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Washington Report: Israel To Ask U.S. For Defense Aid Increase

by Wolf Blitzer
Jerusalem Post

In advance of Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin's visit to Washington late in January, Israeli officials have informed their American counterparts of the Israel Defense Force's major objectives in the immediate period ahead.

Israel must maintain its air superiority, raise the operational capability of its armored units, increase the mobility of its infantry units and improve its intelligence-gathering apparatus and early warning systems, Israeli officials have advised Washington.

American and Israeli officials have been busily preparing for the Rabin visit, his first to the U.S. capital since becoming Defense Minister. The U.S. Secretary of Defense, Caspar Weinberger, visited Israel last October. At that time, he invited Rabin to Washington.

Rabin, who is due to arrive in New York on January 27 before flying to Washington the next morning for three days of meetings, is expected to focus on several major issues, including the situation in Lebanon, the broader geopolitical picture in the Middle East, Israel's pending arms requests from the United States and American-Israeli strategic cooperation.

Beyond that, Israeli officials said, Rabin can be expected to press for additional U.S. assistance in promoting Israeli military exports to the United States and to other countries.

Israeli officials, in recent weeks, have insisted that Israel can not afford to cut its defense budget. In order to maintain Israel's qualitative edge over any combination of Arab adversaries, they have said, Israel will need increased U.S. military grants in the 1986 budget, which President Reagan is due to submit to Congress in early February.

The 1985 military grant to Israel totaled \$1.4 billion. Israel has requested \$2.2 billion in the new budget, but Administration officials have indicated that the final level is likely to be between \$1.8-1.9 billion.

In a detailed report presented to the Reagan Administration, Israel said that the continuation of U.S. economic and military assistance contributes directly to stability in the Middle East in two significant ways:

1. Israel's awareness of the U.S. commitment to its security allows it to

refrain from reacting militarily to situations which would otherwise be considered "unbearable risks."

2. The Arab states, realizing the U.S. commitment to Israel's security and qualitative edge, "will be deterred from taking advantage of their considerable quantitative and geostrategic edge."

Israel has also underlined to Washington the declining purchasing power of U.S. military aid. According to official Israeli estimates, the purchasing power of \$1.4 billion of military aid in 1985 is equivalent to about \$700 million of 1974 prices.

The increase in the prices of weaponry, according to Israeli officials, is primarily due to inflation and the qualitative improvement of the major items on Israel's pending procurement list.

Israel reminded the Americans that the total expenditure of the IDF redeployment from Sinai to the Negev came to about \$5 billion.

At the same time, Israel has officially informed the United States that it will need continued high-levels of U.S. economic and military assistance through the 1988 fiscal year.

But in its "White Paper" outlining its immediate request for U.S. aid in the coming 1986 fiscal year, Israel suggested that its yearly needs may be reduced somewhat if the "existing favorable trends in the trade account and the stabilization of the Israeli currency" continue.

The 80-page document, submitted to the Reagan Administration late in December, projected a need of \$1.85 billion in economic grants in 1986 "to maintain the level of its reserves and avoid a further increase in its short-term borrowing."

Israel also has requested an \$800 million emergency supplemental grant economic aid package to the already approved 1985 foreign aid bill.

The State Department has said that the \$800 billion request has been deferred until Israel undertakes a more ambitious economic recovery program. The Administration is expected to seek \$1.2 billion in economic grants in its 1986 budget — the same level approved in the 1985 legislation.

Assuming that the Israeli economic situation continues to improve, Israel's

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Social Activism Lives— Black/Jewish Coalition Grows

by Susan Higgins

By day Lee Krasner is a successful investment portfolio manager recently promoted to Vice President of the Personal Investment Management Department in the traditionally conservative offices of the Trust and Investment Management Division of Hospital Trust National Bank where she manages investment portfolios for trust and agency accounts.

At 5 p.m. she locks the door to her office and becomes a concerned liberal, dedicated to improving the quality of life for others who are not so fortunate and committed to creating opportunities for the less advantaged.

Between 9 and 5 o'clock she shrewdly invests personal fortunes, watches the stock market and reports the positive returns to her clients that keep them delighted and content due in part to the conservative economic conditions.

After 5 p.m. she anguishes over the same economy that causes so many people to live in de-humanizing and degrading conditions.

She is prepared to deal with this apparent paradox because she truly

believes we can create our own lives and control our destinies and because she is out there trying to change the system.

Last Sunday morning, in frigid temperatures, and falling snow making roads treacherous, Krasner drove from her home in Rehoboth to the Jewish Community Center in Providence to speak at a singles brunch about Black-Jewish relations. As chairperson of the Economic Opportunity Sub-Committee of the Black-Jewish Dialogue Group of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island Community Relations Council such speaking engagements are commonplace for Krasner. Active in the Federation, Krasner sits on the Domestic Affairs Task Force. The group deals with social issues nationally and locally. Issues important to the group include abortion, separation of church and state, equal access, anti-semitism, and racism. Krasner recalls the motivating force behind this involvement.

In December 1983, an article which was perceived as being extremely anti-semitic appeared in the *Ebenezzer Grapevine*, a black oriented newspaper. Suddenly a lot

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"The Long Cry" To Open Feb. 1

by Robert Israel

Gary Shore and his associate Kelli Wicke Davis recently received a grant from the Rhode Island Committee for the Humanities and the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts to create a movement theatre piece on the Vietnam War. The work, *The Long Cry: Americans and Vietnam*, is the result of their collaboration. It will be presented on February 1 and 2 at the University of Rhode Island's Will Theatre in Kingston and on February 7, 8, and 9 at the Rhode Island School of Design Auditorium, Canal Street, Providence. Admission to ten actors, dancers, and mimes, is free and open to the public.

"We had traveled to Washington, D.C. to present a work of choreography at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts last year," Shore said, "and we visited the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. It was a very moving experience. The veterans were there, looking at the names of their comrades that had been lost in the war and it was an emotional experience for everyone. One of my students asked what my experience in the Vietnam War had been and I started thinking about how I felt about it. Another striking feature about the monument is that one can see one's reflection and the reflection of other people passing by in the monument itself. It occurred to me that I could translate this image into a movement theatre image on stage."

Shortly afterward, the Rhode Island Committee for the Humanities sent around a memo stating that they were searching for projects about the Vietnam War. Shore and Davis, both teachers at Roger Williams College in Bristol, applied for the grant, which they received. They then began research into the Vietnam War, research which took them several months.

"We read a lot of books about the War, and watched the PBS series by Stanley Karnow several times," Davis said. "We also conducted interviews with veterans, anti-war activists and historians. When you are working on something with such a broad scope as the Vietnam War, you don't just seek out one opinion, but find



David Stephens will appear in Shoda Moving Theatre's production *The Long Cry* on February 1 and 2 at URI and February 7-9 at RISD. (Photo by Richard Grabbert).

many opinions. Everyone has a story to tell."

"After completing the research," Shore said, "we had to strip away extraneous information and develop a core approach to the experience. We did not want to pin the responsibility of the war on anyone. We did not want to make a political statement. We wanted to approach the horror of war, but rather than show blood and guts, we wanted to create a sense of what that horror was like by taking the audience into one man's mind and sharing with them an experience that actually happened to a veteran."

Shore and Davis, whose company is called Shoda Moving Company, have been the recipients of another RICH grant for a work entitled *Changing of the Gods* which explored cult groups. They have performed in Europe and throughout New England under the auspices of the New England Touring Program for the Arts. *The Long Cry: Americans and Vietnam* will feature David Stephens of Trinity Square Repertory Theatre, Rob Parker, who toured in the national company of *Pippin*, and Debra Weiser, resident technical director of the Riverside Dance Festival of New York.



Edward Adler reflects on his life as a teacher and ritual director. See Around Town, page 8. (Photo by Dorothea Snyder).

"Jews Of Moscow" At BU

Boston University's Center for Judaic Studies and the College of Communication are co-sponsoring "The Jews of Moscow: A Case Study on Reporting from the Soviet Union." Samuel Rachlin, who produced this documentary about the plight of Soviet Jews, spent seven years in Moscow as correspondent for Danish radio and television. Rachlin, a Harvard University

Nieman Fellow, will present his film on Tuesday, Feb. 5 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. in Curtis Auditorium, 635 Commonwealth Ave. College of Communication Dean Bernard Redmont, former CBS News Moscow bureau chief, will participate in a discussion following the film, which is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Lori Schulman at (617) 353-4428.

Local News

Philip Levine To Read At Brown

Philip Levine, one of America's most prominent contemporary poets and a visiting professor of English at Brown University, will read from his works at 8 p.m., Feb. 6 in Sayles Hall on the College Green.

A prolific writer, Levine has written about a dozen books of poetry, and has translated and edited several more. His poems regularly appear in *The New Yorker* and other magazines. In 1979, two of his books, *Ashes* and *7 Years from Somewhere*, received National Book Critics Circle awards, and *7 Years from the American Book Award*.

Carolyn D. Wright, a poet and assistant professor in Brown's Graduate Writing Program, says Levine's poems describe the inner lives of a people whom most middle-class writers overlook: the working class. Levine's poems, says Wright, "are not just bleeding art. He also has an analysis... He is socially critical of our class structure."

This semester Levine will teach two poetry-writing classes at Brown, one for graduate students and one for undergraduates.

Events At Torat Yisrael

William A. Edelstein, executive director, and Bonnie Ryvicker, director of volunteer services at the Jewish Home for the Aged of Rhode Island, will speak at Temple Torat Yisrael on Friday night, January 25, 8 p.m.

Edelstein and Ryvicker will reflect on life at the Home during the recently-concluded strike, presenting vignettes about experiences shared by the many volunteers who gave of their time and energy. Looking ahead, the speakers will address the many challenges and opportunities for service still ahead at the Home.

"The community is invited. The service will be led by Rabbi David Rosen and Cantor Stephen Freedman.

The second "Encore Performance" service, in which Bar and Bat-Mitzvah students from the last two years are invited back to lead Shabbat morning prayers, will take place Saturday, January 26, 9:30 a.m., at Temple Torat Yisrael.

Participating students will include Shonna Cohen, Andy Davis, Michelle Duoff, Todd Galkin, Marc Gertsacov, David Goldman, Stephen Kaufman, Jerry Schneider, Jesse Schneider, Scott White and Alisa Yanow.

Following the service, a special Kiddish Lunch will be served in honor of the students.

The community is invited.

Bet Talmud Resumes At Torat Yisrael

Torat Yisrael announces that registration for classes at Bet Talmud (the second semester of its adult education program) is presently in progress. Classes which meet on Monday evenings and Tuesday mornings will begin the week of February 4.

"Precious Legacy — Treasures from Tragedy" a course dealing with the landmark exhibit of Jewish art — preserved by the Nazis, will be only one of the many exciting classes offered at Bet Talmud.

Other courses on this semester's agenda are, Great Moments in Jewish History, A Tug on my Tallit, Hebrew Conversation, Jewish Bioethics, The Language of Prayer, (beginning and advanced), Stress Management, Yiddish Stories, The Responsa Literature, and What Music Says about Contemporary Jewish Issues.

Classes are open to the community. If you would like a brochure, please call the Synagogue office at 785-1890.

Herald Editor To Speak At Cong. B'nai Israel

Robert Israel, editor of the *R.I. Herald*, will speak at Congregation B'nai Israel in Woonsocket, 224 Prospect Street, on Friday, January 25, following Friday evening services.

Anti-Semitic Vandalism Declined In '84

Anti-semitic vandalism declined by nearly 50 percent in Massachusetts in the last year, despite the fact that such episodes increased nationally by 6.7 percent, according to the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

While assaults, vandalism and threats against Jews rose moderately for the first time in two years, according to a league survey of 30 offices, the New England regional director of the league attributed the decline of such incidents here to increased responsiveness by state and county law enforcement agencies and to "outsoken leadership" by Gov. Michael S. Dukakis.

League Regional Director Leonard Zakim explained in a statement that "law enforcement authorities have responded more effectively and sensitively (to anti-Jewish vandalism, assaults and threats) than in the past, and that sends a strong message to perpetrators that these incidents, as well as racial incidents, will not be tolerated."

Nathan Perlmuter, director of the national league office, expressed particular concern about the national statistics because they reverse a two-year decline in such events.

The national survey found that the overwhelming majority of those arrested in connection with antisemitic crimes were under 21.

The survey also noted that the number of threats, assaults and vandalism against Jewish institutions rose significantly while the total number of such incidents against individual Jews declined.

Zakim cautioned that the number of local antisemitic incidents should be monitored closely in the coming year because changes in economic and political conditions could cause them to increase.

Zakim added that the statistics involving vandalism, assaults and threats "provide only one barometer" for measuring anti-Jewish activity in this country. Other yardsticks, he added, include anti-Semitic rhetoric in election campaigns and anti-Zionist propaganda.

Other figures for the Northeastern region are as follows:

Rhode Island 7 incidents; Connecticut, 5; New York, 237; New Jersey, 56; Pennsylvania, 28; Maryland, 69, and District of Columbia, 10.

Tu BeShevat At Cong. Beth Shalom

Congregation Beth Shalom will be holding a family brunch on Sunday, February 3 to celebrate the holiday of Tu BeShevat. Tu BeShevat is the Jewish Arbor Day marking the agricultural new year in Israel. It will occur this year on Wednesday February 6.

