no money to train them with.

Others have argued that jobs are available, but Israelis, cushioned by welfare and averse to manual labor, won't take them. According to Israel's government State Employment Service data, 44,000 workers entered the country last year from the occupied territories to take jobs that Israelis would not.

Getting Israelis to cooperate in any economic recovery plan — by taking available jobs, accepting wage freezes, reducing spending — may be difficult, said Dror. The public's confidence in the government's economic policy is low: a recent poll in the national daily *Ma'ariv* found that only 16 percent of Israelis expected their economic situation to improve in the coming year. The size of the present unity government, added Dror, "sets a bad example" of frugality. Estimates have put the cost of running a 26-member cabinet at \$7.9 million per year.

Even so, the same *Ma'ariv* poll found that 60 percent of those polled said they would give up part of their cost-of-living increment, the main protection against rising prices, if they thought it would slow inflation. Said Technician economist Bental: "People realize that unless they make concessions, we will remain at the brink."

Two Authorities Lead Panel On Israeli Politics

Two authorities on the subject of Israeli politics will lead a discussion of "Politics in a Changing Israel" Dec. 2, 1984, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 102 Wilson Hall on the Brown University campus.

Asher Arian, political science professor at Tel Aviv University and the leading scholar of electoral behavior in Israel, will talk on "Voting Behavior in Recent Elections." Peter Medding, associate professor of political science and contemporary Jewry at Hebrew University, Jerusalem, will speak on "The Declining Role of Political Partners." Medding conducted what is considered to be the major study of the Israeli Labor Party.

The panel will be moderated by Alan Zuckerman, professor of political science, Brown University, who will speak on "Israeli Politics in Crossnational Perspective."

Arian has written 11 books on Israeli politics, the most recent being "The Politics of Israel: The Second Generation" (Chatham House, forthcoming). He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and has taught in five U.S. universities, as well as Tel Aviv University, where he has been teaching since 1966.

Medding is a native of Melbourne, Australia, and taught at several U.S. universities, in addition to Hebrew University.

The evening's discussion is co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, as well as the Program in Judaic Studies and the Department of Political Science, both at Brown University.

Legal Advice For Elderly

"Ask A Lawyer," a public service program of the Rhode Island Bar Association, will be held at the Temple Emanu-El Leisure Club, 99 Taft Street, Providence, on Sunday, December 2 at 2:00 p.m.

Attorney Doris J. Licht will speak on the common legal problems of the elderly. Wills, guardianship, power of attorney, joint bank accounts, and real estate are some of the topics to be addressed. A question-and-answer period will follow Ms. Licht's presentation.

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

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

Lurtsema And Quartet To Perform

On Sunday evening, December 2, there will be a "Concert to Freeze the Nuclear Arms Race." The concert will be in Alumnae Hall on the Brown University campus, beginning at 8:00 p.m. The concert will feature chamber music performed by the International String Quartet. Special host for the evening will be Robert J. Lurtsema, of WGBH radio's popular Morning Pro Musica program. Tickets for the concert are \$8.00 each and may be purchased at the door.

The concert will include two pieces played by the International String Quartet: Ravel's Quartet in F and Schubert's Quartet in G Major. Each piece will be introduced by Mr. Lurtsema, who will briefly discuss the music and the composers. Mr. Lurtsema's presentations will also include several of the — pauses — for which he is justly famous.

The International String Quartet is in residence at Brown University and includes Chihiro Kudo, violin; Michelle Djokic, cello; James Van Valkenburg, viola; and Machie Oguri-Kudo, violin.

All proceeds from the concert will benefit the nuclear-freeze work of the American Friends' Service Committee (AFSC). AFSC is a Quaker service and educational organization which was founded in 1917 and which won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1947. In Rhode Island, AFSC helped initiate work on the nuclear weapons freeze in 1981; AFSC's efforts helped lead to the successful statewide voter referendum on the nuclear freeze in November, 1982.

