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After Operation Moses

by Rabbi David Saperstein

Two major concerns brought me to Ethiopia: fear for the 7,000 Beta Israel still living in towns and remote villages, and worry about the millions of Ethiopians threatened with starvation. Few moments in my life have made me more proud of being an American Jew than when I saw starving children being fed from sacks of food marked "From the U.S.A." or when I watched Abie Nathan arrive with tents marked "From Jerusalem With Love" — tents purchased with funds donated by members of Reform synagogues to shelter another 10,000 refugees in Senbete, his second tent city.

I was joined on the trip by Senators Dennis DeConcini of Arizona and Paul Tribble of Virginia, and Representative Gary Ackerman of New York. Prior to our arrival, no outsider had been to the Ethiopian Jewish villages since Operation Moses, the Israeli airlift of Ethiopian Jewish refugees. In the international Jewish community there was deep uncertainty about the remaining Jews. How had the Ethiopian government responded to Operation Moses? Had they taken out their resentment on the remaining Jews in the Gondar? Indeed, how many Jews were left in the country? What were their needs? Could a safe and legal way be negotiated to bring out the Jews still there?

When we arrived in Addis Ababa, it was immediately evident that Operation Moses had traumatized the political establishment. The news that thousands of Jews had left in pursuit of freedom was viewed as an attack on the government. The overwhelming attention given in the Arab and African press to stories that Ethiopian Jews were being trained for the Israeli army and that others were being settled on the west Bank, was a political embarrassment to the Ethiopian government. Most gratifying were the human interest stories so favored by the Western press depicting the Ethiopian Jews as primitive natives. In Addis Ababa this was regarded as a national affront.

No Overt Reprisals Evident

As we visited Jewish villages, no overt reprisals or harassment were evident. All of the Jews with whom I spoke had heard of Operation Moses, but only one or two in the larger villages had any idea of the political controversy it had engendered. Life in the villages continues essentially the way it has in the past 18 months, since the dictatorial and anti-Semitic former Governor Malaku was moved by the authorities out of the direct governance of the region. Under Malaku, synagogues were closed, Jewish teachers were thrown into jail and tortured, and the teaching of Hebrew was forbidden. Today the Jews are treated with relative tolerance. Nevertheless, drought, disease, inadequate health care, and the raging civil war nearby all serve to make the lives of the remaining Jews perilous.

The flight of many Jews to the Sudan has left the infrastructure of the village so badly eroded today that little teaching goes on outside of Wolleka, the government's showcase Falasha village. Yet, despite these conditions, the Jews we met were optimistic, proud of their Jewishness, and confident in the belief that someday, with the help of world Jewry, they would live freely in *Eretz Israel*.

Isolating the Jewish Villages

The government's response to Operation Moses has been to isolate the remaining villages from the outside Jewish world, physically and psychologically. When I initially applied for permission to

visit the Gondar villages prior to the arrival of the Congressmen, I was told I could not, "because of what the Israelis did in Operation Moses." The Director of Tourism told me that it had been determined at the highest levels of government that all foreign contact with the villages was to be cut off to prevent outsiders from "instigating" these Jews to leave. Recent statements by the government indicating that it would no longer consider Falashas as Jews reflect its determination to further isolate the Beta Israel from world Jewry.

We brought Jewish and Hebrew educational materials for distribution to the Beta Israel and reassured them that they were not forgotten. The Congressmen were exceedingly helpful in negotiations with Gondar officials about expansion of the UAHC Operation REAP (Reform Movement's Ethiopian Jewish Assistance Program), which sends doctors to Jewish and non-Jewish villages there. Their most important negotiation, however, took place in Addis Ababa, where they discussed implementation of a family reunification program to allow Jews to leave for Israel legally. Although accepted in theory by the Ethiopian government, it is doubtful that it will be put into effect in the near future.

Visits To The Relief Camps

After visiting with the Beta Israel, I visited camps run by two of the finest relief organizations working in Ethiopia: Catholic Relief Services and World Vision. Once people are taken into one of 60 camps operated by these groups, they are sheltered, fed and provided with good health care. Children who come into the camps weighing as little as half of what they should are put on high-calorie diets that restore them to near-normal weight within a month.