In keeping with the occasion there will be a brunch featuring Israeli style foods. An interesting program featuring anecdotes and audience participation will be presented by Elan Adler, rabbinical student at Yeshiva University. The program will begin at 10 a.m. There is a charge and reservations should be made by calling the Beth Shalom office on any weekday morning. The program will be held at the Synagogue at 275 Camp St.

ORT Camp Fair

The Providence Chapter of Women's American ORT will hold Rhode Island's first "Camp Fair" this coming Sunday, Feb. 3, 1985, from 12-5 p.m. at Davol Square in Providence. Assorted camps will be represented including familiar names such as Camp Sunrise and Camp Avoda, and camps you've probably never heard of like Elk Creek Ranch of Wyoming. The camps are from R.I., Mass., Conn., New Hampshire, and Wyoming. There are sports camps, art camps, computer camps, and all-around camps. Some camps are co-ed, while others are unisex, and there are overnight as well as day camps. If you're puzzled about where to send your child this summer or what type of camp will best suit your child's needs, the "Camp Fair" is the place to be. Don't miss this exciting free event!

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Camp Jori: The Middle Years

by Roberta Segal
Third in a Series

Dateline: Providence Journal, Tuesday, April 13, 1948. Headline Rumpier to Head RI Jewish Body.

Camp JORI has reached its ten-year mark at the time the above headline appears in the Providence Journal. Alexander Rumpier, who still regularly attends Board meetings today, has just been elected President of Camp JORI in 1948. The office reflects his many years of dedication both to the camp and its founding organization, the Jewish Orphanage of Rhode Island. Benjamin Brier, the Chairman of the Camp Committee, recalls that Alexander Rumpier has always been there to lend a helping hand. And it was Alex Rumpier who donated much of the building material and supervised the construction when the camp was built in 1937.

Alex Rumpier also has memories of the early days of JORI. He remembers Ben Brier as the motivating force behind the camp. "The camp was originally established for the needy. Although today the camp has a diverse population representing the entire community, no one is ever turned away. Camperships are available and are administered by Jewish Family Service just as they were from 1948 to 1952 when I was President."

During Mr. Rumpier's presidency, two additional cabins were built. Approximately 250 youngsters were given a two-week vacation at the camp each summer.

So many concepts surrounding Camp JORI have remained unchanged. Mr. Rumpier: "From the very beginning we had a sound relationship with other agencies in the community. When Camp JORI was first established, we had an agreement that it would be the only Jewish overnight camp in the state. The agreement has continued today without interruption. This has allowed the camp to pursue its development with an independent approach. We feel that we can plan and develop property as the only Jewish overnight camp in Rhode Island." Mr. Rumpier continues: "Another constant has been the terrific amount of support in a very low key manner that



Alexander Rumpier (photo by Ken Segal)

camp JORI has received over the years. We never asked for community-wide support, yet we have always been able to award camperships.

"Although the physical surroundings of the camp have grown with additional land and buildings, ball fields, a swimming pool, — our original concept has remained unchanged. We wanted to have a summer camp for youngsters, and we have maintained a camp with kashruth, a camp with a Jewish environment."

I asked Mr. Rumpier what he would like to see for the future of Camp JORI. "I would not like the camp to enlarge for the purpose of increasing its size. But I would like to increase the educational development and its impact on our children. I would hope that the community with its support might allow us to carry on expanded programs over and above those we are now handling, but I would like to maintain the spirit of camp life for two months of summer as against ten months of public school education." "That is what camp means: a break for the parents and a break for the children."

Spring Lunch Series At URI-Hillel

URI Hillel takes pride in announcing its Spring, 1985 Lunch Program schedule. The program this semester is entitled, "What's The Beef?" The topics cover a wide variety of interest and concerns.

All programs are on Thursdays. Lunch begins at 12:15 p.m. with the lecture beginning at 12:45 p.m. Lunch costs \$2.75. The lecture series begins on February 7 with a lecture by the Honorable Edward DiPrete, Governor of the State of Rhode Island. Governor DiPrete will be lecturing on "Rhode Island and URI: The Future." In this era of restricted government funding of social programs, the question can be asked how much support can URI expect from the state. The Governor will hopefully deal with this topic and others in understanding the relationship between the state and its university.

"God Bless America But Not Susan Shapiro — Dissent and Anti-Semitism in the Classroom," is the title of the February 14 lecture. Susan Shapiro is a senior in Randolph, Massachusetts, High School. This year she refused to stand for the Star Spangled Banner during the beginning of the day exercises at her high school. Her actions created a storm of protest in her home community as well as evoking an anti-semitic response. Her actions and their consequences will be discussed by a speaker to be determined.

Jack Sparks a Ph.D. candidate in Educational Psychology at Boston University has done much research on the effect of afternoon religious school education upon Jewish children. Hence, he will be lecturing on February 21 on "Caution: Religious School May Be Hazardous To Your Child's Religious Health."

The West Bank of the Jordan River in Israel has received much media attention in recent months due to the actions of a number of purported Jewish "terrorists." Rabbi Dov Fisch, Director, Herut Zionist of America, will lecture on "West Bank Settlers: Freedom Fighters or Terrorists?" The question is a personal one for Rabbi Fisch as he and his family will be moving to the West Bank in June. Rabbi Fisch's

lecture is on February 28.

There will be no lecture on March 7 due to the Jewish holiday of Purim or on March 14 due to URI's Spring Vacation.

March 21 lecture is entitled "Is The Jewish Community Handicapping Its Disabled Members?" The speaker will be Dr. Judy Aronson, who is President of the Greater New England Chapter of PTACH. PTACH is a Jewish organization designed to help its handicapped members cope with living Jewishly.

The Lunch Program concludes on March 28 with a lecture by Dr. Arthur Stein of the URI Political Science Department. He will lecture on "The U.S.S.R., The Helsinki Accords and Human Rights." The Soviet Union, as a signatory to the Helsinki Accords has promised to allow its citizens certain rights, such as the right to freedom of religion and the right to immigrate. However, in practical, they have denied the right to immigrate to its citizens. This refusal has especially hit hard the Jewish community in the Soviet Union, as the USSR will not allow the Russian Jews to live as Jews in the Soviet Union nor will they allow them to immigrate.

For further information, please contact the URI Hillel office at 792-2740 during normal business hours.

Temple Sinai

On Friday evening, January 25, 1985, at Temple Sinai, 30 Hagen Avenue, Cranston, the Social Action Committee will sponsor the first of three Shabbath evening programs dealing with issues important to the Jewish community. The subject for this first discussion will be Black-Jewish Relations: The Aftermath of The Reverend Jesse Jackson's Political Campaign. The speaker for the evening will be Mr. Norman Orenden, Co-Chairman of the Community Relations Council of J.F.R.I. The service, which begins at 8:15 p.m. and the discussion which follows, is open to the public.

Greater Providence Jewish Singles

Friday Night Service and Oneg Shabbat, will be held January 25, 1985 at Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence at 7:30 p.m.

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.

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From The Editor

by Robert Israel



Dr. King's Legacy

Rhode Islanders celebrated the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Monday this week by letting school children have the day off, while most everyone else went about their lives in the usual way. The importance of the holiday — to pay homage to a man whose struggle for equality, brotherhood and sisterhood was ended by an assassin's bullet — was marked by the tributes from state and national leaders. But did the majority of Americans stop to reflect on the important role Dr. King played in human and civil rights?

I first learned of the efforts of Dr. King in the mid 1960's when I attended Friday evening services at Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston and listened to Rabbi Saul Leeman's sermon as he recounted his experiences of marching with Dr. King in Selma, Alabama.

I remember the reaction of my fellow congregants as they listened, almost disbelievingly, to the Rabbi's description of the police dogs, the hostility, the anger on the faces of the Southern white men and women along the streets as they taunted the marchers. "That could only happen in the South," I recall a woman saying to her husband behind me. But the point of the Rabbi's sermon — the point of Dr. King's marches and sermons — was that it wasn't just happening in the South, it was happening in the entire country.

Years later, the City of Providence would suffer racial violence, and other cities, like Detroit, would explode with fires, looting and destruction. To this day there are streets in Detroit where one can see the empty shells of buildings that were burned during these riots. And one can travel down South and stop at rest rooms where the signs "Colored Only" can still be seen, feebly

concealed behind thin and cracking coats of paint.

The message Dr. King was hoping to impart was that we, as citizens of the world and this country, share the burdens of injustice, bigotry, sexism, and racism, even if we ourselves are not direct targets of these hostilities. Because blacks are being denied basic human rights in South Africa, we, in the United States, should express our outrage, as Theodore R. Mann of the American Jewish Congress did in an editorial on these pages a couple weeks ago, and insist our government take action against those perpetrating these hostilities. It is a message of commonality, seeking to re-establish the link that has been broken by our modern-day avoidance of these cruelties. Most of us live in our own shelters, divorced from close contact with one another. When we leave these self-imposed shelters and recognize that the welfare of our brothers and sisters all over the globe is of ultimate concern to our own survival, we will achieve one of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s dreams.

In Atlanta, Georgia last week, speaking at the church where Dr. King, his father and grandfather were pastors, Coretta Scott King, Dr. King's widow, recalled her late husband's denunciation of poverty, racism and war. "These evils did not disappear from our lives," she said. "We call on people to unite in a common purpose to bring an end to world hunger."

Dr. King had a vision that by working together we could end the suffering so many humans experience every day in every corner of the globe. It is a vision that all of us would do well to reflect upon as we acknowledge the birth of a man singer Nina Simone once called, "the King of Love."

Testing Separation Of Church/State

by Anthony Lewis

One of the astonishing things about the American Constitution is its freshness, its contemporary relevance, in every age. We constantly rediscover the meaning of its great general principles in concrete new circumstances. So, just now, we have been shown the reason for separation of church and state.

The principle of separation came under heavy pressure in 1984. President Reagan worked hard to enlist sectarian religion in politics. He praised fundamentalists who want to make the United States a "Christian nation" and gave right-wing ministers a prominent place at the Republican Convention. He pressed for a constitutional amendment to allow prayer in public schools.

Congress did not approve the prayer amendment. But in a gesture to religious pressure it passed the Equal Access Act, which requires any public high school receiving federal aid to let student religious groups meet in classrooms if secular groups are allowed to.

The Supreme Court held last March that Pawtucket, R.I., did not violate the Constitution when it put up a Christmas display including a creche. Chief Justice Warren Burger, for a 5-4 majority, saw no more improper government support of religion there than hanging religious paintings in a state-supported museum. To show the Nativity scene, reindeer, a Christmas tree and the like, he said, "engenders a friendly community spirit of good will in keeping with the season."

At the 1984 Christmas season that theory was tested. The result would not have surprised the framers of the Constitution: The creche decision and other moves toward more religion in public life are evidently producing not good will but divisiveness.

The display of Nativity scenes became a subject of public and legal controversy in a number of cities. Creches were not put, taken down, allowed and forbidden by

different judges.

The experience shows that many Americans do not view the Nativity scene as just another piece of holiday cheer. It is a powerful symbol of Christianity, and nonbelievers may therefore resent its official adoption. For that matter, true Christians may resent the notion that it has no special meaning.

There was also a test in 1984, indirect but compelling, of what a school-prayer amendment might do in this country. It happened in Randolph, Mass.

Last September a teacher at Randolph High asked her class to rise as usual for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. One student did not: 17-year-old Susan Shapiro. When the incident was publicized, Susan and her family came under a barrage of attacks, some of them viciously anti-Semitic.

In other countries minorities must conform, but not in ours. History has demonstrated the wisdom of the Constitution's premise: that a country as diverse as the United States could not survive if dissenters were forced to bow to a majority faith.

When the Supreme Court held in 1943 that dissenters could not be made to salute the flag, Justice Robert H. Jackson said: "If there is any need at all in our constitutional constellation, it is that no official, high or petty, can prescribe what shall be orthodox in politics, nationalism, religion or other matters of opinion..."

Anthony Lewis is a syndicated columnist for *The New York Times*.

Candlelighting

January 25, 1985

4:34 p.m.

The Damage of Religious Cults

by Paul Engel

QUESTION: How does someone become ensnared in a cult?

While hitchhiking through the Oakland Bay area, I was approached on the street by a smiling, clean-cut young man. He invited me to dinner with "entertainment" and a lecture-discussion on educational principles. He informed me that this was just a group of people looking for a better way of life.

When I arrived at the house, I met a pleasant group of young, ever smiling people. There was singing, a short meditation, and more singing. The lecture was about love, sharing and service to humanity with the concept of God introduced in a scientific manner. Having been brought up within a strongly intellectual framework, this concept of God appealed to me. Even more importantly, I felt that I was with people for the first time who were not hypocritical but were sincerely striving after the ideals discussed.

Hence I was rather easily persuaded to participate in a weekend seminar. The weekend with its many lectures and group activities, including dogeoball and group singing, seemed to rush me forward. I felt as though I were being pushed against my will, yet the activity was so intense and incessant, I had no time to think about it.