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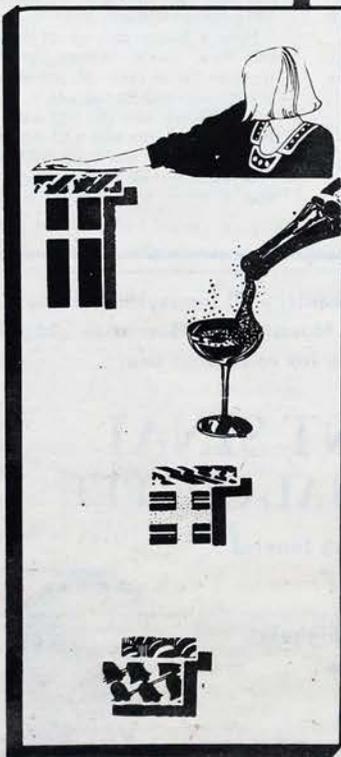
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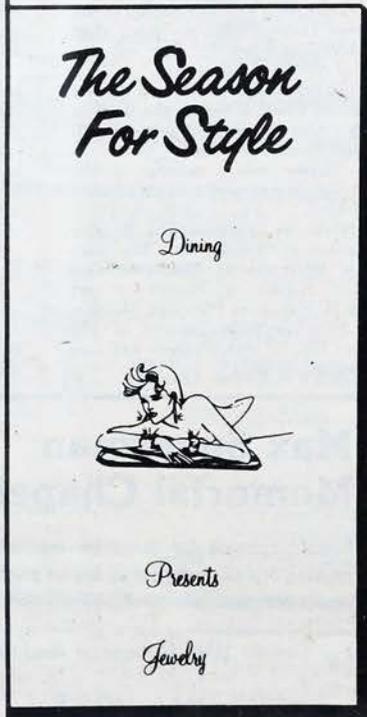
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Obituaries

SAMUEL SCHIFFMAN

PROVIDENCE — Samuel Schiffman, 72, of 996 Hope St., a Providence policeman for 29 years before retiring in 1971, died November 17 at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Eva (Perelman) Schiffman.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., a son of the late Isadore and Lena (Feldman) Schiffman, he lived in Providence for 66 years.

Mr. Schiffman was a member of the Providence Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police, the R.I. Retired Firefighters and Policemen's Association, Temple Emanu-El and its Men's Club, Redwood Lodge 35, AF&AM, the Scottish Rite, the Shriners, the Rhode Island Trowel Club and the Majestic Senior Citizens.

Besides his wife he leaves three sons, Everett N. Schiffman of Providence, Steven E. Schiffman of Cranston and Alan D. Schiffman of Miami, Fla.; a sister, Mrs. Rose Rosenblatt of Tucson, Ariz.; a half-brother, Bernard Zeidel of Tucson, Arizona; a step-brother, Albert Zeidel of Hollywood, Fla.; a step-sister, Molly Horvitz of Warwick; a step-sister, Lillian Baram of Woonsocket and four grandchildren.

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

MAX GAVENMAN

AURORA, Ill. — Max Gavenman died Saturday, November 24 at the Elmwood Nursing Home, Aurora, Ill. He was the husband of Lillian (Glazer) Gavenman.

Born in Russia, a son of the late Samuel and Sarah (Garber) Gavenman, he was a WW I Army veteran.

Besides his wife he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Gloria Goldstein of Aurora, Ill., four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, November 27 at the Plainville Cemetery, Plainville, Mass. Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

TILLIE KAPLAN

PROVIDENCE — Tillie Kaplan of the Evergreen House, East Providence, died Thursday, November 22. She was the widow of Abraham L. Kaplan.

Born in Romania, a daughter of the late Morris and Rebecca Siegal, she lived in Providence for 72 years before moving to East Providence a year ago.

Mrs. Kaplan was a member of the Ladies Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged.

She leaves two daughters, Mrs. Rosalyn B. Jacobson of Cranston and Mrs. Rita Stein of Silver Spring, Md.; two sons, Lloyd S. Kaplan of Providence and Morton H. Kaplan of Pittsfield, Mass.; a sister, Mrs. Gertrude Lazarus of Bal Harbour, Fla.; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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

DR. DANIEL D. ALEXANDER

SWAMPSCOTT, Mass. — Daniel D. Alexander, M.D., 71, of 21 Phillips Ave., died Tuesday, November 27 at Lynn Hospital. He was the husband of the late Florence S. (Trubowitz) Alexander.

He was a psychiatrist at the Danvers and Gardner State Hospitals. When he retired in 1978 he was director of the Lynn Unit at the Danvers State Hospital. He was currently serving as the staff psychiatrist at the Lynn Community Health Center.

He was born in Norwich, Conn., and lived in Swampscott and Marblehead for 28 years. He was a Brown University graduate in 1935 and received his master's degree in psychology from the University of Michigan. He received his medical degree from the Middlesex Medical School, Boston.

He was former president of the New England Society of Psychiatrists and last year co-authored a presentation at the annual meeting of the American Psychiatric Association. He was former president of the North Shore Brown Club and currently serving as a Swampscott Town Meeting member. He was a member of the Swampscott Democratic Committee.