But the camps serve only one-half million of the eight to nine million at risk. The drought has lasted six years. In many regions not enough topsoil remains to sustain crops. Virtually no conservation, reforestation or irrigation projects exist. As good a job as the relief groups and the U.S. government (which supplies half of all emergency relief supplies) are doing, only an international effort of relief combined with development offers long-range hope.

Many of the children being cared for in the camps have suffered so long from malnutrition that they are distressingly vulnerable to disease. Measles remains the biggest killer of children. Whooping cough and tuberculosis take a heavy toll. Every rain is a mixed blessing, replenishing needed water supplies but striking down with colds, influenza and hypothermia hundreds of adults and children who have lost their natural resistance.

Threat of Cholera Overcome

With the problem of disease an ever-present danger, Dr. Rich Hodges, an infectious disease specialist sent by the UAHC's REAP program, worked for a time in the first Abie Nathan/UAHC camp in harbu. Scores, perhaps hundreds, of lives were saved because of his early diagnosis of cholera and his successful efforts to stem an epidemic.

With the help of congregations throughout America, the UAHC will continue to support legislation and field service programs aimed at providing relief and development for East Africa's starving people, as well as rescuing the remaining Jews in Ethiopia. As crushing as the problems are, our visit convinced us that we can make a difference. But we can do even more, and there is much yet to do.

(Reprinted from *Reform Judaism magazine*)

Director Urges Israeli Women To Fight For Political Clout

by Roberta Elliott

The good news is that more women are involved in municipal politics in Israel than ever. The bad news is that they are not climbing the political ladder to the Knesset and ministerial positions.

According to Sharon Shenvav, who heads the Jerusalem legal-services office of Na'amat, Israel's largest women's organization, about 100 women sit on city councils in Israel, and 21 municipalities have advisory committees on the status of women. While the current Knesset has nine women members, the same as the previous Knesset, there is no woman cabinet member; the previous cabinet had one.

Na'amat, which is now expanding its programs to educate and activate Israeli women on political issues, receives major support in the U.S. from Pioneer Women/Na'amat, the Women's Labor Zionist Organization of America, now celebrating its 60th anniversary. Said Mrs. Shenvav in a talk to Pioneer Women/Na'amat leaders in New York:

"We have concentrated on bread-and-butter issues for a long time, and these women are now cutting their teeth on local issues. But it's time to put our efforts toward national politics. If there were 25



Sharon Shenvav

women in the Knesset, it would make a big difference."

Political Power The Key

A Chicago native who immigrated to Israel with her husband and two children six years ago, Mrs. Shenvav said political power was the key to the religious courts' control of domestic issues; the rabbinate was given exclusive jurisdiction over mar-

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Israeli Artist-In-Residence

The JWB Lecture Bureau, in cooperation with the Department of Development & Services of the World Zionist Organization, is introducing a new concept in the cultural arts — an Israeli Artist-in-Residence program "uniquely designed to offer local community exposure to a variety of specially selected Israeli performers in dance, drama and music."



Sally-Anne Friedland

winner of Israel's "Harp of David" Award; Hanan Yovel, vocalist and guitarist; Sally-Anne Friedland, dancer and actress; Ilan Dar, actor; Tamara Mielnik, dancer and actress; and Gideon Sheiner, actor. Omanut La'am helped JWB in selecting the artists.

Stephen L. Bayer, director, JWB Lecture Bureau, said, "The artist will present a formal performance in a concert setting; present a series of mini-performances and lecture demonstrations to a wide range of age and interest groups; work with existing groups in the community to further develop and expand their artistic skills; conduct seminars with university arts faculties and local community professionals; and speak with representatives of local TV and radio stations and newspapers about the Israeli arts scene."

"Quality programs at a fixed price range are two important advantages offered by the Israeli Artist-in-Residence program

Irving Ruderman, of Rochester, N.Y., JWB officer and chairman of its Lecture Bureau, says, "The Israeli Artist-in-Residence program is designed to build bridges of understanding and appreciation between Israel's cultural scene and Jews in North America."

