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Washington Report: New Challenge To Mideast Myths

by Wolf Blitzer
Jerusalem Post

Iraq's decision to restore full diplomatic relations with the United States has tended to belie a lingering element of the conventional wisdom of the U.S. foreign policy establishment in dealing with the Middle East.

Since Israel's founding in 1948, there has been a widespread notion among U.S. specialists on the Middle East, especially at the State Department, that too much public support for Israel automatically undermines U.S. influence in the Arab world. This has been a basic theme promoted by the Arabs themselves in dealing with the United States.

The Americans, as a result, almost always have tried to limit their support for Israel. In the early years of the state, for example, this meant an arms embargo against Israel. Later, there were severe

restrictions on economic assistance and political support. Administrations often wanted Congress to initiate aid improvement packages for Israel, hoping to avoid the "blame" in the Arab world.

At the same time, the U.S. tried to reach out to friends in the Arab world. Some U.S. Administrations have managed to walk this tightrope between Israel and the Arabs better than others.

The upshot of this approach has been that the U.S. should not go too far in aligning itself with Israel, lest its Arab friends bolt from the U.S. camp and its Arab adversaries move more deeply into the Soviet orbit.

Now, in the aftermath of Iraq's decision to resume full ties with Washington after a 17-year break, senior Administration officials have made a point of noting that this occurred at a time when U.S.-Israeli

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Blum, Klarsfeld & Shcharansky Receive Jabotinsky Award

The \$100,000 Jabotinsky prize for outstanding service in defense of the rights of the Jewish people, was awarded jointly today to Ambassador Yehudah Z. Blum, Israel's permanent representative to the United Nations from 1978-1984, Nazi hunter Beate Klarsfeld, and Soviet Jewish Prisoner Anatoly B. Shcharansky. The award was announced by Eryk Spektor, Founder and Chairman of the Jabotinsky Foundation in a ceremony at the Jewish Museum in New York City.

The Jabotinsky Prize is awarded annually by the Jabotinsky Foundation, a non-profit educational body, for exceptional service in defense of the rights of the Jewish people.

Yehudah Z. Blum was cited for his courage and eloquence defending the honor and rights of the Jewish people and the State of Israel at great personal sacrifice during his tenure at the United Nations. In the wake of the infamous "Zionism is Racism" resolution, Ambassador Blum stood up proudly when Israel and the Jewish people were subject to vicious attacks.

Beate Klarsfeld was honored for her efforts to identify and apprehend Nazi war criminals, securing the right of the Jewish people for international justice for the crimes of the Holocaust. A German born Protestant who learned of the Holocaust from her husband, historian Serge Klarsfeld, Mrs. Klarsfeld has traveled to four continents to arouse public opinion and to demand the extradition of Nazi war criminals. Among those identified by Klarsfeld are Ernst Heinrichson, Kurt Lischke, Herbert Hagar, Walter Rauch and Klaus Barbie.

Anatoly B. Shcharansky was cited for his courageous opposition of Soviet oppression of Jews and his dedication to Jewish values at great personal cost. He has been a leader in the campaign to allow Soviet Jews to emigrate to Israel. Mr. Shcharansky, who is currently incarcerated in a labor camp in the Soviet Union and who is believed to be in poor health, has spent most of the last several years in solitary confinement. He was arrested as a result of activities aimed at enhancing emigration to the Jewish homeland. He has become a symbol of the determination of Soviet Jewry to live in freedom and dignity.



Beate Klarsfeld



Yehuda Z. Blum



Anatoly B. Shcharansky

Jewish Home Strike Enters 2nd Week; Remains Unresolved

by Robert Israel

The strike at the Jewish Home for the Aged, now entering its second week, has brought about turmoil and hardships to the elderly residents, the community and to the strikers themselves. The union, District 1199 of the New England Health Care Employees, continues to stand in a picket line in front of the Home on 99 Hillside Avenue in Providence, while their negotiators are meeting with Home officials and state mediators in efforts to end the strike. As of this report, two meetings have been held, but the issue that has generated the strike in the first place — the strikers' call for increased wages — remains unresolved.

Earlier this week there were several reported incidents of harassment and violent outbursts by the strikers against volunteers from the community who crossed the picket lines to help care for the 110 elderly residents still in the Home. Also, several families who are caring for residents at their private homes expressed concern that the emotional damage to these elderly men and women may be irreparable.

PHDS Volunteers Harassed

A group of high school students from the Providence Hebrew Day School, led by the director of the school, Samuel Shlevin, reported last Friday that their van was clobbered, pelted with eggs, and they were harassed with "anti-Semitic language." Shlevin also reported that Stan Israel (no relation to this writer), the union's area director, followed him back to the Day School from the Home and told him "that we better not see students out there because something might happen to them."

Another group of volunteers from the Providence Hebrew Day School, led by Rabbi Pinsky, met with a similar experience:

"They started banging on the windows," Rabbi Pinsky said, "making obscene gestures and yelling. I was very scared, for myself and for the students. And while all this was happening, the police just stood by and watched. It was very frightening."

Another volunteer, Roger Pearlman, an alumnus of the school, reported to the *Herald* that he was met with harassment and that he watched "as a car driven by one of the strikers drove onto the lawn of the Jewish Home, tearing up the grass."

When asked about these incidents, Israel denied that they had occurred and said that the exchange with Shlevin was exaggerated. But another union worker, Hailey Seif, told the *Herald* that she and Israel both spoke to the striking workers and told them that "anti-Semitic language and harassment was unacceptable."

"It's just that the volunteers are doing a disservice to the residents and the workers," Seif said. "By going into the Home, they are prolonging the strike. The contract will be settled quickly if volunteers stayed away, thereby bringing about a settlement a lot quicker. It is not an easy job to care for the elderly here. Some of them weigh quite a bit and have to be lifted and turned in their beds or they get bed sores. They have to be attended to, changed, cared for. Volunteers cannot give them the proper care and shouldn't be asked to."

Many of the workers, Seif explained, have been at the home for many years and have deep attachments to the elderly residents and "miss them very much." Earlier in the week, the striking workers had offered to care for the elderly residents in their homes. But the community has not responded. "No one has taken us up on our offer," Seif said.

Seif was asked what she thought about the fact that most of the Jewish volunteers

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This Chanukah, Remember Jews In USSR And Ethiopia

This Chanukah, remember the Jews of the Soviet Union and Ethiopia.

On December 21 and 22, the shabbat of Chanukah, at synagogues throughout Rhode Island, the plight of Soviet Jews will be commemorated.

The following synagogues will be recognizing the desperation of Soviet Jews in conjunction with the Women's Plea for Soviet Jewry:

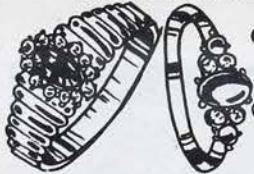
Temple Habonim, December 21, 7:15 p.m.; Congregation Jeshuat Israel, December 22, 9:00 a.m.; Congregation Beth Shalom, December 22, 9:00 a.m.; Temple Torat Yisrael, December 28, 8:00 p.m.; Temple B'nai Israel, December 21, 8:00 p.m.; Temple Beth-El, December 14, 8:15 p.m.; Temple Shalom in Middletown, December 21 at 8:00 p.m.; Congregation Ohave Shalom, December 22; Congregation Mishkan Tfiloh, December 22.

Information regarding Soviet Jews, including a "Kremlinbusters" flyer, may be obtained from the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry, 210 West 91st Street, New York, New York, 10024. SSSJ also publishes a newsletter and other material on the Soviet Jewry problem.

Those wishing to aid the Jews of Ethiopia should send donations to Operation Moses, c/o the Jewish Federation of R.I., 130 Sessions St., Providence, RI 02906.



Ilana Kholmyansky (l.), sister-in-law of Alexander Kholmyansky, and Tatiana Edelstein (r.), wife of Yuli Edelstein, both imprisoned Moscow unofficial Jewish teachers, gaze with worry and weariness under a Hebrew-Russian alef-bet chart. According to the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry, which obtained the photo from Noah's Ark publisher Debbie Dubin, the pair had just returned from a demonstration on behalf of their loved ones, still wearing the heavy clothing they took with them in case of arrest and imprisonment. The KGB is in the midst of a severe crackdown on many unofficial Jewish educators in the USSR.

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Local News**Chanukah Events****Temple Sinai
Chanukah Service**

Temple Sinai, 30 Hagen Avenue, Cranston, will hold a family Chanukah service on December 21 at 7:30 p.m. Music will be by the junior choir, under the director of Cantor Remy Brown. Rabbi George Astrachan will lead the service. There will be a special Chanukah tribute to Soviet Jewry. The community is welcome to attend.

Cong. Sons Of Jacob

Friday, December 21 — 4th candle at 3:45 p.m. Regular candles at 3:55 p.m. Minchah candles at 4:00 p.m.

Saturday Blessing of the new month Teveth — Services at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday Evening Maariw at 5:00 p.m. Minchah RCU Monday and Tuesday at 3:50 p.m.

After Maariw Service light Chanukkah candles after Havdalah

Sunday, December 23 — Services at 7:30 a.m. Immediately after services, Chanukkah Breakfast.

Tuesday, December 25 — Services in the morning at 7:30 a.m.

Wednesday, December 26 — Last day of Chanukkah light the 8th candle.

Additionally, there will be a Chanukkah Party held after the morning services, Sunday, December 23.

Cong. Mishkon Tfiloh

The Sisterhood and the Men's Club of Congregation Mishkon Tfiloh will jointly host a Chanukah Party on Sunday evening, December 23 at 6 o'clock in the Social Hall of the Synagogue, Summit Avenue in Providence.

Rabbi Philip Kaplan will address the audience on the topic: "Have We Rekindled The Spirit In Our Hearts?" The Candles will be lit by Gary Bernstein, grandson of Rose Bernstein. The beautiful Chanukah Menorah was the gift of the Bernstein family to the Synagogue. Edward C. Spenser will sing the Blessings and will lead in community singing of Chanukah songs.

Dorothy Berry, president of the Sisterhood and Jack Brier, president of the Men's Club will act as M.C.'s of the evening, and greetings will be brought by the president of the Congregation, Samuel Rotkopf.

Shaare Zedek-Sons of Abraham Chanukah Party

The Shaare Zedek-Sons of Abraham will hold their Annual Chanukah Party and Installation of their Officers and Board of Directors of the Synagogue and its Sisterhood on Sunday, December 23, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening. Catered by Gilbert. Admission to the members of the Synagogue and its Sisterhood. In the Social Hall of the Synagogue. Members of this committee are Louis Sacarowitz, Chairman; Joseph Margolis, President of the Synagogue; Nellie Silverman, President of the Sisterhood; Izaak Berger.

Cong. Beth Shalom

Congregation Beth Shalom, 275 Camp St., Providence, will be celebrating the festival of Chanukkah with a special program on Sunday, December 23.

The afternoon will begin with the showing of the hilarious Kuni Lemmi film, *The Flying Matchmaker*, at 2:00 p.m. After the film, there will be a brief Menorah lighting ceremony, followed by a dairy supper of latkes and salads.

Child care will be provided for children under 6. Admission, which covers both the cost of the film and the meal, is \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children 10 and under.

Reservations can be made by calling the synagogue, mornings, at 331-9393. Deadline for making reservations is Thursday, December 20.

Zionist Chanukah Party

Saturday evening, December 22 will be the date of Boston's first "Pre-Aliyah Zionist Chanukah Party." The evening will be sponsored by Boston's three Aliyah-oriented groups: Zionist House's "Na'aleh"; the Chug Aliyah, associated with Boston's Aliyah Office; and Telem, a Movement for Zionist Fulfillment. It is expected that this event will be the beginning of a renewed effort to combine forces and to push for Aliyah. Also co-sponsoring the event will be the Israel Student Organization, a group comprised of approximately 150 Israeli university students in Boston.

The party is open to the public (18 years old and over), and admission is \$3.00.

The evening will begin promptly at 7 p.m. with each sponsoring group introducing itself. This will be followed by an informal hour with Israeli and Hanukkah music performed by Rami Bar-David, who will also lead the participants in a Hanukkah sing-along. Latkes, kosher jelly donuts, humus, juice and coffee will also be served in a cabaret setting, thus giving everyone a chance to get acquainted. At 9 p.m. the well received color film, *Elie Wiesel's Jerusalem*, will be shown. After the film, Israeli dancing will begin, led by Hanan Afuta.

For further information about this event, or about Na'aleh, which is a post-college group for pre-aliyah people based at Zionist House, please call Andrew Nikop at Zionist House, 267-3600.

Zionist House is located at 17 Commonwealth Ave., Boston. It is a 5-minute walk from the Boston Common Underground Garage or from the Arlington St. "T" stop.

**Klezmer Concert
At Torat Yisrael**

Temple Torat Yisrael, Cranston, R.I. presents for your entertainment and pleasure the Andy Statman Klezmer Orchestra. They will be performing at the fourth annual Ira and Anna Galkin Chanukah Concert on Saturday evening, December 22, 1984 at 8 p.m.