There was no real time for discussion or thinking about the lectures. Doubt and disagreement were implicitly frowned upon while "revelations" from established members dominated the short discussion held right after the lectures. Most questions were left unanswered with the promise of explanation in later lectures. At the end of the weekend, it was revealed that this was, in fact, the Unification Church, better known as the "moonies." My sponsor had called it a Unification Center while quickly denying any connection with the Unification Church.

It was only one of more than one hundred front organizations including businesses, political, religious and social groups (one such association predominantly on college campuses is C.A.R.P., the Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles).

My sponsor's deal was only the first in a series of lies told to me. Yet I was made to overlook the lies, unanswered questions, and their unwillingness to allow open discussion. The overwhelming and mesmerizing enthusiasm of the members made me feel that my instincts for caution were unfounded. It certainly felt wonderful to be served, given such attention, and made to feel important. In a matter of days, virtual strangers had succeeded in eliciting my love and trust in return for their proclamation of love and their persistence. This was the leverage they used in pressuring me insistently to participate in a week-long seminar on their farm in North California.

The seminar began low-keyed and general. But as the week progressed, the lectures became more emotional. The "Fall of Man" lecture was designed to instill a sense of guilt about sexuality and human imperfection. It instilled the fear

that an evil force (called Satan) could come at any moment and influence us to do wrong.

This, I later learned, is a key to any destructive cult. What begins as an offering to improve or help others, and serve God, turns into the source for group pressure and manipulation of fear and guilt. This is used to isolate the individual and to sever, or at least strain, ties to the outside world in the form of school, work, friends, and most important, family.

After three weeks of indoctrination on the farm and three weeks either selling the farm and the street or working in one of their businesses, I was made to leave. But it was not easy. The "Church" let my father visit me, and I was able to spend a day away from the clutches of the movement. Because I was still able to see my father's love, concern and efforts to understand me, I could not simply accept the "Church's" idea that my father was Satan.

Still under the grip of the organization, however, I could hardly exert my will. Finally, despite my deep emotional attachment to the group, I overcame my terror (instilled by the movement) of leaving and returned to New York with my father. Even after having returned home, I was still willing to go to Korea and fight as the movement demanded. Then I met with a rabbi who had a great deal of experience working with the victims of cults. He helped me to realize that my emotional self had been stripped and that I was in the process of becoming a totally obedient, non-thinking robot. It had hit me. I was participating in the future world of "1984" right then and there.

There are an estimated 2-3,000 destructive cults, ranging from international corporations to "gurus" with a small following. They all have a self-appointed messianic leader or leaders who exercise unquestioning authority, include some form of deception, and use techniques aimed at controlling the mind.

Not all of them isolate people on a weekend retreat or involve communal living. Many of them are even more subtle in their approach. One former cult member reported being approached on a college campus through what he thought was a personality test conducted by the Psychology Department. He was then referred to a Diagnostics Counseling Center to take a communications study course.

His reasons for going were not particularly lofty or idealistic. He was told he would be able to "pick up girls" and get in his "course." Although his intention was not to become a member of Scientology, he was coerced into the cult and actually came to believe that he was composed of spiritual beings originating 74 trillion years ago, all clustered together in his body.

Whether through Bible studies, meditation techniques, or "therapy" all cults promise easy solutions to complex problems, instant friendship, discipline and a new direction and purpose in life. *Know thyself and beware: '1984' is here.*

Paul Engel is a director at the YM-YWHA in Baltimore, Md.



To the Editor:

The inception of talks between the United States and the Soviet Union cannot help but inspire relief and hope in mankind everywhere. We are not naive. Bitter experience taught us that arms control agreements do not come easily. There will be reefs and shoals in the months, and perhaps years, of negotiations ahead. But is there anyone who would not prefer talk to no-talk? In a world threatened with nuclear holocaust, isn't debate — even heated debate — the better way to avert than dire threats hurled through a void of angry silence?

Realism and cynicism must not blind us to the possibility and promise of effective arms control. Let people throughout the world join in praying for the continuation and ultimate success of the current talks.

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Devar Torah

by Rabbi Shmuel Singer
The Jewish Bondage and the
Contemporary Scene

It is an axiom of Jewish thought that the Jew as an individual or the Jewish people as a community can always find answers to questions they confront in life by referring to the concepts and stories of the Torah. The Torah is the ever constant and always applicable source book for the Jew charting his course through the uncertain seas of life.

An example of this truth can be found in the contents of the Biblical story of the slavery in Egypt and the exodus of the Jews from that country. This account, of course, has been and still is topic of the Sidrot or weekly Torah portions of the present and last few weeks. Social scientists have probed extensively the underlying causes of anti-Semitism. It is this scourge which has persistently plagued Jewish life throughout history, particularly in the Diaspora. Political, economic and theological reasons are often cited, supported by vast documentary evidence, to uphold one thesis or another explaining the origins of this brand of hatred. The opening verses of the Book of Exodus, Shemot, which records the first Diaspora experience of the Jewish people, may shed some light on this age-old irrational entity.

Shemot begins with the verse: "These are the names of the sons of Israel who came to Egypt." The Hebrew word used is "Habeem." This word means "coming" in the present tense, rather than as generally translated "who came" in the past. The verse seems to be using a misplaced term. It suggests that the sons of Israel were only now coming to Egypt at the time the bondage began, despite the fact that in reality they had been residing in Egypt almost for one hundred years when the oppression began.

The ancient rabbinic Midrash recognized this question long ago. Did they just arrive in Egypt asks the Midrash? Weren't the Jews there for many years? Rather, "Habeem" in the present tense, says the Midrash, comes to tell us that the Egyptians regarded them as new arrivals, although they had come long ago with their father Jacob. To the Egyptian anti-Semites the Jews remained new immigrants "Habeem" who were just that day coming to Egypt.

This is the methodology of Jewish persecution. Whatever the incipient cause or overt rationale, oppression is made feasible by representing the Jews as newcomers even after centuries of distinguished residence. Popular incitements need only to project the Jew as a foreign and, therefore, suspicious entity, threatening an otherwise homogeneous native culture. This technique of fanning suspicion was later employed by the Biblical Haman against

the Jews of Persia. "There is a certain people scattered about and their laws are diverse from those of other people," was his accusation against these Jews. They were to be regarded as sectarian aliens who were permanently on probation. Disassociating the Jew from the rest of the population is what allows otherwise restrained societies to unleash barbaric cruelties upon defenseless minorities.

Up to the point I have described "Habeem," the term used by the Torah to indicate that the Jews were perceived as having just come to Egypt, as a liability. The word, however, also has a positive and reassuring connotation which is a blessing to the Jew. It means that the Jews in Egypt "remained as they were when they had arrived," retaining the concepts and values of their original identity. Such loyalty is the secret of Jewish survival and is an antidote to the corrosive effects of assimilation. Precisely that which non-Jews decry as foreign and threatening is to the Jew his badge of honor, reflecting his national and religious health.

The Midrashic rabbis comment on the Jewish experience in Egypt by saying that the Israelites were distinguishable while living in that country. The Midrash proceeds to elaborate that this means that the Jews did not change their names, faith or Hebrew language during all the years that they lived in the Egyptian Diaspora.

During the Holocaust, Jews in America reacted with seeming apathy to the plight of their European brethren. They appeared to be mesmerized by President Roosevelt. There were mass defections from Jewish identity in those years, which included the changing of names and of the doctrines of faith. The age-old "Habeem," the proud, un intimidated affirmation of Jewish loyalty and solidarity, seemed to falter. It is incredulous, in retrospect, to explain these Jews' ability to continue their lives as usual with such apparent unconcern. But, it is reassuring to note that American Jewry of today has revived "Habeem" as an operating principle of self respect and survival. The American Jew of the present acts fearlessly and forcefully on behalf of his fellow Jews throughout the world.

Those who accuse us of ethnic separatism and elitism must be enlightened that the Jew can only live wholesomely in a society which allows for cultural pluralism and where unity is not confused with uniformity. There are values, ideas and practices which are the quintessence of the individual's Jewishness and lie inherent in the Jewish soul. The behavioral imperatives called Mitzvot and the theological premises about God, man and creation which are uniquely Jewish, can not be bartered away even for the sake of the intergroup amity. But, if patriotism is judged not by slavish conformity to popular styles but by ones

concern for the public welfare and its despoils, then the Jewish word in the Diaspora is impressive. It is this truth which the story of the ancient Egyptian bondage and exodus reminds us of today.

Rabbi Singer is spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Shalom in Providence.

Rabbi Allen At Brown Feb. 6

Rabbi Morris J. Allen, Director of Recruitment for The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, will be at Brown University in Providence, and the Providence Midrash on February 6.

Rabbi Allen will be available to meet with students and others from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hillel foundation at Brown University, and at 7 p.m. at the Midrash. At both, he will discuss the exciting academic programs at the Jewish Theological Seminary's Broadway and Jerusalem campuses, including Midreshet Yerushalayim, a yearlong study program for non-Seminary individuals wishing to learn in Jerusalem; the Visiting Student Program for students from other schools wishing to spend time at the Seminary in New York City; the Joint Degrees Program in Jewish Studies and Social Work with Columbia University; the graduate and undergraduate summer school program, and others.

Besides its well-known Rabbinical School and Cantors Institute, the Seminary is home to the Seminary College of Jewish Studies, the Graduate School and the Seminary College of Jewish Music, as well as a dynamic array of educational/cultural outreach and internal events. The Seminary also has a campus in Los Angeles.

With its renowned faculty of scholars, its new state-of-the-art library complex, its modern, renovated campus and nearly 100 years of academic excellence, it is small wonder that more students each year are investigating the Seminary as an outstanding place to obtain a valued, Jewish education. In conjunction with nearby Columbia University and Barnard College, all undergraduates also obtain an unsurpassed liberal arts degree in the subject area of their choice through the Joint and Double Degree programs. The doors of these Ivy League institutions are also open to students in other Seminary programs.

Rabbi Allen has worked for the Seminary's Recruitment Department for several years, holding numerous other administrative positions including the assistant directorship of a campus Hillel foundation, a branch of Camp Ramah and a hospital education program. He was ordained by the Seminary's Rabbinical School in 1984.

All are invited to meet with Rabbi Allen from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Brown University and again at 7 p.m. at the

Providence Midrash, or contact him at (212) 678-8832 at The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, 3080 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10027.

Fri. Night Dinner At Cong. Ohawe Sholam

Congregation Ohawe Sholam is continuing its series of Friday night dinners, well known for their homish atmosphere and delicious Shabbos food. The next dinner is scheduled for Friday evening, February 8, 1985, with services beginning at 4:40 p.m. and dinner at 5:45 p.m. Cost for the dinner is \$7.50 for an adult and \$3.00 for a child. Reservations should be mailed by January 30 to Dr. B. Weisman, 666 East Avenue, Pawtucket, R.I. 02860. In order to enable the congregation to reach out to members of the community who cannot afford to attend the dinners, a sponsor category is available—a donation of \$25.00 which includes two free dinners. For further information please contact the synagogue at 722-3146. Snowdate for the dinner is Feb. 15, 1985.

To The Editor:

Too often the citizens of our state are not properly recognized for their contributions. One rarely hears public commendations or kudos. An unprecedented event occurred recently, however, for which our community deserves praise.

A three-week strike by employees of the Jewish Home for the Aged of Rhode Island brought forth a response by our community which was overwhelming in its display of humanity. People from all walks of life, more than 900 individuals of all nationalities, religions, races and creeds, volunteered to cook, deliver trays, wash floors, fold laundry, feed, bathe, clean and perform the other countless tasks which make a home institution such as the Home operate smoothly and efficiently. Without the tireless efforts of those volunteers, we could not have continued to deliver the high quality care that we have established as a standard for our elderly residents. Those residents who remained in the Home were the recipients of deep caring and boundless love.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and all the residents at the Jewish Home for the Aged, I want to express our most sincere appreciation for the commitment, concern and warmth of our community during this period. We will never forget the extraordinary generosity of these people who were doing God's work. We thank them for giving us once again the opportunity to be proud of our state.

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Washington Report

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economic aid requests in coming years will be reduced from the pending \$1.8 billion level. The White Paper's projected level of needed U.S. economic aid in 1987 is \$1.335 billion to be followed by a \$1.14 billion request in 1988.

U.S. and Israeli officials cautioned that similar forecasts of reduced levels of Israeli economic needs from the United States earlier White Papers have regularly been overly optimistic.

Israel's military aid requests are based on the assumption that the peace treaty with Egypt will remain in effect and that Israel will be able to withdraw its forces from Lebanon in the near future. It also assumes that Israel's "Order of Battle," or the size of its overall military strength, will not change significantly.

Thus, the projection is that Israel's military needs from the United States will remain roughly the same — \$2.233 billion in 1986; \$2.312 billion in 1987; and \$2.362 billion in 1988.

The Israeli White Paper was upbeat in speculating about the impact of the recently enacted economic measures aimed at improving the Israeli economy.

"The package deal which was recently concluded brought a temporary slow down in the rate of price increases, accompanied by encouraging signs of a possible change in the public's expectations and behavior," the document said. "It is anticipated that additional restraining measures, to be implemented with a gradual and controlled departure from the price freeze, will lead to the reduction of inflation to a level significantly lower than that prevailing on the eve of the freeze."