He was a member of Temple Israel and its Glee Club.

He leaves three sons, Jay S. Alexander of Melrose, Paul E. Alexander, M.D., of Providence, and State Rep. Lawrence R. Alexander of Marblehead; two sisters, Shirlee Goldstein of North Brunswick, N.J., and Gladys Mallove of Norwich, Conn.; and six grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at Temple Israel, 837 Humphrey St., Swampscott. Burial was in Temple Israel Cemetery, Peabody.

HYMAN M. JACOBSON

WARWICK — Hyman M. Jacobson, 81, of 307 Greenwich Ave., died Tuesday, November 27 in the Jane Brown unit of Rhode Island Hospital, Providence. He was the husband of Julia (Genser) Jacobson.

He was born in Providence, a son of the late David and Regina (Green) Jacobson. He had been a Warwick resident for 15 years and previously lived in Providence.

He was founder 35 years ago with the late Alfred Weinstock of the Regal Manufacturing Company, Providence, which they operated together until retiring eight years ago.

He was a member of the Touro Fraternal Association and B'nai B'rith.

Besides his wife he leaves three brothers, William L. and Jack C. Jacobson, both of Cranston, and Benjamin D. Jacobson of Pawtucket; two sisters, Rhoda Newman of North Miami

Beach, Fla., and Sheila Hochberg of Vista, Calif.

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

LEO GREENE

LITTLE COMPTON — Leo Greene, 69, of Colebrook Road, co-owner of a Fall River dry goods store, died November 19 at St. Anne's Hospital there. He was the husband of Hylalie (Yamins) Greene.

Born in New York City, son of the late Jacob and Ethel (Grossman) Greenberg, he resided in Fall River 26 years and in Little Compton 13 years. He was a partner in the H. Yamins Sons Dry Goods Store on Columbia Street, Fall River, for many years, and was an Army veteran of World War II.

He was a member of Temple Beth El, the Adas Israel Men's Club in Fall River and the Little Compton Preservation Association.

Besides his wife he leaves three sons, Lt. Cmdr. Alan Greene and Roger Greene, both of Little Compton, and Danny Greene of Newport; a daughter, Mrs. Jeremie Nash of Plainfield, Vt.; two brothers, H. Victor Greene of Kingston, N.Y. and Harold Greenberg of Big Indian, N.Y.; and three grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at Temple Beth-El, High and Locust streets, Fall River. Burial was in Temple Beth-El Cemetery, Fall River.

JACK K. STALLMAN

PROVIDENCE — Jack K. Stallman, 87, of the Jewish Home for the Aged, Hillside Avenue, founder of the American Upholstering Co., which he operated with his wife until retiring in 1974, died November 22 at the home. He was the husband of Emily (Lipsky) Stallman.

Born in Austria, a son of the late Max and Bessie Stallman, he lived in Providence since 1920. He previously lived in Boston.

Mr. Stallman was a member of Temple Emanu-El and its Men's Club, a past treasurer of the Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association, a member of Redwood Lodge, AF & AM, and this year received a 50-year medal. He was a member of the Royal Arch Chapter, Council 1, the Providence Elks, and received a 50-year pin this year. He was a member of the Rhode Island Trowel Club.

Besides his wife he leaves a daughter, Beverly Smith of West Hartford, Conn.; two sons, Milton H., Alvin Stallman, both of Providence, and six grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at Temple Emanu-El, Morris Avenue. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

JULIUS KAUFMAN

WARWICK — Julius Kaufman, 83, of 309 Greenwich Ave., supervisor for Pickwick International, Somerset, Mass., for five years before retiring in 1969, died

Saturday, November 24 at the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., Providence. He was the husband of Anne (Edelman) Kaufman.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Harry and Ethel (Goldman) Kaufman, he lived in Warwick for 13 years.

Mr. Kaufman previously owned the former Fred's Spa, Broad Street, Providence, for 10 years. He was a member of the Providence Fraternal Association and the South Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association.

Besides his wife he leaves two daughters, Marilyn Morse of Cranston and Sheila Gittelman of Fall River; a brother, Joseph Kaufman of Los Angeles; a sister, Ruth Siegel of Warwick; five 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.

JEANNETTE G. COKIN

STRATFORD, Conn. — Jeannette G. Cokin, 70, of 434 Cheraw Lane died November 21 at Bridgeport Hospital. She was the widow of Hyman Cokin.

Born in New Britain, a daughter of the late Abraham and Lena (Krostar) Gorbach, she lived in Pawtucket and Providence before moving to Stratford last year.