According to Shara Gilman, coordinator of the Israeli Artist-in-Residence program, "Each performer will spend an intensive week in every North American community arranging for a residency. This will provide the community with an in-depth experience with a noted Israeli artist and will increase the community's awareness and appreciation of the nature and scope of Israeli artistic development."

There are six Israeli artists in the program: Oded Teomi, actor and three-time



Hanan Yovel

which will be offered on a two-year, two-season basis."

For terms and dates of artist availability, call or write Shara Gilman, JWB Lecture Bureau, 15 East 26th Street, New York, N.Y. 10010-1579; (212) 532-4949.

Local News

Levitt Named Assist. V.P. At Hospital Trust

Alvin A. Levitt has been promoted to Assistant Vice President in the Domestic Banking Department of the Corporate Division at Hospital Trust National Bank, it was announced here recently. Levitt is responsible for contacting middle-market companies to offer them financial services for expansion, working capital, acquisitions, and cash management.

Levitt joined Hospital Trust in 1981 as an Assistant Credit Analyst; in 1982, she was promoted to Credit Analyst; in 1983, she moved to Senior Credit Analyst. Levitt joined the Corporate Division in 1983 as a Regional Account Manager in the Corporate Real Estate Department; and, in 1984, she was elected a Loan Officer.

A graduate of Georgetown University, Levitt earned a B.A. degree in economics and government. Levitt is a member of the Young Women's Division of the Jewish Federation, Organization for Rehabilitation Through Training, and the National Organization of Jewish Business Women, and the R.I. Women's Network. Levitt is a resident of Providence.

Andrew Feldman Honored By Mensa Foundation

The American Mensa Education and Research Foundation takes great pleasure in awarding the first place prize in their essay competition to Andrew Lewis Feldman of Providence, Rhode Island.

Andrew is pursuing a medical degree at Brown University in the seven-year program. An accomplished musician, Andrew has been the recipient of two awards for demonstrating musical excellence. He is employed at University Hospital in Boston this summer as a computer programmer investigating the complex mechanisms of hearing. Stringent competition distinguishes this prestigious award. The competition was first brought to his attention by his loving grandmother, Mrs. Beatrice Miller, who is justifiably proud of her grandson's talents and achievements.

Andrew is also the son of Caryl Ann Miller, consultant to the Metropolitan Museum in New York and Dr. Martin Feldman, a researcher and teacher at Boston University Medical School.

A check for \$1,000 is being mailed to Andrew from the Mensa Foundation.

Beth-El Plans Visit With Noted Composer

On October 18-20, noted Jewish composer Ben Steinberg will be composer-in-residence at Temple Beth-El as part of the Freda and Louis A. Kaufman Memorial Weekend.

On Friday evening, October 18, Steinberg will lead the Temple Beth-El Choir in the singing of a number of his compositions and he will address the Congregation after services on "Why New Music for the Synagogue?" Mr. Steinberg will address the Congregation a second time on Saturday afternoon on the topic of "Musical Mosaic of Judaism." On Sunday morning to conclude the weekend, Mr. Steinberg will speak on "Music of the Shetl — Our Yiddish Heritage," at a breakfast sponsored by the Temple Brotherhood.

Composer Steinberg was born in Winnipeg, Canada and educated at the University of Toronto and the Royal Conservatory. Presently head of the music department of Forest Hill College and Director of Music at Toronto's Temple Sinai, he is a noted composer, conductor and lecturer. He recently received in 1983 "Kavod Award" of the Cantor's Assembly, representing over 2,000 Conservative Synagogues in the United States and Canada.

Temple Beth-El is able to bring Steinberg to the community due to the generosity of the Kaufman Memorial Weekend, a generous endowment provided by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kaufman and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Kaufman in memory of their parents.

Cong. Mishkon Tfilo

Special Services for the Fast of Tisha B'Av, the Final Day of the period of national mourning known as "The Three Weeks" will be held at Congregation Mishkon Tfilo, 203 Summit Avenue, Providence. Rabbi Philip Kaplan announces the following schedule:

Saturday Evening, July 27, at 9:00 p.m. Maariv, followed by the chanting of the Scroll of Lamentations.