In the document, Israel also requested that additional U.S. economic and military aid be "made available as soon as possible so as to reduce the need to resort to short-term borrowing, and (to) enable it to maintain a reasonable level of reserves."

— The Israeli government, in the report,

Adult Education At Cong. Ohawe Sholam

The spring semester of the adult education program at Congregation Ohawe Sholam will meet Tuesday evenings for eight sessions, beginning January 29 and running through March 19. Registration will take place in the synagogue on East Avenue in Pawtucket on January 22 from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Late registration will be accepted on the first evening of classes. The following courses are being offered:

1. Jewish Life Cycle, Tuesdays 7:15-8:15 p.m. — From birth to death and everything in between. Laws and customs, facts and fantasy, presentations, discussions, questions and answers. If you ever wondered why your Zaidah or Bubbah (of blessed memory) used to . . . but never asked, or why you had to . . . but were told, "don't ask, just do it." Now is the time to find out why.

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also pledged to continue implementing severe austerity measures.

"It is recognized that an increased level of American aid, although essential in the recovery period, will be insufficient in itself to solve Israel's economic difficulties, unless accompanied by appropriate economic policies," it said. "It is also recognized that the continuation of the favorable trends in the balance of payments is conditioned on the restraining of inflationary pressures."

"The Israeli government is therefore determined to consistently implement the far reaching restrictive policies required to set the economy on the right track. Such measures will include, among others, a considerable reduction in the government budget deficit, a restrictive monetary policy, restrictive wage and income policies, an appropriate exchange rate policy, and measures to encourage savings. While this restrictive policy will be implemented, plans and instruments for the renewal of economic growth are to be prepared for implementation once stability is achieved."

In underlining the hardships these restrictive policies will have on Israel, the paper referred to the mounting unemployment in the country. "The annual average unemployment rate is estimated to reach 6.1 percent, after increasing to 5.7 percent in the first three quarters of the year," it said. "The rate is forecasted to approach 8 percent in 1985."

The report continued: "In spite of rising unemployment, the number of workers from the administered territories continued to increase in 1983, reaching to 86,900 in the first quarter of 1984. It seems that in a situation of declining profitability, employers prefer to hire workers from the administered territories with lower qualifications and less seniority, thus receiving lower wages."

experienced at your Bar Mitzvah when you flawlessly chanted your haftarah before a "kveling" multitude? If you never learned how to chant a haftarah, this is the perfect opportunity.

Both courses will be taught by Rabbi C.B. Pearl and will be open to the public free of charge. For further information call Cong. Ohawe Sholam at 722-3146.

CJF Offers Scholarships

Full tuition scholarships for study at selected graduate programs of social work and Jewish communal service are now available through the Federation Executive Recruitment and Education Program (FEREP) of the Council of Jewish Federations.

FEREP is a career track program which recruits individuals with executive promise into the Federation field, provides scholarships for training, and offers ongoing career guidance and placement services following graduation.

In September, 1986, the University of Toronto Faculty of Social Work will join the FEREP consortium, which already includes: Baltimore Institute of Jewish

Communal Service, Double Masters from the University of Maryland and Baltimore Hebrew College, Brandeis University; For further information, contact Ellen Deutsch Quint, Personnel Consultant, Council of Jewish Federations, 575 Lexington Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022-212-751-1311.

Paul Zim In Concert At URI



Paul Zim

The South County Jewish Music Concert Series takes pride in presenting in concert Paul Zim on Sunday evening, February 10, 1985, at 7:30 p.m. in the URI Fine Arts Center Recital Hall in Kingston.

Those who have heard Mr. Zim in concert agree that he has special music charisma. He does not merely sing his songs but rather, he lives them. The *New York Times* said that "Zim is a fine lyric, (and) sensitive singer." "His consummate artistry and his beautiful voice reached the heart," was the comment of the *Jerusalem Post*.

With many outstanding records to his credit, his varied and extensive repertoire includes the best of Opera, Israeli, Yiddish, and Pop American songs. His rich tenor voice has captivated audiences around the world.

Mr. Zim's latest recording, "Sing It Hassidic," is a rare gem in Jewish music. "With Jewish artists bringing out pop records, one copying another, it is refreshing to find something original from the Jewish music scene. . . This recording in my opinion, surpasses vocally and musically all of the modern recordings that have come out in the last few years and, I am sure, will place Paul Zim where he rightly belongs as a top in Hassidic music, as he is in the field of cantorial music," said Alex Klein of the *Jewish Gazette*.

Mr. Zim recently made his movie debut in "The Children's War," which was based on the book "The Survivor" by Jack Eisner. His voice was recently heard at the Hartman Theater in Stamford, Conn. in a new production of "Cantorial" which was written by playwright and novelist Ira Levin.

Other praises of Mr. Zim include the February 1984 issue of *Variety Magazine* which said "the singing by Paul Zim is a virtuoso treat." "Feet were tapping, hands were clapping, but it was surely the

polished style, charm, and presence of Paul Zim that made Saturday evening so entertaining," said *The Rhode Island Herald*.

Nat Hentoff, well known journalist and music critic for the *Village Voice* and the *New Yorker Magazine* writes of Paul Zim, "He is the kind of ecumenical singer I remember from my childhood. He has the bravura and the soul to be equally persuasive in the best of the liturgical masters, Yiddish theater songs, folk songs and new variations of the basic themes that have coursed through Jewish music for centuries."

Tickets cost \$5 for general admission and \$2.50 for students, children, and senior citizens. In addition, series sponsors for \$30 are welcome. Tickets and subscriptions may be purchased through the mail by contacting the South County Jewish Music Concert Series at 34 Lower College Rd., Kingston, R.I. 02881-0818. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope. Tickets will also be available at the door.

For directions or more information, please contact the series at 792-2740 during normal business hours.

Families Against Famine At URI

Twenty-five of Rhode Island's most popular family entertainers are uniting for an all-day, non-stop benefit concert to aid famine-affected families in Ethiopia. Proceeds from the event will go to Save the Children's Ethiopian Emergency Fund to send food and medical care to the families effected by the famine in Ethiopia, a famine which has reached catastrophic proportions. The day is planned to give families the opportunity to participate in a positive action against the famine.

Wickford Express will be there along with Len Cabral, storyteller; Bill Harley, songs and stories; Silent Clown, magic and mime; Pendragon, Celtic music and stories; Josh Sherman, blues man; Jon Campbell, songs and comedy; Greencastle, Celtic dance music; more acts to be announced.

Volunteers and contributors are needed for: baking, babysitting, face painting, sign painting and publicity work, set up and clean up crews. Donations of articles in good, clean condition for the treasure table, crafts, books, plants, etc. are also being sought. A "kid's stuff" sale table is planned and donations are needed there. Door prize donations are being accepted from private parties as well as local merchants and canned foods for a food basket are also needed. If you want to participate as a volunteer, or have a donation to make, please contact the organizers by calling 295-8310.

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Kosher Wine Tasting At PHDS



Jani Rosen and Samuel Shlevin at the Providence Hebrew Day School show-off a few selections from the wine-tasting party.

The Parents and Friends Association of the Providence Hebrew Day School is hosting a wine tasting party on Sunday, February 10 at 7 p.m. at the school's Korn Auditorium. An exciting selection of specialty, imported and domestic wines will be featured, including, red, white, sweet, dry and sparkling selections.

Marc Wartenberg of Kedem Wines will be available to guide you through the selections. All wines including those from France, Spain, Portugal, Italy and Israel are Kosher for Passover and will be available for your purchase or order.

PHDS News

First graders have been busy learning the proper use of the telephone. Learning how to report an emergency can be of life saving importance so the children are studying their lessons hard.

Second grade has been busy in the study of measurements. Third graders are beginning their computer classes now that the holidays are over. Fourth graders are

into their second novel, *Souther*. This fiction opens up much discussion on prejudice and hatred. Writing has been given much concentration these past few weeks in grade five. Grade six has completed their programming unit on their computers by making their monograms.

The seventh graders outperformed the stock market and competing junior high schools from throughout Southern New England in the N.E. Investment Game. The pupils efforts of research, computing, and decision-making for ten weeks resulted in the first place finish and did parlay \$100,000 into \$331,214. The *Providence Journal* wrote an editorial on December 23, 1984, about the students' experiences.

Miriam Women Plan Kick-Off Event

The Miriam Hospital Women's Association will hold a Kick-off Equipment Event meeting on Monday, February 25 in preparation for the Annual Equipment Event. It will be preceded by a Noon-time mini-lunch in the hospital's Soplkin Auditorium. At this meeting of The Women's Association, chairpeople and workers will receive information on beginning the fund-raising drive for the Annual Equipment Event, which will be held on Sunday, April 14 at Temple Beth-El in Providence. Mi Dori, the 13-year-old Japanese violin prodigy, will appear in concert to benefit The Miriam Hospital. Accompanied by a pianist, Mi Dori will play a virtuosic violin program.

The concert, which marks her only New England appearance this season, will be followed by a reception with refreshments. The steering committee for the event is headed by Harri Sutton. Assisting her are Gussie Baxt, Hinda Semonoff, Lillian Zarum, Co-ordinator Beryl Meyer, and program chairperson, Rachel Rakatansky. Completing the committee are Co-Presidents LeAnne Leach and Ruth Friedman, with President-Elect Claudia Deutsch serving as consultant.

As in the past, The Miriam Hospital Women's Association will use the proceeds of this fund-raiser to purchase new equipment, thereby enhancing quality of patient care at the Miriam Hospital. The goal this year is a Bone Density Scanner, useful in detection of osteoporosis. At the kick-off meeting, Elan J. Gandsman, Ph.D., will speak on development and uses of the scanner. Dr. Gandsman is a radiation physicist specializing in nuclear medicine within the Department of Radiology at the Miriam Hospital.

Tu BeShevat Begins Feb. 6

Forget the snow and bitter wind—the New Year for Trees, better known as the holiday of Tu bi-Shevat, begins this year on February 6, or, on the Hebrew calendar, on the 15th of Shevat. On that day in Israel, where the holiday has also evolved into a day for the appreciation of nature, families fill the countryside to plant seedlings.

Despite the freezing temperatures here, families can still find ways to mark the holiday. To infuse a bit of spring into the day, the Board of Jewish Education of Greater New York (BJE), offers a few suggestions for celebration.

For a background on the holiday, several materials are available from the BJE. For ages 3-8, the brightly-illustrated "Dates As Sweet As Honey" (\$3.95), explains the pilgrimage the Jews took to Jerusalem to bring a tenth of their produce for the annual tithe to the Holy Temple. As a result, Jews in the Diaspora form a vicarious link to the soil in Israel by eating on Tu bi-Shevat the seven varieties of food mentioned in the Bible: wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and dates.

A Challenge Kit (\$2), for children ages 10-12, presents stimulating exercises to help youngsters understand the holiday, while cassettes and records of Tu bi-Shevat melodies and songs in Hebrew are available at \$7.95 each. For children or parents with a basic knowledge of Hebrew, a Tu bi-Shevat book is available for \$2.

Full color nature posters, produced by the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel, are also available at the BJE. Cost is \$30 for a set of 21 posters; and three small or two large posters for \$5.

How about a seder for Tu bi-Shevat? This little-known custom originates from the Kabbalist (Jewish mystical) tradition.

The Kabbalists who settled in northern Israel in the 16th century, decided to mark the new year for trees by eating at least 15 kinds of fruits and other foods which grow in Israel, accompanied by prayers and passages from the Bible. To symbolize the changing of seasons, the Kabbalists drank three glasses of wine: the first glass contained white wine, for winter; the second, a mixture of white and red; and the last, red, for spring.

A prepared Tu bi-Shevat seder is available from Seymour River Jewish Community Center, 60 South River St., Wilkes Barre, Pa. 18701.

A practical, as well as joyous, idea for children is to adopt an Israeli custom for the holiday. There, children present neighbors and friends with plates of dried fruit. But if you wish to stick to the tradition of planting, here is a pomegranate planting project:

Remove the seeds from the aril (red pulp), and plant in a mixture of half-sterile soil and half-perlite. Cover with a quarter inch of soil, cover with plastic bag, and place the container on a source of warmth, such as the top of a radiator. Once the seeds germinate, usually within two weeks, allow a few plants to grow and pull out the rest. Place pot in warm, brightly-lit location, keep soil moist, and fertilize every two weeks. Pinch off top buds to allow for new growth.

For further information, and for a complete listing of holiday gifts, call or write the BJE, 426 W. 58th St., New York, N.Y. 10019 (212) 245-8200. BJE accepts MasterCard and Visa on orders over \$15.

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Temple Sinai

The Brotherhood of Temple Sinai announces "Our Winter Classic," a \$3,600 Poker Tournament. This tournament, open to men and women 18 years of age and over, will be held on Monday, February 4, 1985, at Temple Sinai, 30 Hagen Avenue, Cranston, R.I. The game starts at 7 p.m., however, check-in time is 6:30 p.m., and players must be seated by 6:45 p.m.

Hurry! This exciting tournament is limited to 200 players and the entry fee is \$50.00, refunded if tournament is cancelled. Free refreshments will be served. For further information, please call Phil Geller at 942-7739, Larry Schwartz at 785-2275 or Barry Dores at 942-0938 after 6 p.m. Even better than calling send your name, address and phone number along with a check for \$50 payable to Temple Sinai Brotherhood, c/o Phil Geller, 222 Glen Hills Drive, Cranston, R.I. 02920. All reservations must be received by January 28, 1985, and will be confirmed upon receipt of your check.