Mrs. Cokin attended Russell Sage College. She was a member of Hadassah, the Temple Beth-El Sisterhood, was operations chairman of the Temple Beth-El Concert Series, all in Providence, and a member of the Kirkbrae Country Club, possibly Lincoln.

She leaves two sons, Peter Cokin of Secaucus, N.J., and Jeffrey Cokin of Stamford; a daughter, Phyllis Sonnenschein of Lexington, Mass.; two brothers, Irving Gorbach of Fairfield and Woodrow Gorbach of Stratford; three sisters, Gertrude Greenhouse, Rita Specter, both of Stratford, Elaine Levine of Waterville, Maine, and six grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial will be in Sons of Israel and David Cemetery, Cranston.

ISAAC WEISER

WARWICK — Isaac "Buddy" Weiser, 85, of 305 Greenwich Ave., a former pharmacist, died Saturday, November 24 at the Sunnyview Nursing Home. He was the husband of Selma (Katz) Weiser. He was also the husband of the late Ida (Birenbaum) Weiser.

Born in Romania, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. David Weiser, he lived in Warwick for 15 years. He previously lived in Cranston and Providence.

Mr. Weiser was the originator of the discount drugstore idea with Ann & Hope, Cumberland. He was a pharmacist for the Pharmacy Service Corp., associated with Ann & Hope, until retiring in 1974. He

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was a Shriner, a 32nd-degree Mason, and a founder of the Rho Pi Phi International Pharmaceutical Fraternity. He was a founder of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, Boston.

Besides his wife he leaves a son, Burton Weiser of Norton, Mass.; a brother, Samuel Weiser of Cranston; and four grandchildren.

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

BERNICE S. GOLDSTEIN

DARTMOUTH, Mass. — Bernice S. Goldstein, 58, of 627 Elm St., died Tuesday, November 27 at St. Luke's Hospital, New Bedford. She was the wife of Jack Goldstein.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of Charles Bochner of Narragansett, R.I. and the late Ida (Mitchell) Bochner.

Mrs. Goldstein was a member of Tifereth Israel Synagogue and Sisterhood, New Bedford, the Garden Club of Dartmouth, the New Bedford Jewish Convalescent Home, the Hadassah and the United Jewish Appeal.

Besides her husband and father she leaves two sons, Marc and Steven Goldstein of Dartmouth; a daughter, Debra Brodeur of New Bedford; a brother, Edward Bochner of Warwick, R.I.; and a sister, Estelle Winograd of Warwick, R.I.

Funeral services were held at the Tifereth Israel Synagogue. Burial was in Plainville Cemetery, New Bedford.

Shiva will be at 627 Elm Street, South Dartmouth, Mass. on Saturday, December 1, from 7-9 p.m.

LOUIS A. KURMAN

PROVIDENCE — Louis A. Kurman, 73, of 60 Broadway, The Regency, a former executive director of the Jewish Home for the Aged of Rhode Island, died November 22 at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Jeannette (Margolius) Kurman.

Born in Russia, he was a son of the late Max and Lena (Sternig) Kurman.

Mr. Kurman received a bachelor's degree from Brooklyn College, N.Y., and a master's degree from Columbia University. Before coming to Rhode Island, he was executive director of the Council of Jewish Organizations in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

Besides his wife he leaves a sister, Mrs. Faye Strutin of New York City.

A funeral service was held at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St. Burial was in Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon, Mass.

DAVID GOLDSMITH

FALL RIVER, Mass. — David Goldsmith, 86, of 11 Jackson Court, died Tuesday, November 27 at Charlton Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of Janet (Linder) Goldsmith.

Born in Austria, he was a son of the late Avrohm and Chia Goldsmith.

Mr. Goldsmith had lived in Fall River 13 years. He formerly lived in Waltham.

He was a member of the Adas Israel Synagogue and the Adas Israel Brotherhood, the Knights of Pythias and the Watuppa Masonic Lodge.

Besides his wife he leaves a son, Alvin Goldsmith of Worcester; and three grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at the Fisher Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Hebrew Cemetery.

Miriam Hitchcock Exhibition

An exhibition of the recent paintings of Miriam Hitchcock will be featured at the Sarah Doyle Gallery, 185 Meeting St., from December 2 to December 21. The opening will be held on December 6 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Ms. Hitchcock, a resident of Providence, has taught at RISD and Brown. She has received degrees in painting from Yale University and University of California.

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Vegetables form an important part of everyone's diet. Following are a variety of recipes that showcase the versatility of vegetables.