Klezmer music is the instrumental music of the Jews of Eastern Europe brought over with Jewish immigrants at the turn of the century. There is now a strong revival of interest in this art form and we are pleased to have Andy Statman and his group at Torat Yisrael. Mr. Statman is considered to be the foremost Klezmer clarinetist of his generation.

Please join us for a most exciting evening of music for the entire family! The public is invited. There is no charge for admission.

So. Prov. Hebrew Association

The South Providence Hebrew Association held their Annual Raffle at a regular Board Meeting on December 16, at which time the winners were: \$100 Mr. David Berger, East Providence; \$100 Mr. James Lisser; \$50 Mr. Harold Pavlow; \$50 Mr. Daniel Paeness.

Majestic Seniors To Meet

The Majestic Senior Guild will have a Hanukkah Luncheon December 21, at the Medical Center, Cranston. There will be gifts and goodies. Rabbi Richard Leibovitz will officiate. Arrangements made by Pearl Stayman and her committee.

**Operation Snowball
Aids Warwick Police**

Roger Williams Lodge of B'nai B'rith will aid the Warwick Police for the 13th year on Christmas Eve. Volunteers will be companions to the police on patrol and assist inside the police station. Anyone interested in volunteering their time should contact Marvin William Lax at 738-2350 or Mitchell Riffkin at 751-9500.

CHANUKAH GREETINGS



Rabbi Silverman Welcomed At Beth-El

On Sunday afternoon, December 10, 1984, over 300 members of Temple Beth-El officially welcomed Rabbi and Mrs. Lawrence Silverman and their four children to the Congregation.

The afternoon began with a chamber concert presented by the Copley Chamber Players. The ensemble, comprised of Cameron Swazin, Heidi Bothfield Baxter, and Jolie G. Shushansky — the music teacher at Temple Beth-El and a graduate of the Temple's Religious School, performed pieces by Telemann, Mozart, and Bach. After the concert, president of the Temple, Carl Feldman, Rabbi Emeritus William Braude, Senior Rabbi Leslie Y. Guterman, and Rabbi Silverman spoke to the assembly of Temple members and their guests.

At the conclusion of Rabbi Silverman's comments, a magnificent reception was held in the Temple Social Hall where each individual had an opportunity to greet the Rabbi and his wife Reini and their children Tova, Yona, Natanya and Daniel.

Rabbi Silverman joins Temple Beth-El from Congregation Beth Jacob in Plymouth, Mass. where he was the spiritual leader for 11 years, in addition to his rabbinic duties, Rabbi Silverman is the Educational Director of the Temple's Religious School. Members of the committee who planned the concert-reception were Mrs. Roberta Lasser, Chairperson, Maxine and Edward Goldin, and Anne Presser, Irving and Sheila Troob, Mrs. Carol Silver, Mrs. Mandy Katz, and Mrs. Lillian Zarum.

Dr. Ruescheneeyer To Speak At Torat Yisrael

Our guest speaker Friday, Dec. 21, for "Women's Plea for Soviet Jewry Shabbat" will be Dr. Marilyn Ruescheneeyer, Prof. of Sociology at RISD, who also teaches at Brown. She is co-chairperson of Soviet Jewry Task Force of R.I. and has travelled behind the Iron Curtain on numerous occasions. Last year she took a group of students to Russia and has met with Jewish activists there.

Chased Schel Amess Elects Officers

The Chased Schel Amess Association, Lincoln Park Cemetery, 1469 Post Road, Warwick, R.I., held its annual meeting and election of officers on Sunday, December 9, 1984, at the Priest Memorial Chapel at the cemetery.

The following officers were elected and installed for the year 1985. President, Simon Chorney; 1st Vice President, Louis Brown; 2nd Vice President, Louis Bloom; Treasurer, Samuel Shindler; Financial Secretary, Stanley Grebstain; Ex-officio, Louis Rotenberg.

Members of the Board of Directors are: Sheldon Blustein, Remmie Brown, Joseph Gladstone, Samuel Jamnik, Max Kerzner, George Labush, Irving H. Levin, Jack Mossberg, Abe Ponce, Nat Rosenfeld, Philip Rosenfield, Ralph Rottenberg, Bernard Schneider, M. David Seidman, Philip Simon, and Herman Wallock.

Installing officer was State Representative, Irving H. Levin.

BBYO To Meet

I.H. Rosenberg B.B.Y.O which meets at congregation B'nai Israel in Woonsocket has planned its mid-winter schedule. On December 16, 1984, the chapter will participate in the temple's Chanukah Party. December 23, 1984, the chapter has planned its annual progressive dinner. January 6, 1985, there will be a bowling party followed by a lunch. On January 13, 1985, the chapter will be part of the B.B.Y.O. contingent involved in the Federation Phone-a-thon at the Marriott Hotel.

The chapter is looking for new members from the Cumberland, Lincoln, Woonsocket and Bellingham areas. If you are 12-18 and want to have a great time and meet new Jewish friends, call David Hochman at 421-4111 or our Regional Office 617-566-2067.



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Temple Shalom Services

A special service, commemorating the plight of the Jews of the Soviet Union will take place on Friday evening, December 21, 1984, Shabbat Chanukah at 8 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary of Temple Shalom of Middletown. Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer will lead the worship and chant the liturgy. Special prayers and readings for this occasion will be offered. A booklet containing information about Soviet Jewry has been compiled by Rabbi Jagolinzer and Susan Benesch and will be used during the service. The Temple Choir, under the direction of Susan Woythaler, will also participate. Guest speaker for the evening will be Dr. Herbert Rakatansky, of Providence who traveled to the Soviet Union in June of 1984 on a two-week tour. This tour was with a Medical Group and during his visit, Dr. Rakatansky had contact with a Refusenik family in their home.

In honor of Shabbat Chanukah, candle blessings and songs will be sung over the lighted Chanukah Menorah. There will also be an unlit Menorah, symbolizing the plight of the Soviet Jews.

An Oneg Shabbat will follow the service, graciously sponsored by the Sisterhood of Temple Shalom.

NCCJ To Honor Garrahy

Governor J. Joseph Garrahy has been selected by the National Conference of Christians and Jews (NCCJ) as the recipient of the Annual Brotherhood Award in 1985.

In making the announcement Frederick C. Williamson, Chairman of the NCCJ Board of Directors, stated that "award gives public recognition and honor to Governor Garrahy for his success to the community, to the advancement of NCCJ goals, and his devotion to the spirit of brotherhood."

The award will be presented at the 33rd Annual Brotherhood Award Dinner which will be held May 9, 1985, at the Venus de Milo Restaurant.

The event will be co-chaired by James R. Winoker, President of B.B. Greenberg Co. and NCCJ National Trustee, and Harry J. Baird, Managing Partner, Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co.

JFRI "Super Sunday"

Jan. 13



The Jewish Federation of Rhode Island's annual campaign, "Super Sunday" will take place on January 13, Sunday, at the Marriott Hotel in Providence, Charles and Orms Street, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Individuals from the community are urged to volunteer for three hour shifts. Over 40 phone lines will be available to make calls to fellow Jews in the community to help raise funds for growing Jewish needs here and in Israel. Chairpersons for the event this year will be Edward and Susan Odessa. For more information, phone JFRI at 421-4111.

Kahn-AZA Elects Officials

Robby Kahn A.Z.A. which meets at the Jewish Community Center has elected their officers for 1984-1985. John Marzetta was elected President; Michael Eides, Vice President and Mark Gorin, Treasurer.

Robby Kahn A.Z.A. who is the defending Regional Basketball Champions will once again be the favorite team to win the championships this year.

On December 20, 1984, at 7:00 p.m. the chapter will sponsor a guest speaker, Mr. Stephen Litwin, Esq., an attorney in the Providence area who is involved in sports negotiation. His topic will be "The Athlete vs. Management." All boys 12-18 are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served following the speaker.

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Sincerely,

William A. Edelstein

William A. Edelstein
Executive Director

From The Editor

by Robert Israel



There Is A Difference

Last week the Jewish Community Council, an affiliate of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, sent letters to local officials expressing concern that municipal Nativity scenes be kept off public property this holiday season. The appeal by the Council was supported by the Rhode Island State Council of Churches which has also had a history of opposing municipal Nativity scenes.

What precipitated this concern was the celebrated nativity scene controversy in Pawtucket, which resulted in a Supreme Court decision allowing it to appear on public land at public expense. This was followed by a demonstration in Barrington by group of residents who want to follow suit and put a creche on the grass in front of Town Hall, defying the wishes of the Barrington Town Council. Mayor Paolino of Providence turned down a request to put a creche on the steps of Providence City Hall this week, saying that even though he is a Roman Catholic and has a creche of his own on the lawn of his home, as Mayor he must represent all people, and therefore the creche has no place on the City Hall steps. Bishop Gelineau agreed with him, saying, "It seems so improper to allow a symbol of peace and good will to become a source of division and controversy."

The Jewish Community Council, Bishop Gelineau, and the others were not the only voices to be heard expressing concern about the creche controversy last week. A reader of this newspaper telephoned me to discuss it and to share with me what he felt was a valid observation.

"If the Jewish Council is so concerned about the separation of church and state," the caller asked, "why is there a scheduled Chanukah lighting ceremony taking place at Cranston City Hall this week? Isn't that the same thing?"

I informed the caller that no, it is not the same thing. There is a difference, a big difference.

The Chanukah lighting ceremony, which has been taking place for the past six years in Cranston, came about when Rabbi Gerald Zelermeyer, former spiritual leader of Temple Torah Yisrael and Rabbi George Astrachan of Temple Sinai were asked to attend a Christmas function by Mayor (now Governor-elect) Edward DiPrete. The Rabbis informed the Mayor that as Jews they didn't celebrate Christmas.

To The Editor:

I was recently invited to attend the ceremony for the lighting of the first candle of the Chanukah Menorah at New York City Hall, but I regretfully have to decline.

After all these years of trying to convince my fellow Christians that we have no business placing the creche or the cross or any other sacred symbols of our religious faith in public, tax-supported places, how can I, in good conscience, participate in a Chanukah celebration at City Hall?

I'm not happy with either a Creche or a Menorah at City Hall. I think we would be better served by keeping those in our homes, our hearts, and our houses of worship.

Don McEvoy
National Conference of
Christians & Jews

Candlelighting
December 21, 1984
4:00 p.m.

Rabbi Zelermeyer proposed a ceremony that would inform and educate the community about the Jewish holiday of Chanukah. There are important differences between Chanukah and Christmas, and a public Chanukah celebration is an appropriate place to explore these differences.

The ceremony is a brief and joyous one, wherein Rabbis Rosen and Astrachan bring their own menorahs to the ceremony, light the candles, explain the significance of the holiday and its importance as an expression of freedom for Jews and all oppressed people everywhere. Then they blow the candles out and leave, taking the menorahs with them.

Unlike the creche, there is no public display of Chanukah at the public's expense. The ceremony, which took place yesterday, simply shares the meaning of an important Jewish holiday in a public setting. The menorahs are not on display for several weeks on the lawn of a public building. Taxpayers have not had to pay for the erection and maintenance of any religious symbol.

Next year, due to the concern expressed by the Jewish Community Council, Rabbis Rosen and Astrachan will be conducting the Chanukah lighting ceremony at Temple Torah Yisrael and Temple Sinai on an revolving basis. The elected officials and the community will once again be invited to attend.

The caller was correct in wanting to explore the reasons why the Chanukah lighting ceremony was taking place at a time when the Jewish Community Council was expressing concern about public displays of religious symbols. Like him, I share that concern and feel strongly that if we are advocating others to be sensitive to our beliefs, we, too, must practice what we preach. It seems to me that we are doing just that.

The challenge that awaits all of us is to work with others in the community all year around toward the true principles of pluralism for which this country was founded. As citizens, we all share the responsibility to see that no one in our midst feels they are in the minority. There are no minority or majority religions. We have much to teach one another as we share and explore each other's rich heritages which embrace common themes of love and respect for one's neighbors everywhere on this globe.



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Another View Of Xmas

by Mitchell Zuckoff

There he stood, a toddler in winter clothes and clumsy rubber boots; one mitten hand at his side, the other lost in his mother's grip.

Halting my tour of a shopping mall, I watched as he tugged her toward a line of children waiting to sit on Santa's lap.

She ignored his pleas and headed toward the mall exit with him in tow.

Maybe they were running late, or maybe they already had spoken with a department-store Santa. But I couldn't help thinking that maybe it was something else.

The scene I witnessed in November of last year brought me back to my own childhood as a Jewish child in a gentle world. And in the days that followed, I found myself thinking about the two little boys: the one I watched from afar, and the one I once was.

As a newspaper reporter, I had the luxury of taking my thoughts a step further. I went to a class at Temple Beth Shalom in Stratford, Conn. There I found a dozen children, aged 8 to 12, anxious to discuss their thoughts for a story on religious outsiders.

"It's like I'm an alien from another planet," said 12-year-old Meredith Klinger.

"I don't really like Christmas because it's just really a little thing and everybody makes a big deal out of it," added 9-year-old Barry Green.