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Around Town

by Dorothea Snyder



We are acquainted with many people in both our lives and community who we have known for years on end, and yet we know them superficially.

The revelation that Mr. Edward Adler is one of the most active, colorful and visible figures around prompted the cue of curiosity to interview him. Within his comings and goings, this busy man always in a rush, manages to take time out to wave, smile, greet you, exchange pleasantries and drop a witticism or two.

He has touched many of our lives as teacher to our children and to ourselves in the realm of Hebrew education and in his role as a synagogue ritual director.

A most engaging and introspective man, Mr. Adler's life is sketched through this conversation with him in the chapel at Temple Emanuel where he conducts services during the week and a place which he loves.

Q. Mr. Adler, I thought it would be nice to start with where you're from, your education, just about you.

A. I can answer very simply that obviously I was born many years ago. I think it's over 50 now. I was born and educated in Hungary, but my education had to be disrupted because of the war and then I lost one of my parents, my father, and one of my brothers to the Holocaust. I escaped and saved my mother and my little brother. And we are all here except my mother who passed away five months ago.

I have a married brother in New Jersey. After the war, our family met again and found that there was no family to go to. Our home was disrupted and sold for unknown reasons. I don't even know who sold the house, but somebody lived there. When we returned and saw there was no place to go, we looked for alternatives and I looked for a marriage to establish my own. I was married very young at 22. My wife was 18. We knew each other for four years before. A few months later in 1948, we ended up in Israel and I was immediately inducted into the Israeli Army and served two years.

In the meantime, I took some courses and I became a practical engineer working with blueprints. I taught children apprenticeship for drafting, so I had some background in the education of how to educate others. . . get the knowledge and give it to others or transfer it on or to disseminate what I learned. I continued to work in the same capacity and my mother came for a visit. The alternative my mother had chosen in her life was to get married. She had gone to America and the marriage didn't work out somehow. My brother ended up in a kibbutz and my mother got married and came to visit us in 1956. She wanted to settle in Israel, but couldn't make a living. She went back. Without our knowing it, my mother applied for a visa for us.

Four years later, we are at the summer resort Bat-Yam, next to Tel Aviv, and we are called to the telephone. It is the American Embassy calling us that the visa arrived from family, a reunion type of visa. We were told that if we want to take advantage of it, we had better go. The following morning we went to the Embassy and found out that the application was valid for a six-month period.

My mother was in New York City. We took steps and apparently I'm here. Step by step we finally arrived except that I came first in 1952 to New York City alone. I worked until Friday and Sunday I took the plane to see what's going on here. So I took a suitcase for an overnight and I'm still here.

A few months later I got a job offer in Pittsfield, Massachusetts as a Hebrew school teacher at Temple Knesset Israel. The principal was in his twenty-first year of teaching and he was taking a sabbatical leave. I accepted the offer. I worked in the morning as an engineer for a Jewish-owned factory, and at 1 p.m., I went to the Hebrew school. Two jobs. My family flew over from Israel in 1961. When the principal returned a year later, my job was done. I was offered a teaching position, but it wasn't enough. In the meantime, I saw in the *Jewish Herald* that

a position for a Hebrew teacher in Providence was advertised.

I called Dr. Elkin who was the Bureau director then. He invited me to an interview. I came down and I've been here since then. They brought me to visit the Day School and another Hebrew school in the South Providence area. I got the jobs at both places, the Providence Hebrew Day School full time and Temple Beth Israel on Niagara Street in the afternoons. Teaching at Beth Israel lasted a few years until a new rabbi came and brought with him his own staff. I was still at the Day School full time. There was an opening at Temple Beth Shalom on Camp Street. I became the principal in 1965. I led this school until 1970 while I still was at the Day School. Then Cantor Lury at Temple Emanuel, who taught Hebrew school, high school and took care of certain aspects of the Temple, moved to Israel. I assumed his job in 1970. Although I gave up the principalship of Temple Beth Shalom, I remained at the Day School. I also fulfill certain things here in the Temple assisting wherever I can.

Q. That would be your capacity as ritual director?

A. Yes which involves a lot of work. That means not just work work work. It involves a lot of responsibilities rather than plow and hammer. I read the services every day, morning and evening. . . not only the care of announcing pages, but every day or week, there is somebody who is losing a parent or brother or sister or child. They need comfort and a place where they can sit down and be comfortable and have solace and understanding, so I provide a little home away from home.

Q. Is this chapel where we sit the place for the services you speak of?

A. Yes, this is the place. My job in the morning is to go to the bakery every day at 6:30 a.m., except Saturday and Sunday, and pick up fresh rolls and go to the kitchen and we set up breakfast with a variety of foods. Services start at 7 a.m. and end at quarter to eight. Then we have breakfast, nice camaraderie and at 8:15, 8:30, everybody goes where they have to.

Q. And then, Mr. Adler, you go to the Day School?

A. Then I go to the Day School for my first class at 8:30 and I'm there until noon, go home for lunch and back again for afternoon classes. On Tuesdays and Thursdays I teach Hebrew school here at the Temple. On Sunday mornings I teach Hebrew High School and on Tuesday nights, I teach Adult Institute courses which I've done since its inception 10 years ago. I teach a variety of two or three courses a year.

Q. What Adult Institute courses do you teach, Mr. Adler?

A. This year I'm teaching how to become a fluent reader in Hebrew and the other course is words of the prayer book, their meaning and how to pray and the tunes also. It varies from year to year.

Q. What is your Saturday schedule at Temple Emanuel?

A. We have a minyan for people who go to work on Saturday. I come at 8 a.m. At 9 a.m. it's over. I have to adjust it so it doesn't go over 9. The most important prayers are included and said between 8 and 9. I have a couple of people who are interested in certain studies and I fill up their gap because some don't go home. They attend the second service too. Both young and old, they sit here and we discuss the portion of the week. At quarter to 10, I go up. If we have a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, I see the family distributing the Elyot, the honors. I do see them during the week. They introduce me to their family and I give them their parts, show them where to sit, when to go up and at 10 o'clock, we start service number two. I read the Torah and coordinate the service and at 12 noon or so, it's over. Then we have a social kiddush and at 1 p.m. we go home. We walk to the chapel at the Temple again at 3 p.m. for the minchah service at 4 p.m. or whatever time it is an hour

A Conversation With Edward Adler

Photo by Dorothea Snyder



before sunset. We read the Torah again, have the Havdalah service. By 5:30 p.m. we are through. Summer time is different. It's a longer afternoon, but services are three times a day. And, of course, there are Friday night services too. It doesn't tire me out, because I love it. That makes a big difference.

Q. What about your Sunday schedule, Mr. Adler?

A. Sunday mornings we have two services. There is a Bar Mitzvah brotherhood service at 8 a.m. in which my students who I trained for in tefillin, etc. participate. They have a breakfast. There is a regular adult service at 9:45 a.m. and a breakfast at the Men's Club. I speak to them once or twice a year. At 11:15 a.m. I teach synagogue skills to a high school class, such as how to blow the shofar, how to pray, how to read the Megillah, how to do kiddush, how to build a sukkah, how to hold a lulav.

Q. What grades are you teaching at the Day School this year?

A. I teach fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades. I teach the fifth and sixth grades prayers in the morning, and I teach Hebrew language arts or skills to the sixth, seventh and eighth grades. In between teaching or when I have nothing else to do, I am tutoring or taking care of those students who are a little bit behind, students who entered the school in the fourth grade and did not have previous experience with the ABC's, the Hebrew Aleph, Bet, or slow readers or those who can't read rash or those don't have certain concepts. I'll take them out for 30 minutes, single or double kids. Between 9 and 11 in the morning, I take care of them.

Q. What do you like to do if you have spare time?

A. I'll tell you what I did a year ago. I teach music, singing and melodies, but I don't read music. So I took piano lessons. We have a piano, but nobody uses it. I went and found a piano teacher, a wonderful lady, and I took lessons for about 1½ to 2 years. And now I can sight read. I can tell the difference between a low C, a middle C and a high C. Before that, I couldn't tell you what those balloons were.

Q. How do you find students respond to the learning process?

A. The kids always ask me why do I have to learn this. I don't want it. My parents send me. I say that's not a happy attitude. I say to them, suppose you are dropped in the middle of China or in the middle of a desert. You didn't learn compass. You don't know movement of the weather, you don't know the stars, the wind's velocity. You get lost. You're not going to find food. You don't know where to turn. But if you learn about the compass and know what north is, you can end up some place saving your life. And that's what we try to teach you. . . humanitarian business. Be a human besides knowing facts from the books. Things that you think are not important. Algebra. Now who needs an angle? You don't need an angle at 50 degrees or 180 degrees. You don't need it. But if they tell you to go straight on the map at 180 degrees and you reach a certain place, you'd better find it, and if you don't find it, you're going to be lost. Anything you teach is developed by skillful people who know what to teach. What is good for you in your life you can't

decide. You say I don't want to do this because I don't have use for it. Right now you don't, but in 10 years, you'll say, "Aw, I remember he told us. Bingo! I can use it." If you're sharp enough. The whole skill of learning. I've told my students, is to learn it by heart and put it in your head. You might forget 20% of it. The more you put into your head, the more you know. The more you know, the more you forget. So one smart cookies stood up and said, "So why do you tell us to learn if the more I know, the more I forget, why should I learn to forget it?"

Q. What changes have you found over the past 20 years in the students you have taught?

A. If my memory serves me well, thinking of the seventh and eighth grades 20 years ago, the kids would buy anything you would teach them without question. You could tell them blue is blue, black is black. Nobody would ask why. Today you say there are blues and you have to mention 20 shades of it. Then they ask how come the shades were changed. This involves any kind of subject, even plain mathematics. You have to tell them why. You have to have a good back-up. You can't bluff anymore. The kids are very inquisitive. And today, teachers are competing with televisions, radios, telephones, and vcr's in every room of the house.

Q. Mr. Adler, tell me more about your own educational pursuits these past years?

A. During the time I lived and worked in Pittsfield, I attended evening courses in language and American history. And within a six-year period, I studied evenings and summers at Graetz College in Philadelphia and at Rhode Island College where I concentrated in psychology, education and child development. I attended Torah Umesorah Institute in New York two full summers studying Jewish education. I have taken all the in-service courses offered by the Bureau of Jewish Education in Rhode Island throughout the past 20 years. I also have lectured there. I have a national teacher's license from the National Bureau of Licenses and a teacher's license from Torah Umesorah.

There was an unasked question that Edward Adler wanted to have the opportunity to answer. It related to the one person who had instilled much of his beliefs and feelings. It was his grandfather who was a grand rabbi in Fadd, Hungary. He died when Mr. Adler was a very young child. Mr. Adler's memory is much imbued and bound by his first cousin, who is "a Chassidic rabbi in Jerusalem in 1944."

"I never had a beard until I was 50," he says stroking his own. "That's my grandfather's influence. I remember his very white beard."

As our conversation ended, he touched upon a few philosophical thoughts.

"Whatever I knew before," Edward Adler reflects, "you as a man have to be human yourself."

Black/Jewish Coalition (continued from page 1)

of attention was focused on the Black/Jewish relationship. Members of the Jewish Federation, leaders in the Black community, members of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, Fred Williamson and Gene Booth, Executive Director for the Human Rights Commission in Rhode Island met to discuss the problem. The group tried to establish points of reference between the Black and Jewish community.

The group determined that dialogue could best be established by forming a joint action committee and working together for common cause. From this a Black/Jewish Dialogue was born. The group was further differentiated into committees dedicated to certain areas; the economic opportunities committee (which Krasner is chairperson), the public awareness committee, the public education committee, and the political action committee. Krasner's group targeted Black and Jewish business leaders and invited them to a breakfast. Much to their surprise one cold Sunday morning at 7:30 a.m. in South Providence at the O.I.C. building, 70 Black and Jewish businesspersons met to talk and share concerns.

The response generated enthusiasm for some ambitious plans for the future. On February 26 a Black and Jewish woman's breakfast will be held at the OIC building. Also in the spring a seminar will be held at Alton Jones Campus to share further concerns. Krasner also sees a speakers bureau in the future. Perhaps one of the most exciting plans to be born has already been named, MAC, or minority access to careers. This internship will pair minority students with successful businesses in the area. It was created to give high school seniors and freshman college students an opportunity to work in businesses and a chance to succeed.

Krasner sees positive results from such cooperation between Black and Jewish members of the community. Another motivation uniting the two groups is the recent resurgence of religious fanaticism, Kl Klux Klan and other equally frightening cults. "As a result of the pendulum swinging toward conservatism and Reaganism we see certain fundamentalist attitudes arising that are scary for us all," Krasner emphasizes. "But the positive side to this is that people are starting to worry and



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they realize they must get involved. It's happening all over the county. Black and Jewish coalitions are forming everywhere."