VEGETABLE QUICHE

1 9-inch unbaked pie crust
3 tbsp. vegetable oil
¼ lb. sliced mushrooms
1 chopped onion
2 chopped peppers
1 tomato, diced
8 ozs. munster cheese
1 tbsp. minced garlic
4 eggs
1 tbsp. flour
2 cups half & half cream
Sauté onions, peppers, tomato and mushrooms. Place in pie crust. Arrange slices of cheese on top. Beat together rest of ingredients, pour over cheese. Bake at 375 degrees for 40 minutes. Serves 6.

VEGETABLE KUGEL

2 cups shredded sweet potato
1 cup shredded apple
¾ cup margarine, melted
¾ cup packed brown sugar
1 cup flour
1 tsp. baking soda
½ tsp. salt

½ tsp. cinnamon
½ tsp. ground nutmeg
½ cup raisins
½ cup chopped nuts

Combine sweet potato, apple, margarine and sugar; mix well. Add combined dry ingredients, mixing just until moistened. Fold in raisins and nuts. Pour into 10x6-inch baking dish; cover with foil. Bake at 350°, 1 hour. Uncover; continue baking 10 minutes. Serves 6 to 8.

Variation: Substitute two cups shredded carrot for sweet potato.

HARVEST FRUIT SLAW

4 cups shredded cabbage
1 11-oz. can mandarin orange segments, well-drained

1 cup chopped apple
½ cup red grape halves
½ cup celery slices
mayonnaise
cabbage leaves

Combine shredded cabbage, fruit, celery and enough mayonnaise to moisten; mix lightly. Chill. Serve in cabbage leaf-lined salad bowl. Serves 8 to 10.

EGGPLANT FARFEL CASSEROLE

1½ cups matzo farfel
½ cup shredded green pepper
¼ cup chopped onion
margarine
4 cups cubed peeled eggplant
1 16-oz. can tomatoes, cut up
1 15-oz. can tomato sauce
½ tsp. dried oregano leaves, crushed
1 8-oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened
1 egg, beaten

In large skillet, sauté 1 cup farfel, green pepper and onion in ¼ cup margarine until vegetables are tender. Stir in eggplant, tomatoes, tomato sauce and oregano. Cover; simmer 15 to 20 minutes or until eggplant is tender. Combine cream cheese and egg, mixing until well blended. Layer half of vegetable mixture, cream cheese mixture and remaining vegetable mixture in 1½-quart shallow baking dish. Top with combined remaining farfel and 2 tablespoons margarine, melted. Bake at 350°, 20 to 25 minutes or until thoroughly heated. Serves 8 to 10.

Variation: Substitute 1½-quart casserole for shallow baking dish.

VEGETABLE SOUP

2 tbsp. margarine
¼ lb. mushrooms, diced
2 large onions, diced
1 red pepper, diced
6 medium carrots, thinly sliced
2 stalks celery, thinly sliced
4 zucchini (medium), thinly sliced
3 potatoes, diced
2 medium turnips, diced
½ small cauliflower, broken into small flowerettes
½ cup barley
salt, white pepper to taste

Brown onion, mushrooms and red pepper in the margarine in an 8-quart pot. Add remaining vegetables and barley. Add 5-6 quarts of water. Bring

to a boil, then reduce to simmer. Add 2 tbsps. salt and 1 tsp. pepper. Cook covered on low heat for 2½ hours. Add more salt and pepper if desired.

VEGETABLE KASHA SKILLET

1 cup medium buckwheat groats
1 egg, beaten
1½ cups water
1½ cups shredded zucchini
1 cup shredded carrots
¼ cup chopped onion
½ cup margarine, melted
dash of pepper
chopped parsley

Combine groats and egg; cook, stirring constantly, over low heat until grains are dry and separated. Add water, vegetables, margarine and pepper; mix well. Cover; simmer 10 minutes. Sprinkle with parsley. Serves 6 to 8.

BEEF GOULASH

4 tbsp. oil
4 large onions, chopped
6 tbsp. sweet paprika
5½ lbs. chuck cut into 1 inch cubes
6 large tomatoes, peeled and cut up
5 medium green peppers, cut into thin strips

salt and pepper to taste
½ lb. fresh mushrooms
2 lbs. wide egg noodles
In a dutch oven heat the oil. Sauté onions and paprika in oil. Add beef and brown. Add remaining ingredients, except noodles. Cover pan. Simmer on a low heat for 2 hours. Shake pan occasionally to stir. Serve over hot noodles. Great reheated. Serves 10 to 12.



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