Sitting among the children, I found myself identifying with their feelings. And when the conversation turned to activities in their public schools, I felt a pang of sympathy for them.

"Every year we have a Christmas play," said 8-year-old Billy Perry. "I didn't want to be in the Christmas play this year . . . We never have Chanukah plays."

Marcie Phillips, 9, told of a music class in which Christmas carols were being sung. "I couldn't sing them . . . (and) really felt stuck because people make fun of you."

Some said allowances were made for the non-Christian students. But Barry responded: "They just give one (Chanukah song) so the Jewish kids don't feel left out."

Where I grew up — in a predominantly Jewish suburb — the schools catered to a large Jewish population and never considered letting Christmas become part of the curriculum. So it was the outside world that posed the greatest problems.

A View From Jerusalem

by Harry Wall

The official Israeli response to the renewal of full diplomatic ties between the United States and Iraq was to issue a cautious endorsement, subject to Iraqi willingness to withdraw from the Arab "rejectionist" front. Israeli policymakers, however, are skeptical as to the long-range implications in the Arab-Israeli conflict from what is seen as a tactical diplomatic initiative by Baghdad.

Israeli officials, however, note with satisfaction that Iraq's decision coincides with a peak in U.S.-Israeli relations, particularly the much touted and improved strategic cooperation. This undermines, say Israeli leaders, the traditional State Department attitude that public support for Israel is only at the expense of good relations with the Arab states. The Iraqi initiative demonstrates that Washington can have it both ways — strong ties with Israel and correct relations with the Arabs.

Israel is aware that the costly war with Iran has propelled Iraq to project a more moderate image in the West. Iraq's decision to restore diplomatic ties with the U.S. is a pragmatic move which, for the time being, supersedes ideological interests, such as leading the rejectionist front against Israel. Baghdad will be seeking U.S. pressure on its allies, especially Europe, not to buy oil from Iran and it hopes for increased American pressure on Israel and other nations believed to be selling arms and spare parts to Iran. Iraq can expect to purchase American technology, receive U.S. technical assistance and favorable treatment for building an oil pipeline to the Red Sea Port of Aqaba, bordering on Israel.

Its rhetoric to American leaders notwithstanding, Iraq continues to spearhead the diplomatic front against Israel at the United Nations. The most recent effort occurred in November when Iraq again sought U.N. censure of Israel over the IDF bombing of the nuclear reactor in

Television seemed to run a continuous stream of Christmas ads and specials; stores set up Santa's workshops which were off-limits to me; and homes were adorned with a rainbow of Christmas lights and displays.

But these children I had met were most deeply affected in their schools. There, the problem was twofold: activities centering around a holiday in which they could not take part, and conversations with non-Jewish friends which inevitably turned to Santa's visit.

Christian children cannot be blamed for reveling in a beautiful celebration that is at the cornerstone of their religion — especially since it provides them with a booty of toys and other gifts.

Therefore, the responsibility for reducing the alienation of non-Christian children falls to parents and teachers.

The parents of non-Christian children have an obligation to instill a healthy understanding of the Christmas holiday to quell any resentment or jealousy their children may feel.

But, at the same time, Jewish families should not attempt to turn their own winter holiday, Chanukah, into an ersatz Christmas. Rather, the stress should be on the joy of Chanukah, while avoiding comments that belittle their Christian neighbors' celebration.

Meanwhile, Christian parents have a responsibility to teach their children not only that Santa Claus doesn't visit every house on the block, but also that other holidays are as important to non-Christians as Christmas is to them.

Teachers have the opportunity to build bridges between children of different faiths by discussing what Christmas is like for non-Christians, and how Christian children should be aware of the religious minorities among them. At the very least, teachers themselves should be aware of the problem and make every effort to avoid religious activities that may alienate some children.

For without the understanding of the adults around them, Jewish and other non-Christian children can get lost in a forest of garland-wreathed Christmas trees and feel like 11-year-old Jason Green, who said:

"It's Christmas, Christmas, Christmas, and I'm sick of it. It drives me bananas."

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Baghdad. Such hostile diplomatic maneuvers reinforce doubts in Jerusalem over Iraq's "new pragmatism."

For Israel the major question is: how long will this pragmatic approach last? Once the war in the Persian Gulf is over, some Israeli officials are concerned that Iraq's attention, and its army of one million soldiers, may be diverted to the eastern front against Israel. Israeli intelligence reports on several attempts on the life of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. Observers in Jerusalem note the possibility that, should Saddam Hussein be removed, he could be replaced by a regime more faithful to extremist dogma.

Israel is aware that even in the absence of a change of leadership in Baghdad, American influence over Iraq is very limited. Shortly after gaining normal ties with the U.S., Iraq resumed its attacks on Iranian-bound tankers in the Persian Gulf. This, following a six week respite and U.S. warnings to refrain from doing so.

Israel realizes that it is important for the U.S. to maintain normal, steady relations with the Arab world. If nothing else, the value of American ties must be a factor to take into the equation of the Arab-Israeli conflict. This consideration, after all, is what most influenced Egypt's Sadat in making peace with Israel and, to a lesser extent, weighs in the thinking of other Arab regimes.

But Israel has few expectations in the Arab world, and certainly not from one of its most intransigent enemies. Jerusalem has adopted a wait-and-see attitude toward this newly-found Iraqi moderation. In the meantime, Israel hopes that the U.S. will not furnish Baghdad with military technology that could be used to tip the war against Iran in Iraq's favor. With the war in the Gulf ended, such American weaponry, say the skeptics, may one day be used against Israel.

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Cantors Meet In New York

What is the role of today's cantor (*haazzan*) in the survival of the synagogue?

This and other questions dealing with how best contemporary *haazzanim* can strengthen Jewish life in America will be the subject of a day-long seminar Wednesday, December 26, sponsored by the cantorial groups of two branches of Judaism — the Cantors Assembly (Conservative) and the American Conference of Cantors (Reform).

The seminar — the first to be sponsored jointly by the two groups — is entitled "The Cantorate Faces the Challenge of Our Time," and will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, One West 4th Street, New York. It is open to members of both cantorial bodies.

Cantor Richard Botton, president of the American Conference of Cantors, and Cantor Ivan Perlman, president of the Cantors Assembly, will chair the morning and afternoon sessions respectively. At them, the cantors will assess the impact of demographic, economic and sociological changes on contemporary Jewish life and the responsibilities of the cantorate for strengthening Jewish identity.

Historically, it was explained, cantors have been central figures in developing, preserving and transmitting expressive Jewish culture as well as in introducing elements of the surrounding culture into the Jewish community. The seminar will explore ways in which cantors today can best fulfill this traditional role.

Professor Abraham J. Karp, Phillip S. Bernstein Professor of Jewish Studies at the University of Rochester, will discuss "The American Synagogue: A Typology" at the morning session. Prof. Karp is collaborating with Dr. Mark Slobin, professor of ethnomusicology at Wesleyan University, in developing a 300-year history of the cantorate in America under a \$160,000 grant to the Cantors Assembly from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

"The Variety of Cantorial Experience and Practice" will be explored from the Conservative perspective by Cantor Morton Shames of Temple Beth El, Springfield, Mass., and from the Reform viewpoint by Cantor Sarah Sager of Fairmont Temple, Cleveland, Ohio.

The afternoon session — termed "Looking to the Future: The Way to Go?" — will hear presentations by Cantor Samuel Rosenbaum, executive vice president of the Cantors Assembly, and Cantor Raymond Smolover, executive director of the American Conference of Cantors.

Rabbi Morton Leifman, director of the Cantors Institute, Jewish Theological Seminary of America (Conservative), and Dr. Lawrence Hoffman, director of the School of Sacred Music, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (Reform), will address the luncheon session, to be chaired by Cantor Paul Silbersher, vice president of the American Conference of Cantors.

Since its formation in 1947, the Cantors Assembly, the world's largest body of *haazzanim*, has sought to maintain standards for cantors and to preserve and enhance the heritage of Jewish liturgical music through its numerous publications and library of cantorial selections. The

Assembly consists of more than 400 cantors holding full-time pulpits throughout the United States and Canada. It publishes the Journal of Synagogue Music, the only forum devoted exclusively to synagogue liturgy.

Schindler Protests Apartheid

Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC); Theodore R. Mann, president of the American Jewish Congress; Henry Siegman, executive director of the American Jewish Congress; Rabbi David Saperstein, co-director and counsel of the UAHC Religious Action Center; and actor Theodore Bikel, senior vice-president of the American Jewish Congress, led an Anti-Apartheid protest this afternoon at the Embassy of South Africa.

The three AJCongress officials, Mr. Mann, Mr. Bikel and Mr. Siegman, were arrested for refusing an order to remain at least 500 feet from the Embassy.

The statement of the five Jewish leaders follows:

Jewish tradition and historical experience require that we speak out against all forms of injustice. The support of the Jewish people for the struggle against racism stems not only from our heritage, which tells us that God created all of humanity, but also from the fact that we ourselves have been the victims of racial hatred and discrimination over the centuries.

That is why we are here today. We have come to publicly protest and condemn the official government Apartheid policy of discrimination and dehumanization which has been imposed upon the nonwhite majority in South Africa. We have come to demonstrate our support for the victims of South African government oppression — in particular, political prisoners and jailed labor leaders incarcerated for protesting the brutal and savage system under which they live.

We strongly oppose the Reagan Administration's policy of "Constructive Engagement." This approach has not advanced the cause of true social justice, nor has it mitigated the South African Government's repressive racial policies.

We urge the South African Government to release the labor and political leaders still imprisoned as the first step in a dialogue with leaders of the black community aimed at ending Apartheid in South Africa.

Chanukah Festival At JCC

The Jewish Community Center's annual Hanukkah festival, from 2-4 p.m. on December 23, will be a magical event from start to finish. Professional magician Lon Cerel will MC the festival and perform his dazzling magic tricks; the JCC's various children's groups, from preschoolers through teenagers, will put on performances of singing, dancing, skits, and tumbling. The festival includes the traditional menorah lighting — and latkes will be served, of course. Gift bags will also be distributed for children to take home. Admission is \$1.00 per person, maximum \$4.00 per family.

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Washington Report

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relations have never been better. This excellent relationship between Washington and Jerusalem — including highly-publicized strategic cooperation and increased economic and military support — did not stop the Iraqis from moving closer to the United States.

Clearly, the Iraqis had their own reasons for seeking an improved relationship with the United States. For one thing, U.S. officials explained, the Iraqis were becoming increasingly concerned with what the Baghdad regime regarded as excessive dependence on the Soviet Union. It was time to have decent relations with the U.S. as well as the Kremlin leadership.

Israeli officials also pointed out that Iraq's decision followed strong U.S. support for Israel at the United Nations and other international forums in the face of Iraq's continued efforts to condemn Israel for destroying the Iraqi nuclear reactor at Osirak in June 1981. This was recently demonstrated in early November when Iraq again pressed for condemnation of Israel at the United Nations.

But thanks partly to a consistent U.S. stance on the issue, the Iraqis have met with increasingly less international support since the matter first arose in 1981. Only the U.S. and Israel, to be sure, actually have voted against the Iraqi proposal every year. In 1983, 11 countries abstained during the roll call in the General Assembly. But in early November of this year, when the resolution was again raised, 33 countries abstained.

Israeli and U.S. officials agree that the Arab states, including some of the most radical, are coming to realize that the American-Israeli connection is iron-clad, that there is virtually no realistic hope of driving a wedge between the two.

At a time of serious division within the Arab world and a marked reduction in the influence of Arab oil, this has forced some revised thinking among the Arabs vis-a-vis the U.S. and Israel.

The Arabs, in seeking improved ties with Washington, are increasingly ignoring the U.S.-Israeli relationship in

order to promote their own commercial, political and military interests. They have been forced to swallow the U.S. attachment to Israel.

When the Arabs believe it is in their interest to ignore their economic boycott against U.S. firms dealing with Israel, they will do so. Saudi Arabia, for example, has not hesitated to purchase F-15 fighter aircraft from McDonnell-Douglas even though that company also does a brisk business with Israel. Indeed, the Saudis are now seeking more of those planes.

The same is true with many other American firms. The U.S. law barring compliance with Arab boycott demands has certainly been an effective instrument in helping to create this reality. By contrast, many West European and Japanese companies can still be easily intimidated by Arab threats.

There is also a greater awareness in Washington that not every problem in the Middle East is related to the Arab-Israeli conflict. "The Americans finally are recognizing that a solution of the Arab-Israeli conflict will not solve all the problems in the region," said Jacques Torczyner, an influential member of the Executive of the World Zionist Organization in New York.

All of this has eased pressures on Israel. This has been evident not only in Washington, but also at the UN. There, both Israel and the United States have benefited.

In recent weeks, for instance, these developments at the UN underlined a more positive trend:

- The continued Soviet occupation of Afghanistan received the support of only 20 countries, mostly Soviet satellites in Eastern Europe;

- The once solid lineup of Black African states has cracked. There is less willingness to automatically associate with the Soviets and the Arabs on all sorts of issues. Mozambique, significantly, abstained during the vote on the Iranian proposal to reject Israel's credentials at the UN. Several other African states did as well. Somalia and Ethiopia, bitter enemies, are fighting over the next African

Jewish Home Strike

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were putting in time at the Home to help out in a crisis. They felt it was one of the tenets of their religion, honoring and caring for the elderly.