Krasner feels significant commonality is shared by the two groups. Both groups have been discriminated against, both are concerned with separation of church and state and issues such as abortion. At the brunch on Sunday and at all dialogues, Krasner encourages venting of both positive and negative feelings. She feels it is important to deal with fears both sides may harbor. Equally important is the need to stress the positive aspects of the alliance. "We feel this is a two-way street," Krasner explains. Indeed this coalition could advance both groups considerably. Krasner speaks of the area of political activity where she hopes members of each side will support candidates who are qualified from both groups. Another breakthrough as a result of the proposed alliance would be the passage of civil rights, affirmative action and E.R.A. legislation.

"Through dialogues we hope to increase understanding of each other's dreams and hopes," Krasner says optimistically. "Jesse Jackson's campaign was terribly frightening for some Jews who didn't

understand what he means to the Black community," Jackson, she says is a symbol. He is a leader, the first Black ever to attain that status and while he is not the choice of every Black he represented a certain amount of achievement. "But he also said things publicly that were very frightening to Jews," Krasner reiterates. Our goal is to attain greater understanding between the two cultures.

"The sixties were special when people cared about starvation, poverty, and civil rights and the well being of others," Krasner's voice swells with nostalgia. Youth has always been considered the idealists, the conscience of the society, she says. "It's frightening to think that's not happening anymore. Students today are more self-oriented. They are interested in themselves and their career paths and making a secure financial future for themselves. This is not true across the board but most students do not seem to be interested in the issues of social change.

In contrast to this, Krasner says she is working with a group of people who are incredibly anxious and excited and willing to work. "The busiest people you can imagine are right there and want to work. It is a wonderful feeling to call these people who are thrilled to become involved. Everyone I have ever called to do something for this project has immediately said yes, they were available for anything," Krasner exclaims. "We realize we can't be everything to everybody but there are so many impoverished people we have to try. We made a decision to target one segment and hopefully we will be successful and move on to others."

Looking at this inspiring energetic woman, it is easy to believe the plans to improve the quality of life for others will indeed happen. If anyone can make dreams come true, Krasner can. She has spent her whole life pursuing them. She believes in doing whatever one wants to do. Krasner maintained her first career as an R.N. until she was in her early thirties. She loved nursing but felt she needed a different challenge. In her mid-thirties Krasner returned to college and earned a bachelor's degree. "I don't consider myself a feminist but being female never held me back from doing whatever I wanted to do. I had an interest in economics and finance and thought that would be a good career change. After a newspaper interview several banks called me in for interviews," Krasner explains. "Hospital Trust hired me as a Portfolio Manager Trainee in

1978. They have been extremely supportive. I love the investments. I'm also excited about being the first woman, and the first Jewish woman to do this here."

Asked if she considers herself a radical, Krasner looks delighted. "Oh, I'd love to think I might be a radical, and I suppose if the world keeps getting more conservative, I might be considered one without ever changing. But I'm really traditional in so many ways. I have a happy marriage, two wonderful kids, a dog, a home in the country, even a traditional station wagon. But there's a part of me that can't help but be concerned about other people in the world. I've been very lucky and successful and I want to give some of that back.

"There's just so much work to be done in the world. Right now we are trying to establish a network to identify people who are willing to be connections. So far the response has been terrific." Who knows, this woman of seemingly endless energy continues to exclaim, "eventually we may expand to a larger community. Nothing is ever easy in this world, but if we just sit down and expose a little of ourselves to each other and treat each other with kindness we may be able to make a little dent. There are just so many exciting things we can do to make a better world today. I really believe I have been so fortunate to have had the opportunity to do this. Anybody can do it though." And Lee Krasner is working very hard to see that everyone gets the same chance.

Leaders Appointed

Two prominent members of the American Jewish community have been appointed co-chairmen of the Distinguished Leaders Institute, held each summer at Brandeis University, as a forum for discussing issues affecting Jews.

Robert L. Adler of Chicago, Ill., and Robert Reisman of Providence, R.I. will head the conference scheduled for July 21-23, 1985.

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Michael's Free!

Michael Utevskaya is free! Michael and his family were refuseniks (people who asked for permission to leave the Soviet Union but were refused) - until November 25, 1984, when Michael and his family were told to leave! Michael, his parents, and baby brother are now with his grandparents in Beersheva, Israel.

Michael is 8 years old. One of his hobbies is art. He loves to draw, especially Bible pictures.

This brave family helped and taught other refuseniks in Leningrad, Russia, and all of their friends are happy that they are now free. They are examples for us that sometimes Jews are allowed to leave the Soviet Union. We must keep writing letters and working to free the refuseniks still in Russia.

Send Michael a letter of congratulations. You may write him in English or Hebrew. Here is his address:

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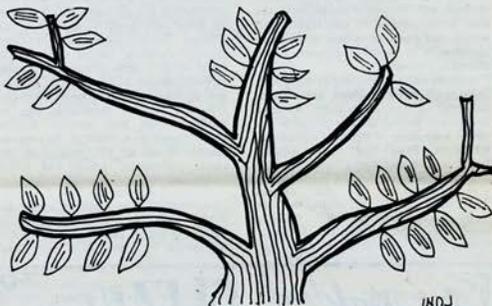


Plant A Mitzvah Tree

No matter what the weather is like where you live, here's a tree you can plant that will definitely grow! It's called a mitzvah tree.

On a poster board, draw a tree with many branches. Take colored construction paper and cut out a bunch of leaves.

Next you can start to do mitzvot (commandments). Every time you do a mitzvah, write it down on a leaf and then tape or glue the leaf onto your tree. See how quickly your tree grows.



There are 613 commandments (mitzvot) in the Torah. Some tell us specific things to do and others tell us things not to do. You probably know some of them already. Here are a few examples:

1. "Honor your father and your mother . . ." You could do this by obeying their rules. Don't argue with them. Do clean up your room if they ask you to do that.
2. "Remember the seventh day to keep it holy." You should not do any work on the Sabbath. Part of "remembering" Shabbat includes lighting the candles and saying the blessing, saying the kiddush (the prayer over the wine), putting on nice clothes, enjoying food and drink, and having the havdalah service at the end of the Sabbath. Put a leaf on the tree for any mitzvah you do which helps you "remember" the Sabbath.
3. "But you shall surely open wide your hand to him." This mitzvah means giving charity kindly and generously. You can give money to any good cause.
4. "You shall not cook a kid (baby goat) in its mother's milk." This commandment is repeated three times in the Bible! You perform this mitzvah when you do not cook meat and milk together, or eat it together, or eat any food that has both meat and milk in it. That is one of the rules of keeping kosher.

Look up some different commandments and see how many you can follow. Then watch your mitzvah tree quickly come to a full bloom!

Tu B'Shvat Rebus

What tree grows near the seashore?



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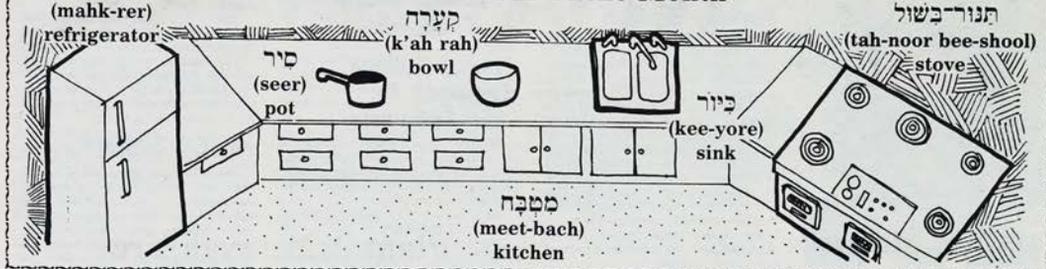
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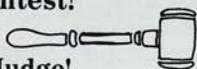
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- whl = The beech (beech tree)

Hebrew Words of the Month



Contest! Contest!

You Be The Judge!



Mrs. Yankel, a religious Jew, bought candles for Shabbat for \$3.00. When it was time to light the candles, they didn't work. Each time she tried to light them, they kept going out. She tried different candles in the box, but none of the wicks would light. She couldn't go buy new ones because it was sunset and time for Shabbat to begin. She was upset because she couldn't perform the mitzvah of saying the Shabbat blessing over the candles.

Mrs. Yankel thinks both the grocery store where she bought the candles and the company that made the candles should pay her because she was upset. So Mrs. Yankel has taken both the store and the candle company to court. She is asking the judge to make the companies pay her thousands of dollars because she was not able to light Shabbat candles as she is required to do.

What You Do: To enter this month's contest, pretend you are the judge in this matter. Would you make either or both companies pay Mrs. Yankel? If not, why not? If so, why do you feel that way and how much would you order them to pay?

Send your answer with an explanation, with your name, complete address, and age to: Candle Contest, c/o NOAH'S ARK, 7726 Portal, Houston, Texas 77071. You must be 6-12 years old to enter.

Deadline: February 10, 1985. The winner will be announced in the April issue.

(This idea comes from a real court case as reported in the San Diego Jewish Press Heritage).

Refusenik Pen Pal of the Month



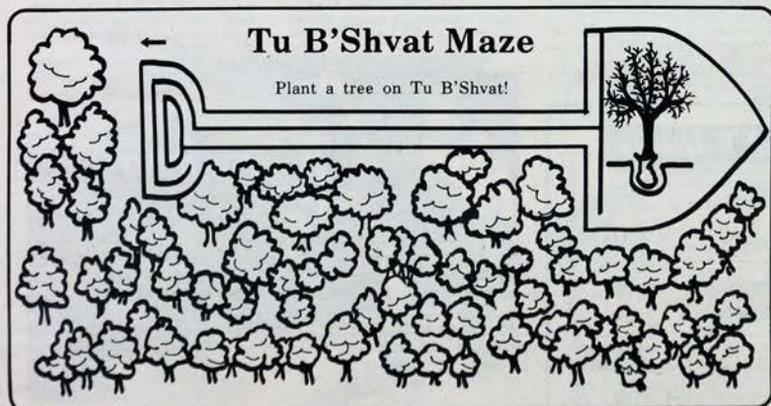
Dimitry Klotz is a 7 year old boy who lives in Moscow, the capital of Russia. Four years ago, Dimitry's parents asked for permission to leave the Soviet Union to join family and friends in Israel. But they were refused, and so they are called refuseniks.

Dimitry has a 2 year old sister named Lisa. He also has new baby twins in the family, a brother named Lev and a sister named Anna.

Dimitry is in the 2nd grade. His favorite books are about sea adventures and pirates. He also collects coins from different countries. Dimitry is beginning to learn English and Hebrew, and his favorite subject in school is math. When he grows up, he wants to be an architect, writer, or firefighter.

Dimitry needs pen pals so the Russian government will know he has friends outside the Soviet Union who care about him. And letters will also give him courage. When you write to Dimitry, tell him all about yourself and your life. Write like you would write to any pen pal. Do not write anything about him being a refusenik or anything bad about the Soviet government. Enclose a picture of yourself if you have one.

Dimitry's address is:
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Social Events

Postar Opens PR Firm



Joseph Postar

Joseph Postar has established Postar Public Relations, with offices at 99 Bald Hill Rd., Cranston.

Postar says his firm offers a wide range of communications services, based on his long background in business to business, corporate and institutional public relations.

Until recently, Postar was vice president and director of public relations of Potter Hazlehurst Inc., East Greenwich, R.I., where he established the public relations department in 1979.

Temple Beth-El And St. Martins Co-Sponsor Starvation Program

The Orchard Avenue Study Group will present a discussion on the "Roots of Starvation" Thursday, January 31 at 8 p.m. at Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave. This is the second in the study group's examination of society's attitude toward death, and is sponsored by Temple Beth-El, St. Martin's Episcopal Church, the Miriam Hospital, the Office of Chaplaincy at Brown University, and the Office of Continuing Medical Education at Brown.

The evening will include a discussion by Morris D. Morris, Ph.D. (Professor of Comparative Study of Development at Brown) on famine as a social process, Dr. Myron Winick (Professor of Pediatrics and Nutrition at the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons) will discuss the hunger disease in the Warsaw Ghetto in 1940 as recorded by physicians in ghetto. Dr. Stanley M. Aronson (University Professor of Medical Science at Brown) will be the moderator for the discussion.

"The twin tragedies of famine and starvation in parts of Africa are graphically displayed to Americans as pitiful scenes of refugee camps are shown on television and in newspapers almost daily. We are pleased to provide this opportunity to increase the understanding of the causes and effects of starvation," said Rabbi Leslie Guterman of Temple Beth-El and the Rev. Daniel Burke, rector of St. Martin's Church.

SAJCC Plans Sunday Brunch

Shalom Singles (ages 35-55) of the South Area Jewish Community Center, is sponsoring "Brunch Plus" on Sunday, February 10, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Center, 1044 Central St., Stoughton. Following a delicious brunch will be a Financial Analyst Rudy Rindoff off the Ryan Financial Group in Boston. Find out about great investments for 1985.

The deadline for pre-registration is Wednesday, February 6. Please pre-register by mailing a check payable to SAJCC to the Center. The fee is \$3.50 for members, and \$5 for non-members.

Join Shalom Singles for only \$10 per year, and have the privilege of reduced rates for all programs.

For more information, please call Liz at the Center, 821-0030 or 341-2016.

Berger Family Receives Awards

The New England Regional Council of VFR Business Brokers meeting last week at the Sheraton-Mansfield presented Ramon F. Berger of Laurel Avenue, Providence with an award in recognition of outstanding achievement in business brokerage during the fourth quarter of 1984. Mr. Berger, an account executive with the VR office in Cranston, was broker in the recent sales of Crown Displays, Inc. of Providence and Connell Tool Company of Cranston. Wife Anita H. Berger, a therapist and adult educator in Providence, recently was honored by the Providence Business and Professional Women's Organization being named 1984 Woman of the Year. Son Gideon, a Classical High School graduate and Skidmore College sophomore, was awarded Highest Honors on the Dean's List for his distinguished academic record in the Spring Term.

Sisterhood Sabbath At Beth Am-Beth David

The Annual Sisterhood Sabbath of Temple Beth Am-Beth David, will take place on Friday, January 25, 1985 at 8:15 p.m. in the new sanctuary at 40 Gardiner St., Warwick.

The following Sisterhood members will participate: Elaine Botvin, Janet Corin, Cory Fink, Bleama Forman, Suzanne Glucksman, Toby Horowitz, Dorothy Klein, Janice Krasner, Sheila Land, Mona Scheraga, Faye Schachter, Micki Silverman, Naomi Swerdlow, Joan Teilverman, and Carolyn Mendelson.

This annual service celebrates the founding of the sisterhood movement within the branch of Conservative Judaism, many years ago, by Mathilde Schecter.

The message for the evening will be delivered by Faye Schachter, Sisterhood President, Micki Silverman, Chairwoman, is coordinating the program under the guidance of Rabbi Richard Leibovitz and Cantor Steven Dress.

An Oneg Shabbat will follow the service. The public is invited to attend.

Leavitts Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Leavitt of Seekonk, Mass., announce the birth of their second child and daughter, Laura Nadine, on September 25, 1984. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Earl Morton Percelay of Jamestown, R.I. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Leavitt of Providence, R.I. Mrs. Nathan Goldfarb is the great-grandmother.

Nancy Pollack Engaged To Joel Schwartz

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Pollack of Southampton, N.Y. and North Miami Beach, Fla. announce the engagement of their daughter, Nancy, of Queens, N.Y. to Joel Schwartz also of Queens.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Schwartz of Providence.

The bride-to-be graduated from New York University with a bachelors degree in science. She is an investment officer with Cowen and Company on Wall Street. The groom-to-be graduated from Rhode Island School of Design with a bachelor of Arts degree in Graphic Design.

Neal Drobnis Show At Sara Doyle

An exhibition of the cast and blown glass sculpture of Neal Drobnis will be on display at the Sarah Doyle Gallery, 185 Meeting Street, from January 27 to February 16. The opening will be held on January 27 from 6 to 8 p.m.

The artist states that through the medium of hot glass and sand he has established a vocabulary of form which serves to unveil a sense of life and inner force. His experiences have always challenged the physical laws of balance, weight and gravity and this conflict is an integral part of his work in glass.

Mr. Drobnis will graduate from the Rhode Island School of Design in the Spring.

Lois Schlar Engaged To Albert Martin

Marg and Harry Schlar of Shorewood, Wisconsin, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lois Carol, to Albert P. Martin, son of Dr. Albert G. and Anna Martin, formerly of Milwaukee, and currently residing in Sarasota, Florida.

Ms. Schlar, a graduate of Beloit College in Classics and Comparative Literature, also holds graduate degrees in Medieval and Comparative Literature from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, as well as a Masters in Contemporary Jewish Studies from the Horstens Program in Jewish Communal Service of Brandeis University. She is president of the department's alumni association. Ms. Schlar has studied at the University of Rennes, France; Hebrew University in Jerusalem and Columbia University. Currently residing in New York City, Ms. Schlar is the Acting Regional Director for the New York Metropolitan Region of the United Synagogue of America. She has been the Women's Director of the Jewish Federation of Central New Jersey, Union.

Shalom Singles

Resolve to make 1985 your best year ever. Learn how to keep your funds in your own pocket — instead of Uncle Sam's. Shalom Singles of the South Area Jewish Community Center is sponsoring a Sunday Brunch, followed by a presentation from Financial Analyst Rudy Rindoff of the Ryan Financial Group in Boston.

Join us on Sunday, February 10, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Center, 1044 Central Street, Stoughton.

The deadline for pre-registration is Monday, February 4, and the fee is \$3.50 for members, \$5.00 for nonmembers. Checks should be made payable to SAJCC, mailed directly to the Center.

RI JCC Singles

The JCC singles group will be holding their first "Dollar Dazzle" Wednesday, January 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the JCC social hall. All are invited to enjoy an evening of music, dancing, and pleasant mingling with other single adults. Snacks and beverages will be served throughout the evening. Guests are welcome!

Admission \$1.00.

West of Hester Street will be shown at the Jewish Community Center on Sunday, January 27 at 2:30 p.m. This hour-long film focuses on a little-known aspect of recent Jewish history: the immigration of thousands of Eastern European Jews into America through the Port of Galveston, Texas, and their adjustment to a lifestyle radically different from the one they had known.

Following the film, Dr. Bartholomew Schiavo, historian and dean of Roger Williams College, will lead a discussion. Dr. Schiavo is an expert on Jewish immigration into the United States and was the historian on the "Parnosse" exhibit of Jewish life in Rhode Island, 1880-1920.

Refreshments will be served following the film.

Admission: \$1.95 per person.



Among the overflow crowd present in the M.I.T. Faculty Club at the fall Dinner Meeting of the New England Region, American Technion Society, were: L to R (seated): Henry and Florence Markoff, Dr. Amita Kestini, Alicia Kestini (standing); Madelyn Bell Berman, Director, New England Region; Joyce Starr, Rhode Island President Bob Starr, Ernest Nathan, Hope and David Hirsch, Professor Joseph Kestini. The group had gathered to hear Dr. Martin Feldstein speak on behalf of Technion.



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Dr. Lipsitt to Speak At Temple Beth-El

An Open Board Meeting for all members of the Sisterhood of Temple Beth-El will be held on Monday, February 4, 1985, at 12:30 p.m. in the Temple Meeting Hall. Dessert and coffee will be served at 1:15. At 1:45, Lewis P. Lipsitt, Professor of Psychology and Director of the Child Study Center at Brown will discuss the topic: "How We Live and When We Die Is Largely a Psychological Matter." Reservations must be made by January 28. Call 885-1987, 434-2816, or 274-0917. To request a baby sitter, call 331-6070.

Adult Education At Beth Am-Beth David

Contemporary social issues and Jewish history are the main topics of this winter's Adult Education program at Temple Beth Am-Beth David.

The eight-week program of mini-courses and lectures begins February 7 at the Temple, 40 Gardiner St., Warwick, and participation is open to the public.

The courses will be taught by professionals and lay persons with a wealth of knowledge and experience in the field which they will be discussing.

The first hour (7-8 p.m.) of the successive Thursday evening programs will be devoted to a choice of mini-courses: "Introduction to Jewish Mysticism," a historical review of Jewish mysticism, presented by Paul Gilman who has lectured on this topic many times.

"The Yiddish Experience," featuring Yiddish drama and folk songs and history and includes practice in conversational Yiddish, taught by Paula Krumholtz, also an experienced teacher.

The lecture series during the second hour (8:15-9:15 p.m.) includes the following:

February 7, 14 and 21: "Surviving the Teenage Years," with Paul Segal, executive director, and Ellen Steingold, clinical psychologist, both from the Jewish Family Service.

February 28, March 7 and 14: "The Empty Nest — What's Next, or Retirement Can Be Fun," with Ruth Silverman, clinical psychologist for the Jewish Family Service.

March 21: "Parnossah — An Exhibit Based On The History of the Jews of Rhode Island 1880-1920," presented by Eleanor F. Horvitz, librarian and archivist with the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association.

March 28: "Early History of the Providence Jewish Community," with Dr. Seebert J. Goldowsky, president of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association.

Registration fee for the entire eight-week program is \$15. Senior citizens will be charged \$10. Partial registrations also are available. Further information and registration forms may be obtained from the Temple office (463-7944) or from the Adult Education Program Director, May-Ronny Sock (737-4402).

Pawtucket-Central Falls Hadassah

The Pawtucket-Central Falls Chapter of Hadassah will hold an Open Board Meeting for its entire membership Monday, January 28, 1985, 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, Elm Grove Ave., Providence. Mark Mandell, president of the Jewish Community Center, will make a slide presentation and talk about his recent trip to Poland and the plight of Polish Jews. Refreshments will be served. Program Chairperson is Jenny Klein.

RI JCC Events

The Cub Scouts of Pack 104 are holding their first annual rocket launch Sunday, January 27 at 1 p.m. in the field behind the JCC. The dens will assemble at noon to set up their 5-foot Estes rockets for a timed launch competition. The winner to be the den launching the rocket that stays aloft the longest. Estimated rocket altitudes are 600 feet — an impressive sight for the crowd!

Refreshments: Hot chocolate
Admission: Free

Pack members: Shai Afsai, Lon Gelade, Bruce Kessler, Marc Lewinstein, David Mangiantine, Alan Mizrahi, Sam Sharkin, William Soled, Avi Tzadok, and Sam Kaplan. David Beal, cubmaster.

SAJCC Color Workshop

Color in the new year with your own Special Rainbow. Sign up for "Color Me Beautiful," a fantastic 3-hour workshop sponsored by the South Area Jewish Community Center on Monday, February 11, from 9 a.m. to noon. Discover your own palette of colors you will receive personalized attention and color analysis.

Take advantage of this unique opportunity by pre-registering now. The fee is only \$12 for members and \$17 for non-members. A special Color Kit will be available for an additional cost of \$15. Mail your check (payable to SAJCC), to the Center, 1044 Central St., Stoughton.

The deadline for pre-registration is Tuesday, February 5.

The workshop will be held at the Center, led by professional color analyst Linda Ruggiero.

For more information, please call Liz Diamond at the Center, 821-0030 or 341-2016.

PPAC Presents "Brighton Beach Memoirs"



Neil Simon's new smash-hit comedy *Brighton Beach Memoirs* now on national tour will be live on stage at the Providence Performing Arts Center on Friday and Saturday, February 8 and 9 at 8 p.m. Currently running on Broadway, *Brighton Beach Memoirs* has captured three of the nation's most prestigious theatre awards: The New York Drama Critics' Circle Award, The Outer Circle Theatre Award, and a Tony Award for "Best Direction" by Gene Saks.

Critics have hailed the production as Neil Simon's finest, funniest play to date.

Brighton Beach Memoirs is about many things, but mostly about the job and pain of growing up smart, sensitive and aware. Simon's protagonist is 15-year-old Eugene Morris Jerome, a would-be writer who keeps a constant journal of the activities of the eccentric household. Of course, Eugene would rather be a baseball player with the New York Yankees, but will be satisfied, if the baseball job fails, to be a writer. The Jerome family consists of his mother and father, his 18-year-old brother, his mother's widowed sister and her two daughters: all living in cramped

quarters in a beach area of Brooklyn, New York.

Concentrating on two consecutive early Wednesday evenings, Simon has constructed the play as a series of vignettes, all interlocked with the overall theme of survival during the depression. The various problems deal with thwarted ambition, late-blooming independence, physical illness and personal dishonor — small, everyday problems that ultimately change these people's lives.

The national tour is directed by Tony Award winner Gene Saks who has assembled an outstanding cast which includes (in alphabetical order): Skye Bassett, Patrick Dempsey, Brian Drillinger, Richard Greene, Lynn Milgram, Rocky Parker and Lisa Waltz. The setting has been designed by David Mitchell, with costumes by Patricia Zipprott and lighting by Tharon Musser. *Brighton Beach Memoirs* is presented under the producing aegis of Emanuel Azenberg, Wayne Rogers and Radio City Music Hall Productions in association with Centre Group/Amhanson.

Chamber Series Hits Positive Note At RIC

Markus Stocker, cellist, and Judith Lynn Stillman, pianist, will open the Rhode Island College spring semester chamber music series on Jan. 30 when they offer a recital which includes works by Beethoven and Debussy.

The program for the 2 p.m. performance will be identical to a recital the pair will offer in New York City at the 92nd Street YMCA on Feb. 6, except that a Bach unaccompanied cello suite will be added for

the February performance.

The RIC Chamber Series recital will take place in **rotunda room 100**. It is open to the public and admission is free.

The program includes works by Ludwig van Beethoven, Frank Martin, Joachim Stutschewsky and Claude Debussy. The Debussy will be the Sonata for Cello and Piano.

For more information call 456-8244.

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Obituaries

JACOB RABINOWITZ

CLINTON, Conn. — Jacob Rabinowitz, 64, of 7 Maryam Loop, a personnel consultant for the Bailey Employment Service, Madison, until retiring, died Thursday, January 17 at Yale-New Haven Hospital. He was the husband of Mia (Heuberg) Rabinowitz.

Born in Providence, a son of the late William and Nellie (Fingret) Rabinowitz, he lived in Clinton since 1972. He formerly lived in Milwaukee, Wis.

Mr. Rabinowitz formerly was a retailing executive for Apex and the Outlet Co. He was a World War II Army Air Force veteran. He was a member of Redwood Lodge 35, AF&AM, the Touro Fraternal Association, Congregation Beth Tikvah, Madison, and Congregation Beth Shalom, Deep River.