"It is also one of the cornerstones of the religion to provide for one's family, to put food on one's table, to make a decent living," Seif replied. "Surely many people from the community will remember when they had to struggle to provide these basic needs. This is all we're asking for."

Concern For Relocated Residents

Two families of elderly residents now living in their private homes, who asked not to be identified, told the Herald that they are greatly concerned for the mental health of their parents.

"My husband and I both work full time," one woman said, "we are paying for round-the-clock care at our home. My mother is very sick and very confused. We were never asked, we were simply told, come and take her out of the Home by five o'clock today. It is a very tough situation."

member of the Security Council. Libya's Muammar Qaddafi has frightened many Africans, helping to change the political face of the continent.

- The Arab bloc is in disarray. This was even apparent during the vote on Israel's credentials. Egypt voted against the motion. Lebanon abstained. Jordan was pointedly absent. Iraq actually abstained (mostly because the Iranians — with whom they are at war — were behind it). One bitter disappointment was King Hassan's Morocco which supported the Iranian motion, perhaps out of solidarity with its new ally, Libya.

- West European and Latin American countries are also increasingly exasperated with what is widely recognized as excessive Arab abuse of the UN system to vilify Israel.

A man whose mother is now living with him said, "My mother is greatly disoriented. I wonder when the strike finally gets settled, if she'll ever get re-adjusted to being there again."

"My main concern for my mother," another woman said, "is that she is in her 90's, the demands for caring for her are great, and I can't meet these demands, I am in my late sixties."

Negotiations Continue

William Edelstein, executive director of the Home, told the Herald that a 13% pay increase over a 3-year period was offered to the striking workers at a negotiation session at the Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge in Pawtucket earlier this week, but this offer was rejected.

"We want to settle this strike as quickly as we can," Edelstein said. "We are putting our best cards on the table. Our main concern is for the residents. We've never lost sight of them. We've got to get them back here and we're determined to be very ambitious with our negotiations. I just do not feel our offers reflect the poverty level that the union is portraying them to be. We have mailed letters to every employee because we want them all to know what's being offered. We have had real reservations that they might not be informed about what's being offered at the bargaining table."

Meanwhile, inside the Home earlier this week, life appeared to go on as usual. A group of students from the Solomon Schechter Day School were on hand on Tuesday with their teacher to light the Chanukah menorah, to sing Chanukah songs and to perform an Israeli folk dance. Volunteers were helping the residents with their needs.

When one woman noticed me, she came over and told me, "I can understand striking against machinery or a tool factory, but these are old and infirm people here. I believe workers should be paid for their jobs and I hope they accept the best that the Home can give them. I appeal to their humane instincts, and I hope the strike gets settled as soon as possible."



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A Newspaper Called "Aufbau"

by Raanan Geberer

(JSPS) — The constituency of *Aufbau*, the German-language Jewish newspaper which was founded by refugees from Hitler's Nazi Germany, is shrinking, but its contributors and management are still optimistic about its future as 1984 celebrates the paper's 50th anniversary.

The tabloid, written entirely in German except for Art Buchwald's syndicated column and several political cartoons, was sold on newsstands until a few years ago.

"But in the past three years, the paper is available only by subscription," said Erika Hoffman, a long-time reader. "Before, you could buy it in kiosks everywhere — in New York, in Germany, even people in the bush of Brazil read it." Indeed, *Aufbau* is mailed all over the world, and has correspondents in West Germany, Israel, London, Paris and California.

Because of the paper's high quality, it is often used as a teaching tool in German language classes. "The *Aufbau* still is one of the most readable newspapers of its kind," says Rabbi Bernhard Cohn of the Habonim Congregation, the largest New York synagogue which was founded by

German refugees during the Nazi era.

The German-Jewish refugees of the 1930s and 1940s, who created *Aufbau*, were for the most part educated and financially secure, and their publication showed this. "There wasn't one important figure of this immigration whose life wasn't touched in some way by the *Aufbau*," said Gert Niers, executive editor.

Several notable individuals have served on *Aufbau's* early editorial board, including Rabbi Leo Baeck, chief rabbi of Berlin; novelist Leon Feuchtwanger; novelist Thomas Mann, who was not Jewish; and physicist Bruno Frank. A 1935 photo shows Albert Einstein at an *Aufbau* Purim celebration. Many of the writers and editors themselves worked on newspapers in pre-Hitler Germany and Austria. In the early 1950s, Jacob Javits, whose Washington Heights (Manhattan) congressional district included many German Jews, sat on the board.

Of the second generation of the refugee community, Gert Niers, says, "They are still loyal, they appreciate the paper, they feel nostalgic, but they are not regular readers." The paper still supports itself from its advertising, he adds, but an

Aufbau Heritage Foundation has been formed to "help pitch in."

As far as relations with the larger, non-Jewish German-American community are concerned, Niers says, "They may go to some of the same cultural events, but there is very little interaction. Many ads, however, are from non-Jewish German restaurants such as the Cafe Geiger and Rolf's. Others advertise trips to Germany and Austria. Niers says relations between the paper and the West German government are fairly good, and the paper has helped register Holocaust victims for reparations payments.

Niers, incidentally, is younger than the refugee generation, and grew up in West Germany during the immediate postwar era. "It was a strange time," he recalls. Nobody said anything against the Jews, nobody said anything about the Jews at all. The only time you heard anything about Jews was in the news or in magazines."

Tributes have been paid to *Aufbau* by several organizations this year. A resolution passed by the New York City Council in September reads, in part, "Whereas *Aufbau* has been awarded the 1984 Walter Meckauer Prize for service to suppressed and persecuted authors; and

... Rolf Kralovitz, chairman of the Walter Meckauer Circle, which donates the award, stated that *Aufbau* was honored because of its efforts to keep alive the works of authors like Meckauer, who were driven from their countries ... during the Nazi era. The Council of the City of New York also praises *Aufbau* for service to suppressed and persecuted authors."

A recent gathering at the Leo Baeck Institute in Manhattan celebrated the anniversary. Speeches were given in German, as it was assumed that most of the people there would understand that language. Most of those present were elderly, although there were a few of the second and third generations. Also among the crowd were representatives of the West German and Austrian consulates, and several people who had flown in from Israel and Europe.

Will Schaber, one of the editors who was present at the celebration, said, "Whether the *Aufbau* survives depends on the continued loyalty of the advertisers and readers, and whether it can get new readers. But the *Aufbau* still has a lot of life left in it."

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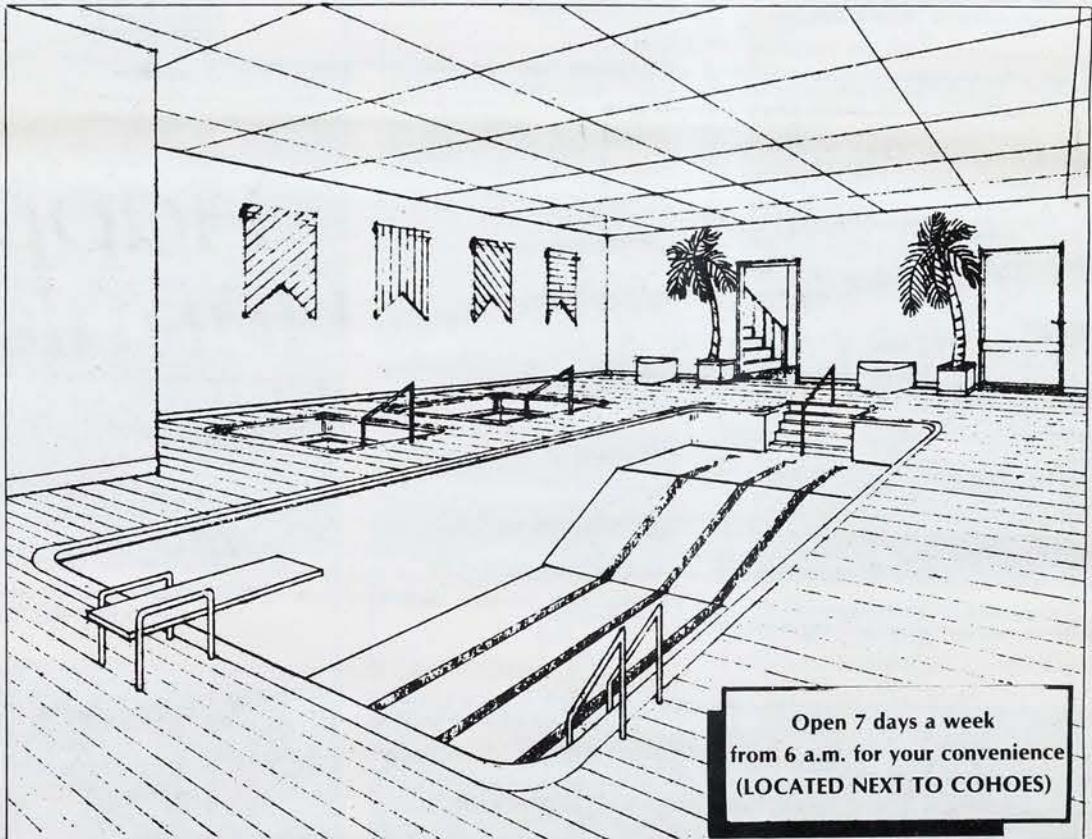
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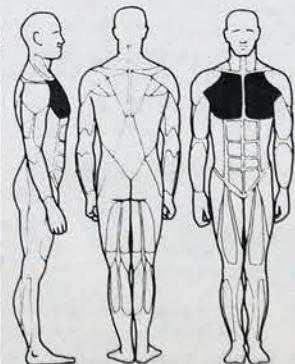
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Around Town

by Dorothea Snyder



The Greenwich Club in East Greenwich was bursting at the seams with exuberance from West Bay Jewish Center tots and their moms and dads last Sunday at a Chanukah celebration. Families came with menorahs and welcomed in the Chanukah holiday with a lighting ceremony and blessing.

They watched a puppet show presented by puppeteer Nancy Scanlan who wove Chanukah tales into the program. The tiny mesmerized audience are accustomed to enchantment by Nancy. She performs monthly for three to five year olds at a "Lunch with Punch Puppet Series."

The Chanukah program was co-sponsored by the Bureau of Jewish Education Homestart Program. The Bureau is one of many communal agencies assisting in programming for the increasing number of Jewish families in the West Bay area.

Ray Alfano, now in his second year as president of West Bay Jewish Center, brought me up-to-date. He explained how in May 1978 a meeting was held for Jewish people in the areas of East Greenwich, Warwick, West Warwick Coventry and North Kingstown.

"A hundred came," he says. "Our goal was undecided as to whether we wanted a Temple or a community center. East Greenwich alone had somewhere between 200 and 300 Jewish families. A needs assessment was conducted by the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and results determined the need existed for a community center in this area. We have met with Lola Schwartz of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island. She

has given us suggestions and guidance together with Carol Ingall of the Bureau of Jewish Education."

Ray also spoke of Jewish Family Service who was instrumental in programming a Mother's Discussion Group and the December Dilemma, a workshop in dealing with the problems of a non-Jewish world. The December Dilemma considered issues in coping with TV specials, Christmas trees and the role of Chanukah as a substitute.

All West Bay Jewish Center activities are held at the Greenwich Club which is rented from September through May. A pre-school play group meets twice a week for two and three year olds. A multi-media pre-schoolers workshop is held once a month and led by Lynn Swanson and Judy Monzack with assist by three students from CCRI. Lynn puppeteered with Nancy Scanlan during a segment of the Chanukah party's puppet show. Judy is on the Center's children's program committee.

The adult membership held a Mystery Night early Fall and a membership cocktail party this month. Upcoming are a Trivial Pursuit Tournament in January and a sports night.

West Bay Center members belong to Temples in nearby communities. "The Temples have satellite programs for us," Ray notes. "The Jewish agencies realize there is a need in the southern area and they're trying to help us meet that need. Cooperatively, we're working to do this.

"Our goal is to establish a West Bay Jewish Community Center. This will give us a visible Jewish identity."

We Want A Visible Jewish Identity



Welcoming in the holiday at West Bay Jewish Center's Chanukah Party are left to right, Deborah Demby, Arielle Demby, Mitchell Arbor. (Photos by Dorothea Snyder)



Puppeteer Nancy Scanlan, left, and Lynn Swanson, right, entertain the 100 children and parents who attended the party.



Nancy Scanlan involves the kids in plenty of action with Chanukah tales.



Ray Alfano, West Bay Jewish Center's president ties a bandanna around Beth Lury's eyes for a game of blindman's bluff. On the sidelines are Judy Monzack, left, children's program committee, and Robert Kleinburg, treasurer, at right.

ORT Camp Fair

The Providence Chapter of Women's American ORT (Organization for Rehabilitation through Training) will hold a "Summer Camp Fair" on Sunday, February 3, 1985 at Davol Square in Providence, Rhode Island. The Camp Fair, a first of its kind in Rhode Island, will run from 12:00-5:00 p.m., and be free to the public. If you are undecided about where to send your child to camp this summer or are looking for a camp that offers a particular type of recreation, the Camp Fair is the place that can offer you assistance. Summer camps from all over New England will have booths set up to show you first hand what their camp has to offer. Of course there is no obligation to any one particular camp that afternoon, just a free service open to the public.

Camps who wish to reserve a space need to send a \$100 registration donation postmarked prior to December 31. After December 31, the cost will be raised to \$115. The cost includes floor space with a table and two chairs, and electrical facilities. An additional cost of \$15 will be added if an electrical outlet is desired. Camps should send their checks to "Camp Fair" Providence Chapter of Women's American ORT, 802 Oaklawn Ave., Cranston, R.I. 02920. Further information and registration forms will be forwarded

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JNF Sends Certificates To USSR

Jewish National Fund/New England Region as part of the Jewish Book Fair and Women's Plea for Soviet Jewry, planted trees in the "Trees that Stand for Soviet Jewry" Forest in Israel. The certificates were sent to a Refusenik or Bar/Bat Mitzvah aged child in the U.S.S.R.

Participants in the program, using a list supplied by J.N.F., chose their own recipient. The certificates were typed in Russian and mailed return receipt requested into the Soviet Union. The Soviet Jewry Forest was established as a living mark of solidarity to those Jews who will hopefully one day dedicate the site at Messilat Zion which is located near Jerusalem.

Kevin Klose, internationally known author and correspondent, provided an update of the current Soviet emigration crisis. He stated that the outflow of Jews has been curtailed by the government to be almost non-existent.

New England Region President of Jewish National Fund, Robert T. Abrams,

Esq., noted that planting trees for Soviet Jews will help prepare Eretz Yisrael for their homecoming and strongly urged others to participate in this project.

"Celebrating the Hanukkah miracle can be kindled by all of us planting one or more trees in the Soviet Jewry Forest," said Mr. Abrams. Trees cost \$5.00 a piece. Return receipt certification into the U.S.S.R. is an additional \$5.00. For more information, please write the J.N.F., 1330 Beacon St., Brookline, Mass. 02146, or call (617) 731-6850.

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How Can We Keep The Spirit Of Chanukah Alive Today?

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by Ina Poljak

Becky walked into the kitchen and carelessly threw her books on a chair. "Today was such a bore!" She exclaimed breathless. "Only five more days 'til Chanukah!" She added with a mischievous note in her voice, "I wonder what I'm getting?"

"You'll know in five days," was her mother's matter-of-fact reply.

"Oh mom! You're no fun! Presents are the best part of Chanukah, besides latkes, of course." Plodding reluctantly up the stairs, Becky began to think of the gifts she could give to her family. She entered her room and with little enthusiasm, pulled out a chair, and heavily sat down. Elbows on desk, she leafed through the innumerable assignments that would have to be done for homework. Although she earnestly tried to concentrate on her studies, she simply could not. Her mind began to wonder. Thoughts of Chanukah flashed in her mind and she zealously tore out some paper, quickly jotting down gift ideas for her family. "What am I thinking of?" Becky murmured, annoyed with herself. "I can do this later. Right now I'd better do my homework." And once again, she was unable to concentrate. She looked out her window. The evening was clear, millions of glimmering stars sparkled in the sky. Her eyes focused on the dim streetlights below and then on the eerie, dark house across the street. She thought about Mrs. Smith, the little old lady that lives in it. What a depressing life she must lead, Becky thought. She hardly goes out and when she does she's always hunched over and scurrying briskly somewhere, never smiling. With a loud groan, Becky picked up her pencil and began to calculate mathematical equations. "Someone's gotta do it, but why me?" She remarked wryly.

The day before Chanukah passed in a whirl of crisp wrapping paper, packages and boxes, and last minute errands. Walking home from school, Becky felt ticklish pellets of snow dancing on her frosty nose. Just that day she had made Chanukah cards for everyone. She hugged them close to her, contently thinking of delicious latkes, happy faces, wrapping paper galore, and a deluge of thank-yous exchanged with delight.

All the warmth she felt abruptly ceased as her mother greeted her with a kiss and a quick, "Honey, please bring this cake over to Mrs. Smith. I'm sure she'll enjoy our little Chanukah gift."

"B-B-But Mom . . ." Becky sputtered hoarsely, but her mother paid no heed. A package was placed into her arms. Dismayed, she walked with a wary gait to the unwelcoming house. The doorknob sounded, and within minutes footsteps echoed in the corridor. "Come in," said Mrs. Smith pleasantly, opening the door.

"Hi," Becky said with an uncertain smile as she walked into the large hallway.

"How sweet! What is it? It smells delicious!"

"Chocolate cake," Becky answered, a bit more at ease.

"So, you are looking forward to Chanukah, yes?" Mrs. Smith smiled, a wrinkled but endearing smile.

"Yes!" Becky answered enthusiastically, "I simply can't wait to see the presents I got!"

Mrs. Smith sighed sadly. "You know, dear, there is more to Chanukah than presents and tasty latkes. We must remember what happened to our people under the rule of the evil king Antiochus. Do you know what happened?"

"No," Becky answered weakly.

"It's a shame," she whispered softly, "even if it did happen a long time ago, we must not forget. It could happen again. It happened in the twentieth century, in World War II." Her eyes focused on something far, far away. There was sadness and pain deep within the wrinkles on her face. Becky gulped, frightened. "King Antiochus was a crazy, evil king." Mrs. Smith continued, "He forced Jews to either give up their religion or die. Most of us died. He forbade us to perform mitzvot, study our Torah, and celebrate our holidays. He tried to destroy us. But we are not destroyed. Many have tried to destroy us. Why? Why? What have we done wrong?" She paused, dabbed at her watery eyes with a handkerchief, and continued, "Some Jews called Maccabiah fought against the king's powerful armies and although greatly outnumbered, won." Her voice quivered. "The miracle that occurred is a special one. After the fighting was over, some Jews went looking for pure olive oil to light the candelabra, which was customary to do. They found a small flask of olive oil, and the miracle was that it lasted for eight days. I have bored you with this story, yes?"

"No," Becky replied sincerely, "celebrating Chanukah would be empty without knowing its history. After all, it's such a nice holiday." Becky left the large house feeling good and special. Her people were part of a great history long ago.

A year ago Becky had been asked why she liked the holiday of Chanukah so much. She had answered, "cause of presents and all." But now if she had been asked the same question, she would've answered, "It's nice to be able to enjoy a holiday for its true meaning."

Ina Poljak is a student at the Providence Hebrew Day School.

by Joshua Strajcher

After the candle lighting of the menorah on the first day of Chanukah, David, an eight-year-old boy, asked his father a question. "Father, why do we light candles in our menorah on Chanukah?" David's father then replied, "We light the candles in order to remember the miracle at the menorah in the holy temple the bais-hamikdash. The miracle was really two miracles in one. One miracle was that the Jews found holy oil to light the menorah, the other is that the one jar of oil lasted eight days instead of the usual one day."

After that, David and his father opened their presents and ate latkas, potato pancakes. Halfway through a latka David asked his father another question. This question was much more important to him. "Father," asked David, "Why do we get presents on every night of Chanukah?"

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David's father replied after a minute of thought. "David," said the father, "The reason why we get presents on Chanukah comes from many years ago. Many years ago, parents used to give their children presents for learning torah, and Chanukah picked up the custom."

That night David's father explained many more laws and customs to David about the holiday.

For the remaining days of Chanukah David and his father had a good understanding of why they follow the laws and customs.

The story of David and his father teaches us a lesson; the lesson of how to keep the spirit of Chanukah alive. The only way to keep the spirit alive is to pass it on from generation to generation. Every Jewish family must discuss the laws and customs of Chanukah and most importantly the story of the miracles of Chanukah.

If this happens, the Spirit of Chanukah will be kept alive forever.

Joshua Strajcher is an 8th grade student at the Providence Hebrew Day School.

by Holly White

Hanukkah began many, many years ago. A king named Antiochus ruled over Syria and Judea. He said he would kill everyone who practiced the Jewish religion. The Torah was torn and burned. Keeping the sabbath holy was forbidden. The Macabees, a group of Jewish people began to fight for their religious freedom. Judah Macabee and his soldiers took the city of Jerusalem and they dedicated the temple again to the Lord. It was decided that there should be a celebration each year to remember the cleansing of the temple and the victory of the Macabees. When the Macabees repaired the temple, they found one flask of oil with enough to burn for only one day, but a miracle happened and the oil burned for eight days. This is how the festival of Hanukkah (dedication) began.

Today the Jewish people are still fighting for religious freedom. In the Soviet Union, Poland, and many other

communist countries, Jews are forbidden to study and practice their religion. We are very lucky to study the Torah. To keep the spirit alive, we have to help the people who can't study the Torah, fight for their religious freedom. Here, Jews are trying very hard to help those people. We feel very bad for these people so we have a twinning on your Bar or Bat Mitzvah. We write to the Jewish Community Center and they give you name of a person who can't practice their religion. You write to them and they write back. They have a special chair and you pretend that they are your guest at your Bar or Bat Mitzvah. It is a very nice thing to do. My brother just did this at his Bar Mitzvah.

I like to light the menorah and sing the blessings. Sometimes it's interesting to see other peoples religions. I think you should never stop trying to get freedom for people that can't practice Jewish Religion.

Holly White is 9 years old and lives in Warwick, R.I.

by Leslie Rosen

We keep the spirit of Chanukah alive today by remembering the miracles that happened during the time of the Maccabees. When the time came to rededicate the temple, a small jar of oil was found, enough to light the Ner Tamid. This oil was expected to burn one day but instead burned for eight days. A small group of Maccabees fought Antiochus and his great kingdom and won. The Jews had refused to worship idols. They wanted to pray to their one G-d.

Their faith and spirit is still alive today, everywhere there are Jews. Since the time of the Maccabees, Jews continue to fight for the right to pray to G-d and to live as Jews. We keep the spirit alive today by lighting candles, one additional candle each night for eight consecutive nights. Our families sing special Chanukah songs, eat doughnuts and latkes fried in oil and play dreidel to remind us of the miracles of Chanukah. When we light the Chanukah candles we rekindle our hearts with the spirit of the Maccabees.

Leslie Rosen is a 7th grade student at Providence Hebrew Day School.

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Chanukah Story On Cable TV

A half-hour animated television special about Chanukah, *Lights*, will be aired on R.I. Cable, Channel 3, on Wednesday, December 19 through Friday, December 21 at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Lights is a fantasy-adventure which retells, in allegory form, the story of Chanukah and the Miracle of the Lights. With something in it for everyone, it is the first major production of Israel's promising young animation industry. It took two years to produce, and involved 80 people working in seven animation teams. Narrated by filmstar Judd Hirsch (award-winning actor who played Dr. Berger, in "Ordinary People" and star of the TV comedy series "Taxi"); the film is designed by Faith Hubley (whose New York studio has won four Academy Awards). Bill Littlejohn of MGM supervised the initial layouts. Leonard Nimoy (Mr. Spock of "Star Trek") and Paul Michael Glazer (Starsky and Hutch) portray two of the animation's chief characters. The animation was carried out in Israel at Ein Gedi's Animation Studio, with the help of extra teams from Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

Designed to compete with top network holiday entertainment, "Lights" was carefully conceived. Without once using the word "Jewish" or "religious," it delivers a powerful and universal message: that everyone has the right to be different. And not just the right — the *obligation* to preserve the unique traditions of one's heritage against the prevailing culture, no matter how enlightened, sophisticated and humane that culture might be. The film's theme of tolerance unfolds in a delightful yet moving way, and can apply to any ethnic minority, although the plot is taken from a chapter of Jewish history.

With cartoon characters that instantly are loveable, the film opens to show ancient Jerusalem at dawn, as narrator Judd Hirsch begins to tell the story: "Chanukah . . . the Festival of Lights . . . it's all about something that happened a long, long time ago . . ." Gradually we're introduced to the stars . . . Miriam and her little brother Yoni. They are part of a



A scene from *Lights*, an animated Chanukah television special.

people to whom a great gift was given, sent to them from Mount Sinai. The gift is lights . . . wonderful lights composed of Hebrew letters that dance and sparkle and glow, lighting their way and their lives. We see them blaze in menorahs, leap from the pages of Torah script, and see them prized by families . . . even to the baby that has its own special light/letter to play with. New characters are introduced . . . the Scribe, the Shepherd and a Young Man. The letters dance before them, subtly teaching them how to live . . . to give charity to the poor . . . to help the elderly . . . in short, to do whatever "mitzvot" present themselves. We are shown the Temple where the lights are treasured by the Kohen, the High Priest.

Then the drama unfolds as Alexander the Great comes over the sea with his armies. We see his battle with the Persians and his threatening march on Jerusalem, which in the end he enters peacefully. For a while the two peoples live side by side. The Greeks are clever, skilled in the arts, and very attractive and the Young Man admires them enormously.