Besides his wife he leaves two sons, Brad Rabinowitz of New Haven, Ct., and Neil Rabinowitz of Bainbridge Island, Wash.; a daughter, Judith Cushman of Greensboro, N.C.; a sister, Ida Sirota of Malden, Mass., and four granddaughters.

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

CELIA A. PARVEY

PROVIDENCE — Celia Alice Parvey, 92, of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., died January 20 at the home. She was the widow of Dr. Harry Parvey.

Born in New York City, she was a daughter of the late Hyman and Anna (Schaeffer) Goldstein.

Mrs. Parvey worked for the Navy Department in procurement and supply at the Quonset Point Naval Air Station before retiring at 75 from federal civil service. She was a member of Pawtucket Chapter 16, Order of the Eastern Star, the Chopin Club, the Providence Community Concert Association, and was a volunteer at the Lighthouse for the Blind. She was former musical director at Temple Beth-El, a past president of its Sisterhood, choir director at Grace Episcopal Church, and a delegate to the National Federation of Women's Music Clubs.

She leaves a son, Dr. Edgar Parvey of Royal Palm Beach, Fla.; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Funeral arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope Street.

ANNIE COHEN

PROVIDENCE — Annie Cohen, 87, of the Charlesgate Apartments, North Main Street, widow of Barney Cohen, died Monday, January 21 at Miriam Hospital.

She was a member of Congregation Shaare Zedek-Sons of Abraham, Congregation Mishkan Tefilah, the Ladies Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged, the Jewish Community Center Golden Agers, and the Young Peoples Beneficial Association.

Born in Russia, she was a daughter of the late David and Goldie Sandler, and a Providence resident more than 70 years.

Mrs. Cohen leaves a daughter, Gloria Levitt of Providence; two sons, Isadore Cohen of Providence and Harry Cohen of Cranston; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

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

MAUDE A. SNYDER

JOHNSTON — Maude Annie Snyder, 72, of the Briarcliffe Nursing Home, Old Pocasset road, a seamstress for the former J&P Coates Co., Central Falls, for 20 years before retiring in 1964, died Saturday, January 19 at the home.

Born in Central Falls, a daughter of the late Louis and Fannie (Perelman) Snyder, she lived in Pawtucket for 60 years. She previously lived in Providence.

She previously worked 10 years for the Standard Romper Co., Pawtucket. She was a member of the Junior Hadassah, Pawtucket.

Her only survivor is a brother, Abraham Snyder of Boca Raton, Fla.

A graveside service was held at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

REGINA DEUTSCH

PROVIDENCE — Regina Deutsch of the Jewish Home for the Aged, died Wednesday, January 16. She was the widow of Charles Deutsch.

Born in New York City she was the daughter of the late Herbert and Sarah (Hartman) Goldstein. She leaves two daughters, Gertrude Hudes of Providence and Sheila Deutsch of Philadelphia. She also leaves a sister, Belle Gould of Providence, and two brothers, Louis Goldstein of Maryland, and David Goldstein of Pittsburgh.

Until 1960 she was associated with her late husband in business. They were proprietors of a plumbing and heating business. She has been a resident of Providence since 1978.

Funeral services were held at the Schwartz Brothers Chapel, 114-03 Queens Blvd., Forest Hills, Long Island. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Jewish Home for the Aged. Memorial week to be private. Arrangements were by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

LOUIS CARLETON

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Louis Carleton, 64, of 151 Surtees Rd. died January 10 at home. He was the husband of Louise (Weishaupf) Carleton.

Born in New Brunswick, Canada, a son of the late David W. and Anna (Lambert) Carleton, he lived in Winston-Salem for 13 years. He formerly lived in Providence.

Mr. Carleton was a disabled Army veteran of the Korean War, and he had also served in World War II. He was a member of the Forsyth Lodge of Masons, AF&AM, of Oasis Temple.

Besides his wife he leaves three sons, Richard L. Carleton of Winston-Salem, David W. Carleton of Hickory and Michael T. Carleton of Charlotte; a sister, Sara Carleton of East Providence, and two brothers, Harry Carleton of East Providence and Henry M. Carleton of Akron, Ohio.

A Masonic graveside service preceded burial at the West Lawn Garden Memory Cemetery, Clemmons.

STELLA BLOCK

PROVIDENCE — Stella E. Block, 88, a Pawtucket resident most of her life, died Wednesday, January 16 at the Jewish Home for the Aged, Hillside Avenue. She was the widow of Frank P. Block.

Born in Hartford, Conn., she was a daughter of the late Barnett and Rachel (Segal) Arofsky.

Mrs. Block leaves three daughters, Barbara Hecker and Paula Simons of Pawtucket, and Phyllis Leventhal in Philadelphia; two brothers, William Aarons of Coconut Creek, Fla., and Joseph Aarons in Pittsburgh; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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

ROSE STEINBERG

PROVIDENCE — Rose Steinberg, 76, of Governor Street died in Miriam Hospital. She was the widow of Leo Steinberg.

Mrs. Steinberg was employed as an accountant with the Oceania Agency in Paris, France, until retiring 10 years ago.

Born in Liepaja, Latvia, a daughter of the late Isaac and Paula (Barson) Foss, she was a resident of Providence eight years, previously living in Paris.

Mrs. Steinberg was a member of Alliance Francaise, Hamilton House and International House.

She leaves a brother, Karl Foss of Narragansett.

Funeral services were held at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St. Burial was private.

ANNA SLEFKIN

PAWTUCKET — Anna Slefkin of 254 Central Ave. died Thursday, January 17 at Memorial Hospital. She was the widow of Hyman L. Slefkin.

Born in England, a daughter of the late Julius and Hilda (Wald) Brown, she lived for two years in Boston before settling in Pawtucket 60 years ago.

Mrs. Slefkin was a life member of Pawtucket/Central Falls Hadassah, life member of Miriam Hospital Women's Association, life member of Jewish Home for the Aged, and life member of Cong. Ohavay Shalom and its Ladies Association.

She leaves a daughter, Sarah Irene Slefkin of Pawtucket, and two sisters, Katy Brown of Pawtucket, Fannie Luff of Boston and many nieces and nephews.

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

Donations may be made to Cong. Ohavay Shalom.

ARNOLD I. ELMAN

CRANSTON — Arnold I. Elman, 55, of 99 Dellwood Rd., a businessman, died Thursday, January 17 at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Pearl (Cohen) Elman.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Morris and Dorothy (Ackerman) Elman, he lived in Cranston for 19 years.

Mr. Elman owned the Olneyville Auto and Tire, Providence, for many years. He was a member of Temple Torat Yisrael, the former Temple Beth Israel, and a member of the board of directors of its Men's Club. He was a past master of the Roosevelt Masonic Lodge. He was a Shriner and a member of the Trowel Club.

Besides his wife he leaves three daughters, Melanie Elman of Cranston, Iris Greenstein of Warwick and Randee Elman of Cranston; a brother, Norman Elman of Warwick, and a grandson.

A funeral service was held at Temple Torat Yisrael, Park Avenue. Funeral arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

ETHEL RODINSKY

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Ethel Rodinsky, 71, of San Jose, Calif. died Tuesday, December 25 in California. Born in Providence, R.I., she lived in Cranston until she moved to San Jose seven years ago.

She was the daughter of the late Sara and Morris Bermon. She leaves three sons: Melvin, Barry and Robert also of California; a brother, Philip of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and a sister, Mrs. Edith Nulderman of Palm Beach, Fla. and Providence.

Funeral services were held on December 27 in California.

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SUMNER A. COHEN

NORTH MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — Sumner A. Cohen, 70, of 1710 Northeast 191st St., formerly of Providence, died Wednesday, January 16 in Parkway General Hospital. He was the husband of Valerie (Deary) Cohen.

He owned and operated a jewelry business in Providence and in Florida before retiring 20 years ago. He was a member of the Touro Fraternal Association of Cranston and the Disabled American War Veterans Association.

He was born in Rockland, Maine, a son of the late Samuel J. and Ida (Tabor) Cohen. He lived in Providence 47 years before moving to Florida 22 years ago.

He was an Army veteran of World War II and was awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

Besides his wife he leaves three sisters, Ruth L. Cohen and Eleanor Weinberg, both of Warwick, and Annette Blumberg of Pawtucket; a brother, Harold L. Cohen of Providence; and a grandson.

Funeral and burial services were private and were held on January 20. Burial was in Sinai Memorial Park, Warwick.

Groundbreaking Ceremony For International ORT School

Groundbreaking for the new Max Braude International ORT School, which will be located in Karmiel, in Israel's Western Galilee, will take place in February of 1985. This was announced by Mrs. Robin Engle, President of Elmgrove Chapter.

Mrs. Engle said that this new school, which will be among the most advanced ORT schools not only in Israel but in the entire world, will concentrate on "teaching high technology skills, which are of vital importance to building Israel's troubled economy and in shaping the future of the nation." She said that the town of Karmiel is situated in "Region 2000," an area in the lush, rolling hills of the Western Galilee which is slated for the development of high-tech industries. "The Israeli hope," she said, "is that this area of the country will become, and perhaps even surpass, America's 'Silicon Valley' in California."

Mrs. Engle said that Miriam Pressman of Riverdale, New York, a member of the National Executive Committee of Women's American ORT, has been named Karmiel Liaison Chairman for the organization.

Mrs. Engle stated that the International ORT School, which has been named for the late Max Braude, Director-General of the World ORT Union for over two decades and a prime mover in the expansion of the global ORT program of vocational and technological education, aims at attracting Jewish youth from all over the world. "Young Jewish boys and girls," she said, "who are interested in the highest caliber of technological instruction in a beautiful Israeli setting and amidst Israeli peers, will be able to attend this magnificent institution of learning."

Mrs. Engle said that Women's American ORT will make a major contribution toward the construction of the Max Braude International School in Karmiel and "is making the completion of this sorely needed school, which will provide highly skilled manpower in 'Region 2000,' a top organizational priority."

ORT, the vocational and technical education program of the Jewish people, has been in operation since 1880. Over two million people have been trained by ORT since its inception. Today, the international ORT network is comprised of some 800 vocational and technical schools located in twenty countries on five continents with an annual student enrollment in excess of 100,000; 75,000 of whom study in Israel. The Branson ORT Technical Institute in New York City, ORT's recent entry into the Jewish Day School movement in Florida and the forthcoming Los Angeles ORT Technical Institute (LAOTI) are bringing ORT's expertise to the American scene. Women's American ORT, founded in 1927, is the largest of membership organizations in 40 nations which support the global ORT program.

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Exhibit To Spotlight R.I. Artists

The Pawtucket Arts Council and the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce will be the hosts of an art exhibit which will be on display at the Chamber offices, 42 Park Place, Pawtucket, R.I., January 31-February 28.

The Arts Council and the Chamber invite their members to an opening reception of this exhibit on Thursday, January 31, 1985, 5 p.m.-7 p.m.

The artwork, submitted by well known Rhode Island artists, will be selected by a panel of judges. The judges include Professor Larry Sykes, Art Department Rhode Island College; Professor Sam Ames, Art Department Rhode Island College; Sybil Kern, Art Consultant and Interior Designer; and Aaron Usher III, Photographer and Chair of the Pawtucket Arts Council Exhibition Committee. Artwork will include paintings, drawings, photography, and sculpture.

While the artwork will be available for purchase, the principal intent of both the Arts Council and the Chamber is in organizing this unique type of exhibit to provide a common ground for area artists and business people to meet and to encourage the advancement of the arts and business in the Blackstone Valley. The Arts Council and the Chamber expect this exhibit to be only the first of future partnerships formed between the arts and business communities.

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Theatre Review: "Misalliance" At Trinity Rep

by Lois D. Atwood

Misalliance sparkles as if freshly written; Shaw was always before his time, so some of the themes are still new. It is a farce of parents and children, with the mischievous playwright bounding ideas around faster than actions in the longish first act. (It was written as one long, unbroken play, but the act intermissions come at appropriate spots and are needed.)

The setting, backdropped with cloud-filled sky, the very good acting, a pace that only faltered once or twice, and Shaw's witty, literate conversation make *Misalliance* a production that one leaves laughing and reluctant to go. Rainey is a bright little sparrow of a man, increasingly more lovable, fleshing out the self-taught underwear king who drops quotations at inappropriate moments. Jones is very fine as the statesman who managed an Indian province but has made a mess of bringing up his youngest child; his irony and ... responses are a counterpoint.

Rainey's ebullience. And Dunnam is Tarleton's willful, enchanting, somewhat liberated daughter. Minor directed them in earlier productions of the play this season, at Dallas and Pittsburgh, and their relationships have undoubtedly been enriched and deepened by the longer time together.

The quiet of Act I, with its weekend afternoon flavor, is broken in Act II by adventures dropping out of the blue — something Hypatia has longed for. And Dionne, as the Polishwoman, a strong and forceful acrobat, picks up the play and, more than once, walks off with it. Equally well cast and memorable are Johnson as the mother, Hoyt-Miller as Johnny, and McEneaney as young Summerhays. Some classics are more entertaining than others. Shaw entertains as he makes us question normal, widely held assumptions. Trinity Rep has given him a very satisfying production.

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