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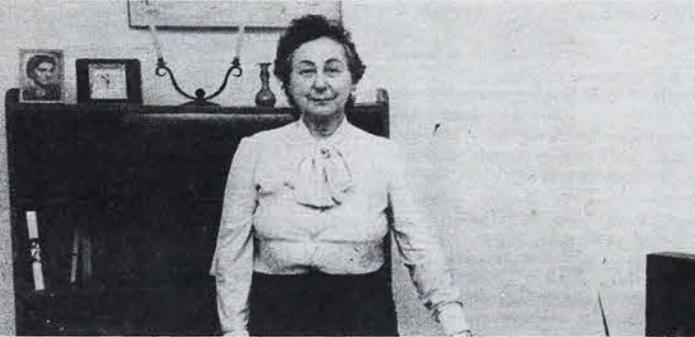
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Social Events

Hadassah Chairpeople Meet In Israel to Boost Tourism



Brenda L. Hoffman of Middletown, Rhode Island, Tourism Chairperson of the Newport Chapter of Hadassah, stands at the desk of Henrietta Szold, the founder of Hadassah, in the Henrietta Szold Museum of the Hadassah University Hospital on Mount Scopus, Jerusalem.

Ms. Hoffman attended a Hadassah Conference on Tourism in Israel, the aim of which is to promote tourism among the 370,000 members of Hadassah.

Hadassah Chairmen of Tourism in regions and chapters throughout the United States came to Israel this week to participate in a Conference on Tourism to Israel, combined with a fact-finding Mission about tourist facilities.

Hadassah has launched a major drive to encourage tourism to Israel among the 370,000 members of the organization in all parts of the U.S.

Roslyn K. Brecher, Hadassah's National Chairman of Tourism, explained: "At a time when Israel is experiencing an economic crunch, the tourist dollar has become more important than ever. We believe that Hadassah, the largest women's voluntary organization in America, can provide a great reservoir of potential tourists to a country that is a close friend of the U.S., and which Hadassah helps with great devotion. We also naturally want the members to see our Hadassah medical, educational and social institutions in Israel with their own eyes."

Apart from touring Israel from one end of the country to another, the members of the Mission went to numerous hotels in all categories to investigate the food, services and other tourist facilities.

While they were in Haifa, Israel's largest port, the U.S. Navy's Sixth Fleet came to the port to pay a courtesy call. Members of the Hadassah and sailors from the Fleet got together in one of the hotels where folk-dancing was organized for their entertainment.

"Israel has become very tourist-conscious," Mrs. Brecher commented. "Sacred to three religions, it possesses many famous religious and historic sites. There is abundant sunshine all the year round. The scenery is full of fascinating contrasts because the land is small and yet has three seas on its borders — the Mediterranean, the Red Sea and the Dead Sea. One moves in a matter of an hour from a mountain top to a point hundreds of feet below sea level.

"So Israel has always been a fascinating country to visit. Now the Israelis are making a big drive to match the facilities found in the great tourism countries of Europe. Many new hotels have been built. The food everywhere we ate was excellent. The services were first-rate. They really want to make tourists comfortable and happy.

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Wanetic succeeds Milton W. Kadish of Waterbury, Conn. who was recently elected treasurer of B'nai B'rith International. Dr. Kenneth Bloom of Dumont, N.J. and Shirley Diamond of Wantagh, N.Y. were elected vice chairmen of the Commission. Kadish was named honorary chairman.

Wanetic, a trained pharmacist and chemist, is president of Skin Culture Institute, Inc., an international supplier and manufacturer of clinical cosmetic preparations. He previously served as vice chairman of the B'nai B'rith Career and Counseling Services Commission, and as chairman of the Commission's New York Advisory Board.

Bermans Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph J. Berman of 10 Poplar Circle, Cranston, announce the birth of their first child and daughter, Stacy Lynne on November 10. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Sorenson of Cranston. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Berman of Cranston. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Joseph Grossman and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Berman.

Misbins Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Misbin of Cranston announce the birth of their son, Matthew Perry, on December 11, 1984. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Idlis and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Misbin of Cranston. Maternal great grandmother is Mrs. Frances Siegal of Worcester, Mass. Paternal great-grandmother is Mrs. Lena Gergel of Cranston.

Judith Richter To Wed Stanley Smith

Miss Judith Richter of Providence will marry Stanley Smith also of Providence on Sunday, December 23 at noon. The ceremony will take place at the Beth-El Chapel in Providence. Rabbi Lesley Y. Guterman will officiate. The couple will make their home in Pawtucket.

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Billed as "a contemporary journey through show business around-the-world," the glamorous, multi-million-dollar production features the professional debut of the brilliant brother-and-sister pair skating team, Kitty and Peter Carruthers, the 1984 Olympic Silver Medalists, and four-time United States National Champions.

Ice Capades also introduces U.S. and World Ladies Champion, the dynamic and athletic Elaine Zayak in her professional bow, along with England's sensational Paul Heath, unchallenged master of the dangerous and difficult back-flip; the North American debut of the elegantly beautiful Swedish skating artist, Catarina Lindgren; the highly-acclaimed Canadian ice dance champions Lorna Wighton and John Dowling; and the artistic new soloist Tom Dickson.

Journeying through the wonderful world of show business, Ice Capades opens with "STARSKATE," featuring the entire

company in a shimmering prelude to all the energetic excitement ahead.

In a salute to television, Ice Capades presents the delightful skating debut of THE SNORKS, those beguiling creatures from under-the-sea who are stars of their own hit children's cartoon show on NBC-TV.

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Ice Capades spotlights the world's greatest precision skaters in the "RHYTHMS FOR THE NOW GENERATION," and the spirited, spectacular show is topped-off with "STARSHINE," a flashy, flamboyant finale.

Shalom Singles

Shalom Singles (ages 35-55) of the South Area Jewish Community Center is sponsoring a New Year's Eve Party, Monday, December 31 at 9 p.m. at a member's home in Brockton. Join us for a fabulous party with sensational hors d'oeuvres, party favors, and good company.

The cost is \$7 for members and \$10 for non-members. To pre-register and for directions please call Patti or Liz at the Center, 821-0030 or 341-2016 by Monday, December 24.

Pawtucket Hadassah News

The Pawtucket-Central Falls Chapter of Hadassah will hold its "Eighth Annual Holiday Gift-Wrapping for Cancer Research" at the Warwick Mall. This special service will be offered from December 16 to December 24 at regular mall hours. Prices will depend on the size of package.

This project is co-chaired by Ruth Kimerl and Sandra Africk. The committee includes: Sylvia Brown, Sara Cokin, Marion Rosenberg, Mildred Stern, Sylvia Snyder, Bernice Zaleznick, Eve Zucker, Ruth Goldstein, ex officio.



City Nights Dinner Theatre
— "A 1940's Revue." Left to right: Kathy Salisbury, Tony Cinelli, Donna Doiran.

City Nights Dinner Theatre

City Nights Dinner Theatre begins its holiday season with a "1940's Revue." It will also include seasonal favorites and selections from the hit Broadway musicals. The show which was directed and compiled by Wayne Patenaude opens December 7 and runs all Fridays and Saturdays through January 12.

City Nights is located in the second floor ballroom of the Elk's Building Complex on Exchange Street, next to the Pawtucket Times Building. Easy access from Route 95 Exit 27. There are three parking lots within a half block of the theatre. In the ballroom, patrons will be entertained from their tables amid the room's architectural elegance of the roaring 20's.

Tickets for the roast beef dinner and show are \$15. Dinner is served at 7:00. Curtain is at 8:15. Cocktails are available. Gift certificates are now available for holiday gift-giving.

Tickets to City Nights is by reservation only. For reservations, directions or information on group rates, call the Box Office, 723-6060.

Greater Providence Jewish Singles

The Greater Providence Jewish Singles will celebrate a Singles Service December 28, at Temple Emanu-El. The 7:30 pm. service will be followed by Oneg Shabbat.

Adult Singles Of Temple Emanu-El In Newton

The Adult Singles Group of Temple Emanuel, Newton will have a Chanukah Party Dance on Monday evening, December 24 beginning at 8:00 p.m. The dance will be held in the Community Hall of the Temple, 385 Ward St., Newton.

Dancing will be to the music of the Mike Segal Orchestra. There will be door prizes, a cash bar, coffee and pastry, and Lighting of the Chanukah Menorah. Singles from all over New England, ages 38 and over, have been invited to this dance. Admission is \$6.00 per person.

For further information on the dance call Chester Rubin, Director of Activities at the Temple, at 527-7810, or 527-6960.

Joint Meeting At Zionist House

The joint December meeting of the Chug Aliyah, Naaleh, and Boston 50 Plus Chug Aliyah will be held at the Zionist House, 17 Commonwealth Ave., Boston at 7 p.m. on Saturday evening, December 22.

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The Litter Critter makes some new friends at the Providence Hebrew Day School.

Busy Days at Providence Hebrew Day

November and December have been exciting days at the Providence Hebrew Day School. In November the school held an election. Children in grades 3 through 6 voted for School President, Vice-President, and Class Representative. Everyone enjoyed getting involved and learning about the Democratic process.

A visit from the Litter Critter taught

the children some valuable lessons about our environment.

The candy sale in November was a sweet success. Throughout December the children have been busy preparing for Chanukah. The annual Chanukah festival took place on Thursday evening. The day school entertained the delighted guests with joyous songs and dance.



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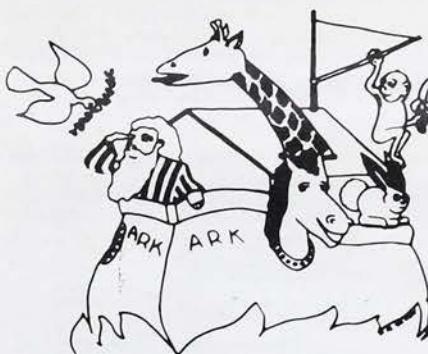
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Light Two Menorahs

Last year, Anatoly Shcharansky (pronounced Sh-ran-skee) celebrated Chanukah in a Soviet prison – again. He has been in prison for many years, just because he is a Jew who wants to join his wife in Israel.

During Chanukah, Shcharansky wanted to light a Chanukah menorah. But it is against Soviet law for a prisoner to have any religious items in his cell. So, Shcharansky saved eight cubes of bread and some grease from his meals. He put some of the grease in the middle of each cube of bread. He pulled string from his shirt to use as wicks. Then he had his own "menorah" and eight "candles". He was able to light his "menorah" once, but the guards found it and took it away. He was punished for celebrating this holiday of freedom in a Soviet prison!

Because we live in freedom, we can make our Chanukah menorahs anyway we want and light them every night. Light two Chanukah menorahs this year – one for your family and one for our Jewish brothers and sisters who are in prison and are not able to light candles for themselves.

Hebrew Words of the Month



Contest! Contest!

What You Do: Make a Passover greeting card for a Jewish child in the Soviet Union. You may draw anything that has to do with Passover and write any message you choose. Because these cards really will be mailed, please do not write anything about the Soviet Union in your card.

Send your name, age, and complete address, with your Passover greeting card, to: Passover Contest, c/o NOAH'S ARK, 7726 Portal, Houston, Texas 77071. (You must be 6-12 years old to enter.)

Deadline: January 10, 1985. The winner will be announced in the March (Passover) issue.

Meet The New Maccabees



Jewish children in the Soviet Union listen to the story of Chanukah.

More than 2000 years ago, the Jewish people were ruled by King Antiochus and the Syrians. Antiochus tried to force the Jews to worship the Greek god, Zeus. Antiochus and his soldiers did terrible things to the Jewish people to make them give up their beliefs. Jews were tortured or sold into slavery. But still the Jews did not give up. A family called the Maccabees led the Jewish people in battle against the Syrians and finally won! Today, we celebrate the holiday of Chanukah to remember the brave Maccabees who fought the first war for religious freedom.

In 1984, another "war" for religious freedom is being fought. The new Maccabees live in the Soviet Union. They are Jewish teachers, students, and other refuseniks (a refusenik is someone who asks for permission to leave the Soviet Union and is refused, or not allowed to leave). The refuseniks cannot use swords or bows and arrows to fight, like the Maccabees 2000 years ago, so they fight by teaching about Judaism.

Many teachers of Jewish subjects are in prison right now. They were arrested for "hooliganism" – this means that the Soviets accuse them of being trouble-makers. The truth is that they are just Jews who teach Judaism. The Soviets do not want Jews to learn Hebrew or to know about Israel and Jewish history. And so they make up reasons to arrest Jewish teachers. They hope parents and students will be frightened and classes will stop. But the teachers and the students are brave, and understand that learning about Judaism is a way to "fight" back. By learning about the story of Chanukah, for example, they hope that one day they will also win their fight for religious freedom.

You can be a new Maccabee, too. You can join the "army" of Jewish teachers and students in the Soviet Union who are brave enough to tell the Soviet government, "Let them live as Jews or let them leave!" To join the new Maccabees, see page 2.

How To Be A Maccabee

Here's how you can be a new Maccabee:

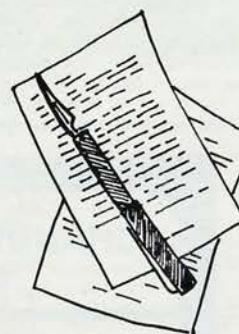
1. Tell your teachers and classmates what is happening in the Soviet Union today. Ask your teacher if someone who is an expert on this subject could speak to your class about it. Your rabbi or religious school teacher could help you invite someone. The person you invite should talk about what life is like for Soviet citizens who are being punished because they are Jews.

2. Write letters to:

General Procurator of the USSR
Alexander Rekunkov
Pushkinskaya 15A
Moscow 100309, R.S.S.R., USSR
(airmail overseas postage);

Ambassador, Soviet Embassy
1125 16th St. NW
Washington, DC 20036

Konstantin Chernenko, Chairman
Presidium of the Supreme Soviet
Kremlin, Moscow, RSFSR, USSR
(airmail overseas postage)



In your letters, say that you protest (are against) the arrest of Jewish teachers! Tell them that Jews should be allowed to leave the Soviet Union so that they can practice their Judaism in freedom!

3. Write a letter to a refusenik child in the Soviet Union. In this issue and future issues of NOAH'S ARK, you will read about different refusenik children. Write to them! Your letter is very important, because knowing that people are thinking about them gives them courage! It is also important for the Soviet Union to know that the refuseniks have friends outside Russia. Write friendly letters. Tell about our life, especially about your life as a Jew. This is a good time to write about how you are celebrating Chanukah. Do not write anything bad about the Soviet Union; in fact, do not mention that they are refuseniks or that they are being mistreated. Just write the kind of letter you would write to a pen pal anywhere.

When you were young, you probably learned a song that goes like this: "I'd like to be a Maccabee, so brave, so strong, so bold. I'd like to be a Maccabee, but I'm only 4 years old." Now it doesn't matter how old you are; you CAN be a Maccabee too! Ask your parents, brothers and sisters, grandparents, other relatives, and friends to be new Maccabees also. All of you will be "fighting" alongside some of the bravest people in the world!

Chanukah Jumble

What did Noah give the elk for a stomach ache when he ate too many latkes?

To find out, unscramble the words below:

SOLOE

ZACYR

TISKE

SELBT

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

Maccabee Word Find

In 1984, we remember two kinds of Maccabees. We have Mattathias and his sons, who led the Jewish people in battle against the Syrians more than 2000 years ago. And we have the new Maccabees, the refuseniks (Jews living in the Soviet Union who ask for permission to leave and are refused).

This Word Find includes names of both the original (first) Maccabees and the new Maccabees. There are thousands of new Maccabees. The new Maccabees listed below are in prison, but they are NOT criminals. They are just Jews who want to leave the Soviet Union. They were arrested for "made up crimes". Some of them are teachers of Hebrew, Jewish history, and Bible.

Original Maccabees

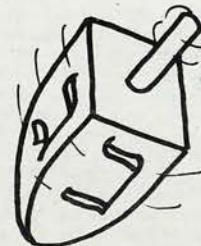
Judah (twice)
Simeon
Johanan
Eleazar
Jonathan (twice)

New Maccabees

Anatoly Shcharansky
Josef Begun
Yuli Edelstein
Dan Schapiro
Alexander Kholmiansky

S	B	Y	L	O	T	A	N	A	E	S
C	H	K	E	Y	U	L	I	J	I	N
H	A	S	S	F	L	E	S	O	R	I
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• What do you find in
the middle of a dreidel? •
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The letter "i".

Answer To Jumble

ELKA-seitzer!
Loose, crazy, kitschy, belts.

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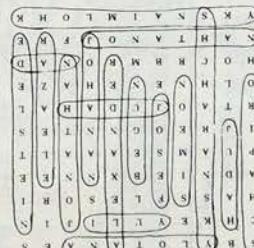
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Answer to Word Find



Making Marriage Work

by Judy Rosenfeld

(JSPS) — When Aaron M. Wise retired from his pulpit at Adat Ari El Synagogue in North Hollywood after 31 years, he realized that his work was just beginning. Wise, a Conservative rabbi and dedicated leader in the California Jewish community, had become alarmed about a dramatic rise in the Jewish divorce rate, which had historically been far below that of other ethnic groups.

In addition, Jewish leaders had estimated the Jewish birth rate to be less than 2.1 births per family, which is considered the minimum growth rate for survival. The specter of an unraveling Jewish family unit, long a cornerstone of Jewish life, frightened Wise.

Determined to reverse this pattern, Wise, who has been married to his wife, Miriam, for 43 years, recruited the help of a long-time friend Dr. Sylvia Weishaus, a marriage and family therapist, in 1977. Together, they designed "Making Marriage Work," a 10-week course for engaged and recently married Jewish couples that covers such issues as communication, the importance of Jewish ritual and practice within the family unit, and financial planning.

"This whole project began when I realized that so many couples I had married were divorcing," Wise recalls. "I felt bad about it personally, and also because it was extremely dangerous for the Jewish community."

Wise was inspired to begin "Making Marriage Work" after learning that Catholic dioceses in the nation had been mandating pre-marital preparation courses for couples in their own communities for several years.

Since its inception seven years ago, "Making Marriage Work," under the auspices of the University of Judaism, has prepared over 325 engaged and recently married couples for the most challenging of partnerships. Rabbi Wise explains to students on the first night of class, "You realize that for every profession and trade, you are trained, whether lawyer or teacher or social worker. But for the role of husband or wife and parent, you're expected to learn by trial and error."

Couples enrolled in the sessions grapple with basic marital issues. In particular, Weishaus considers developing effective skills in communication and conflict resolution to be among the course's primary objectives. Weishaus designed some sessions to include a marriage and family therapist, which are now integral to the program.

"It's important to establish a wholesome pattern in communication skills at the beginning of a marriage," she says.

Lisa and Michael Drake, married for six years and the parents of two young children were students in the initial class six years ago. Lisa, 28, and Michael, 38, struggled with serious obstacles during their first married year: conflicts with in-laws, an unexpected pregnancy, and financial trouble when Michael began his business, a janitorial service company he now owns with a partner.

"We had as many detractors as you can have in a marriage," Michael says.

Now living comfortably in their home in Encino, the Drakes attribute the success of their own marriage in part to the skills they learned in "Making Marriage Work." After we took the class we became closer," Lisa says. "And I think it helped us to communicate better. It was a nice way to start our marriage."

Although Weishaus believes that many couples are approaching marriage more

carefully and with more sophistication than their parents did, some harbor fantasies about what married life will bring.

"One of the biggest problems we see is unrealistic expectations of a mate and of marriage," she says. "One partner will think, 'You'll make me happy,' or 'Everything will be okay once we're married.' Well, that's nonsense."

However, Dr. Barbara Lazarus, another therapist who teaches in the program, finds that many couples who come to class are likely to share an awareness that marriage is a risky business that must be maintained and nurtured through effort and patience.

Lazarus recalls, "One couple in my class who has been married only one month recently said to me, 'Gee, this game of marriage is hard work!'"

Many students are referred to the class by rabbis who will officiate at their weddings. Wise estimates that about 40 rabbis in Los Angeles are now referring couples to "Making Marriage Work." Though Rabbi Wise is a Conservative rabbi, couples need not be affiliated with a Conservative synagogue to enroll. In fact, Rabbi Wise describes students who have taken the course as ranging from "ex-Jews for Jesus to rabbinical students."

David Oderberg, 28, and his fiancee, Ethel Ellinson, 27, were married in November. They didn't consider themselves idealistic about what marriage would bring. But the in-class exercises and questionnaires tested their knowledge of one another and prodded them to analyze why they have chosen each other as lifelong mates.

"We had to prioritize the top three reasons why we were marrying our spouse," says David, a software engineer. "In our class, most of us voted love, companionship and common interests and beliefs." (These were selected over such attractions as sexual compatibility, looks, intelligence, career success, earning potential or wealth.)

For Ethel, a social worker at Jewish Family Services, thinking about the possibility of the illness or loss of her husband was one of the most difficult class assignments. "We had to look at how we might deal with things we don't want to confront," she says. "You really have to think about it."

Ethel says that women seem especially anxious to hear what their fiancés and husbands have to say in class since the men are not as likely to disclose such feelings at home. Couples also noted the importance of setting aside time to talk during the frenetic weeks before a wedding. Oderberg observes "When we drive away and look at the other couples in their cars, it really seems like they're still in deep discussion."

One session is taught by a financial advisor, who discusses managing a dual-income budget, buying a house, and other issues pertinent to a newly married couple. A rabbi on the faculty then devotes three sessions to discussions on the meaning of love and commitment in a Jewish context, and imbuing the couple's home life with Jewish rituals and activities. Six sessions are led by a marriage and family therapist.

David Oderberg looked forward to what the rabbi would say about the role of Judaism in marriage and family, an issue that he and Ethel are still discussing. "Perhaps he'll provide some direction," Oderberg said.

Although faculty of "Making Marriage

Work" find a relatively high degree of compatibility among couples, some occasionally drop out and break up. Often, observing the interaction of their better-suited classmates makes them realize that some may not be destined for a happy marriage, teachers say. In a sense, these drop-outs may be an indication of the program's success.

"One of our prime objectives is for couples to really know each other," Weishaus says. "Sometimes a couple who has known each other for seven years may not know each other at all, but another couple who has known each other only three months may know each other very well."

Rabbi Wise and Dr. Weishaus have enjoyed tremendous success and personal satisfaction with "Making Marriage Work." They often keep in touch with couples through annual reunions, phone calls, and letters. Weishaus says, "I feel wonderful when a couple we had in class calls to say, 'We're expecting a baby,' or 'We just had a baby.' That's a real joy."

A longitudinal study is now being conducted to assess the divorce rates among alumni couples. Although exact statistics are not yet available, Weishaus and Wise believe that alumni couples are

divorcing at a rate slower than many of their peers.

According to Weishaus, statistics show that the divorce rate has peaked. Still, she believes that programs like "Making Marriage Work" are here to stay. Jewish leaders in Miami, Portland, Buenos Aires and even Glasgow, Scotland have inquired about setting up programs based on "Making Marriage Work" in their own communities. Every couple interviewed for this article felt they had learned from the course and had recommended it to their engaged and newly married friends.

Because of a surge of interest in classes for couples in later stages of married life, the University of Judaism now offers "Now That You're Married," "What New Parents Can Expect," and "Turning Silver Into Gold," for older marrieds, all of which are in progress. There is even a class for second-time-arounders, "Success in Your Second Marriage."

Although faculty in the program are enthusiastic about its success, they have expressed a minor regret. Barbara Lazarus, now married over 20 years, and Sylvia Weishaus, married over 30 years, wish they could have gone to a similar class when they were brides. Weishaus says, "It probably would have made the beginning a lot easier."

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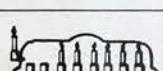
4. Friday, December 21, 1984

Place 4 candles (large enough to burn at least until 5:20 p.m. in Providence) in the Menorah at the right. Recite blessings I and II, and kindle the 4 candles, from left to right. Then the women and girls should kindle the Shabbat candles, reciting the appropriate Shabbat blessing. All the above should take place before 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time, in Providence. For the proper time in other cities, consult a Rabbi.)



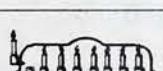
5. Saturday, December 22, 1984

After the Shabbat ends at 5:05 p.m., recite the Havdalah (separation between Shabbat and weekday) prayer. Then place 5 candles in the Menorah, at the right. Recite blessings I and II, and kindle the 5 candles, from left to right.



6. Sunday, December 23, 1984

At nightfall, from about 5:00 p.m. and on, place 6 candles in the Menorah, at the right. Recite blessings I and II, and kindle the 6 candles, from left to right.



7. Monday, December 24, 1984

At nightfall, from about 5:00 p.m. and on, place 7 candles in the Menorah, at the right. Recite blessings I and II, and kindle the 7 candles, from left to right.



8. Tuesday, December 25, 1984

At nightfall, from about 5:00 p.m. and on, place 8 candles in the Menorah, at the right. Recite blessings I and II, and kindle the 8 candles, from left to right.

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A Life-style Worth Examining



Elliott Goldstein

by Susan Higgins

The space around Elliott Goldstein crackles with perceptible electricity. A seemingly inexhaustible energy source, he exudes vitality. Sitting quietly across from him I sense that my stillness is unnatural, as I watch him choreograph his conversation. His arms fly through the air and from time to time electrical currents seem to lift him off his chair. He is one of the most convincing arguments for a healthy life-style I have ever seen.

Elliott Goldstein, Director of Health and Physical Education at the Jewish Community Center, cares. He has devoted 18 years of effort to mold the physical education program into top shape. One senses the smooth stride of the center in spite of a hefty membership of over 3,000 people. Elliott, who could be referred to as 'the keeper of good habits,' has a mission. He wants to spread this infectious desire for fitness that has plagued him all of his life.

First, Elliott insists, people need to understand what fitness really is. He gently pooh-poohs the Jane Fonda, Arnold Schwarzenegger "brand" of health. "People like us should be able to go to work for 8 hours, come home make dinner, spend time with the kids, go out dancing, live life to the fullest and not feel fatigued." Looking at Elliott it is easy to believe this is not just wishful thinking.

Elliott believes no one can be too young or too old to start living a more healthful life-style. The programs at the JCC clearly reflect his philosophy. Several times a week new-born infants, water babies, too young to sit or crawl can be seen bobbing and paddling with their moms around the swimming pool. To work out in one of the exercise classes Elliott conducts, participants must be at least 60 years old. Special classes are offered for all age groups to allow participants to work at their optimal level.

"Good habits must be developed early," Elliott insists. Developmental theories suggest personality and habits are formed by the age of five. If this is true then Elliott wants to instill the joy of feeling good in young children. A healthy routine must be established at a very young age. Walking through the gym we see 3- and 4-year-old children stretching and puffing. Elliott thinks remaining fit should transcend the generation gap. He has created an extensive swim program to bring families together. "I teach families to play together" Elliott says looking very pleased. He continues. "We forget to incorporate many important childhood

traits into our lives as we grow up. Families must develop mental motivation to maintain healthy attitudes".

The incidence of heart disease is greater for Jewish persons than for the general population. "We can't eliminate the disease entirely, but we can recognize the high risk factors and try to work with this information. The foods that are associated with the Jewish diet are the least heart healthy," Elliott expounds. To combat this, nutrition and health awareness programs are offered at the center. In conjunction with the Miriam Hospital, the JCC coordinates a cardiac rehabilitation program. Heart attack victims are counselled and encouraged to work out at the JCC under special supervision. In addition to the impressive athletic facilities, these individuals benefit from the presence of a physician, therapist and a complete crash cart. Gentle encouragement in large doses makes the best medicine, Elliott believes. The positive effects of this supportive feedback system touch all who enter Elliott Goldstein's world at the JCC.

To the non-athletically inclined person Elliott stresses the joy of participation. "While it is important to learn how to be a good winner and a good loser, we try to de-emphasize the more competitive aspects of sports." Elliott's eyes dart to the windows and scan the play field outside. "We only give one award here, and that is for good sportsmanship!"

"We are more concerned with reinforcing healthy fitness attitudes for life." Elliott punctuates this sentence by lightly tapping the desk in front of him. "Physical needs vary throughout a person's lifetime. We try to assess someone's fitness level and help identify the appropriate level of exercise." Elliott sees people who plateau and never progress. They continue to exercise but fail to benefit from their workout. "I encourage people to vary their exercise. It helps if I can work with each person on an individual basis."

Elliott runs his hands along the wall as we walk through the corridors of the building he cares so dearly for. A little girl calls out to him as we walk by. Elliott laughs easily and playfully returns the remark. "I've had offers to work in other places. We don't make much money here and the hours are pretty long. With the booming fitness industry there are lots of attractive opportunities." Elliott smiles fondly and shakes his head. "But, I could never leave here, it feels too much like home."

Parnosseh Exhibit Returns To JCC

"Parnosseh," an exhibit of turn-of-the-century Jewish life in Rhode Island, is now back at the JCC, where it will remain through the end of January, 1985. The exhibit, co-sponsored by the JCC and the R.I. Jewish Historical Association, includes five panels of photographs and mementos, an automatic slide show, and taped "oral histories." Funded primarily by the R.I. Committee for the Humanities, "Parnosseh" is available for display to organizations throughout the area. Please contact Ann Miller at 861-8800 after January 7 for details.

Rhode Island Water Color Society

There will be a New Members Show at the Rhode Island Watercolor Society from Sunday, January 6-January 25. The Gallery located at Slater Memorial Park in Pawtucket is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m.-5 p.m.



Sculptor Amy Podmore with her clay sculpture, "The Two Eves."

Amy Podmore Exhibits Sculpture

"I work the clay until it captures a gesture that is exciting . . ." says sculptor Amy Podmore, who is currently exhibiting in the JCC's Gallery 401, and has a studio in the CIC building in Providence. Ms. Podmore, a graduate of SUNY at Buffalo, attended the University of Siena, Italy, and plans to continue on to earn her Master's in Fine Arts degree. She has had

a number of shows in New York, Atlanta, and Italy, and has taught ceramics in the Rhode Island area.

Ms. Podmore's exhibit of striking and unusual clay figures will remain at the JCC through December 30. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9-4 Friday, and 9-5 Sunday (closed Saturday).



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Obituaries

PAUL J. ROBIN

PROVIDENCE — Paul J. Robin, 86, of 2 Jackson Walkway, retired owner of an insurance agency, died at Miriam Hospital Tuesday, December 11. He was the husband of Sylvia (Lichtenstein) Robin.

He owned the Paul J. Robin Insurance Agency from 1953 until 1974, when he turned the business over to his son-in-law. He was a member of Temple Beth Shalom.

Mr. Robin was a 1918 graduate of the City College of New York. He was a Rhode Island state senator in 1933-34. A World War I Army veteran, he was a past commander of Jewish War Veterans Post 23; a past national vice commander of the Jewish War Veterans and a trustee of the Jewish War Veterans Shrine in Washington.

He was the first Rhode Island department commander of the Jewish War Veterans. During World War II he was chairman of the state USO Committee and in 1976 received a USO 35-year award.

Mr. Robin was chairman of the Army and Navy Commission for the Jewish Welfare Board of Rhode Island during World War II. He was a president and honorary chairman of the board of trustees of the Providence Fraternal Association; president of the United Commercial Travelers Building Association, and a 15-year member of the board of trustees of the General Jewish Committee, now the Jewish Federation. He was a member of Rochambeau Post, American Legion.

He was a member of the Palestine Shrine and a past president of the Rhode Island Trowel Club.

Born in New York City, a son of the late Morris and Rose (Gershuni) Robin, he had lived in Providence since 1923.

Besides his wife he leaves two daughters, Fay R. Bodner of Treasure Island, Fla., and Carol R. Epstein of Shrewsbury, Mass.; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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

CELIA REFFKIN

PROVIDENCE — Celia Reffkin, 90, of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., died Saturday, December 8 at the home. She was the widow of Frank I. Reffkin.

Born in Lowell, Mass., a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Karl Dworkis, she lived in Providence for more than 60 years.

She leaves two sons, Burton E. Reffkin of Providence and Sanford Reffkin of Warwick; a sister, Eva Barbarita; a brother, Myles Dworkis, both of Providence; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

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ABRAHAM KOPLAN

PROVIDENCE — Abraham Koplan, 93, of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., a retired self-employed salesman, died December 17 at Roger Williams General Hospital.

Born in Russia, a son of the late Menasha and Rose Koplan, he lived in Providence for more than 60 years.

Mr. Koplan was a member of the Touro Fraternal Association.

He leaves two nieces, Pearl K. Barad of Providence, Mollie W. Rubin of Quincy, Mass., and a nephew, Maynard D. Koplan of San Antonio, Tex.

A graveside service was held at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope Street, Providence, R.I.

Jan Peerce 1904-1984

by Richard Dyer

Jan Peerce, who died late Saturday night, December 15, was an honest singer who always delivered the goods. His last Metropolitan Opera performance was 18 years ago, when he was past 60, but he continued to sing, and sing well, right up until the onset of his final illness two years ago. Not too long before that, he was in Temple Ohabei Shalom in Brookline, with his longtime colleague Allen Rogers at the piano, and he sang a demanding program of songs, cantorial music, and all his old operatic arias. The voice was still strong and steady and full of the characteristic Peerce quality, and if he didn't phrase with all the old breadth, it was probably because he could hardly wait to get to the next big aria to show us he could sing that too. We couldn't wait either.

Peerce's was a paradigmatic American career, and in 1975 he told the story in one of the best books ever produced by a singer, "The Bluebird of Happiness." When he came to Boston to promote the book, he sat in the sunlight and apologized that he didn't have anything sensational to tell. "I've got no illicit romances; I never went to jail. I've got nothing to reveal; my life is my revelation. But I just said to Alan Levy, who wrote the book for me, 'Tell them I'm some sort of a nice fella.'" And that's what the book did because it was so honest — Peerce was unafraid to admit the mistakes he made, the characters he misjudged, the quarrels he'd had along with the triumphs of his career, and the generous acknowledgements of the people who had helped him most, like Samuel L. "Roxy" Rothafel, the impresario Sol Hurok, Arturo Toscanini, and his wife, Alice, who was never afraid to tell him the things he didn't want to hear.

Born Jacob Pincus Perelmuth, the son of Russian Jewish emigrants, the tenor was brought up in hardship and love on the lower East Side, went on to become Pinky Pearl, a bandleader, then Jan Peerce, a principal attraction at Radio City Music Hall, Toscanini's favorite tenor in the generation after Aureliano Pertile, a leading artist at the

Metropolitan Opera for 27 seasons, a recording star, a headliner at Las Vegas, and an unforgettable Tevye in "Fiddler on the Roof" on Broadway.

Peerce sang just about every kind of music but rock, and he sang it all well, with a sure technique, ringing tone, reliable musicianship, and emotional directness. He knew his limits, and he never went beyond them — he kept within a basically lyric repertory, even though the color and weight of his voice suggested he could tackle dramatic roles as well; even Don Jose in *Carmen* is a part he only sang on a recording. At the Met he sang Alfredo in *La Traviata*, Rodolfo in *La Boheme*, Edgardo in *Lucia di Lammermoor*, and leading roles in *Rigoletto*, *Tosca*, *Un Ballo in Maschera*, *Don Giovanni*, *Faust*, *Cavalleria Rusticana* and *La Forza del Destino*. In 1950 he sang the Duke in the first complete opera recorded in America, *Rigoletto*; he was also the tenor in RCA's all-time best-selling operatic recording, *Carmen*. All of his operatic performances with Toscanini — in *Fidelio*, *La Boheme*, *La Traviata*, *Un Ballo in Maschera* and the last act of *Rigoletto* — were also on records. And all classic, these performances remain in the catalogue; some of them have been continuously available for nearly 40 years.

The reasons for this go beyond the calibre of Peerce's vocalism and the celebrity of his colleagues. The important thing about Peerce's singing was its generosity and its human quality; he was a sharing singer, "some sort of nice fella," and what he shared was his experience of living, his zest for life, his profound religious belief, his soul. He never cut a romantic figure on stage — he was short, near-sighted, and he acted on the tonic and the dominant. But when he started to sing he was warrior, poet, artist, king, ardent lover, and keeper of the faith.

Reprinted from the Globe.

Rhode Islanders For Healthy Youth

Parents, Teachers, Spiritual-Physical Mental Health Care People, Service & Civic Progress People, who care about the devastation to young people from marijuana, alcohol & other drugs are invited to attend the next meeting of RIHY/Rhode Islanders for Healthy Youth on January 9, 1985. Margaret Kane of the R.I. Lung Assn. will speak at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will take place at East Bay Youth Center, 25 Metropolitan Park Dr., Riverside, R.I. Featured will be MARIJUANA & THE LUNGS, a vitally informative slide presentation developed by the American Lung Assn. with the American Council on Drug Education (offspring of the American Council on Alcoholism). Their motto: Through awareness we can, working together, create more healthy attitudes and atmosphere for our children and us all!

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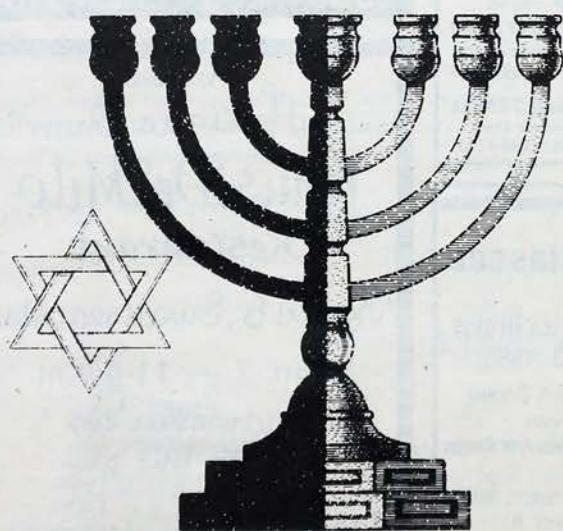
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Produced by Zev Bufman, Sidney Shlenker, Allen J. Becker, Barry Lewis, Miles Wilkin and the Nederlander Producing Company of America, Inc., *Jerry's Girls* is staged and directed by Larry Alford with choreography by Sharon Halley, sets by Hal Tine, costumes by David Dille and lighting by Michael Newton-Brown.

Performances at the Colonial Theatre are Tuesday through Saturday at 8 p.m. with matinees Wednesday and Saturday at 2 p.m. and one special Sunday matinee Dec. 23 at 3 p.m. A New Year's Eve performance is scheduled on Monday, Dec. 31 at 8 p.m.

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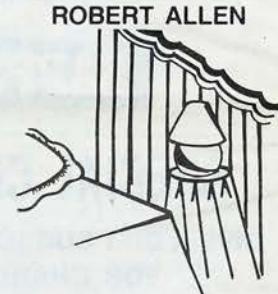
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