Sunday morning, July 28, at 8:00 a.m. Schachrit, followed by the recitation of the series of poems and liturgy known as Krias Shema.

Sunday afternoon, July 28, at 1:00 p.m. Mincha Service with Talis and Tefillin, Reading of the Scroll of the Torah and chanting of the Haftorah (Chapter from Isaiah).

Cong. Beth Shalom

Congregation Beth Shalom will be observing the fast of Tisha B'Av on Thursday night, July 27 and Sunday July 28. Tisha B'Av commemorates both destructions of the ancient Temple in Jerusalem. The first destruction occurred in 586 B.C. when the Babylonian Army of Nebuchadnezzar captured Jerusalem and killed and exiled its inhabitants. The second destruction took place in 70 C.E. at the hands of the Roman general Titus and his legions.

The evening service for Tisha B'Av will be held at 9:00 p.m. on July 27. The Book of Lamentations — Megillat Eicha — will be read in the traditional manner. Schachrit services will begin on Sunday, July 28 at 8:00 a.m. The traditional Kinot or mourning dirges will be read. The Mincha, afternoon services, will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoon.

Sons Of Jacob

The Congregation of Sons of Jacob, in Providence, announces its schedule for the Tisha-Bav Observation. Saturday night, July 27, at 9:25 p.m.; Sunday morning, July 28, at 7 a.m.; Sunday Minchah service at 7:40 p.m.; Sunday Maariv service at 8:40 p.m.

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Rabbi Akiva Egozi, formerly Dean of the Providence Hebrew Day School from 1952-1963, has been awarded "Pras Yerushalayim" — the Jerusalem Prize, for the year 5745-1985.

A panel of judges from the State of Israel, named Rabbi Egozi "outstanding Jewish Educator" in the Diaspora.

Rabbi Egozi was the guest of Chaim Herzog, President of the State of Israel, and received a scroll and medal during a ceremony on Yom Yerushalaim, May 19, in Mishkan Hanasi.

Rabbi Egozi has published many books including a Hebrew Curriculum for Day Schools and Yeshivot, a teacher's guide on Torah and Early Prophets, Derachim Vaderech B'Chinuch, methodology test on teaching and school management, for teachers and principals, Orot Boafel, a book of poetry and several children's books.

Rabbi Egozi is now Educational Director of the Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto, Canada, the largest Day School in the world, with an enrollment of 3,000 students.



Jabotinsky Prize To Be Awarded Oct. 30

The third annual Jabotinsky Prize, The Defender of Jerusalem Award, will be presented on October 30 at the Grand Ballroom of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies in New York. Eryk Spektor, Chairman of the Jabotinsky Foundation, announced recently.

The Jabotinsky Prize, which carries a \$100,000 honorarium, was shared last year by former Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations, Yehuda Blum; Nazi hunter Beate Klarsfeld; and Soviet prisoner of conscience, Anatoly Shcharansky.

The Defender of Jerusalem Award is given for a single outstanding action or program or a series of actions or programs that have contributed to "the defense of the rights of the Jewish people."

The Award was established by the Jabotinsky Foundation in 1983. The recipients of that year were Soviet Jewish activist, Yosef Begun; the late U.S. Senator, Henry M. Jackson; and Madam Simone Veil, President of the European Parliament. A special Founders' Award was given to former Israeli Prime Minister and Nobel Peace Prize laureate, Menachem Begin.

"This year," Mr. Spektor said, "a panel of five hundred Jewish leaders from throughout the world will serve as the nominating committee. The nominations will be reviewed by our distinguished group of judges who will be responsible for making the final determination."

Moshe Rivlin Elected To Board



Moshe Rivlin, World Chairman of the Jewish National Fund, has been elected to the Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency at its recent annual Assembly. In this position, he will represent the World Zionist Organization. He was Director-General of the Jewish Agency from 1966 until assuming the top JNF post in 1977, and was Israel's Consul-General in New York from 1952 to 1958.

Closter Named Exec. Director

Sidney H. Closter, director of development for B'nai B'rith International since 1979, has been appointed executive director of both the B'rith Foundation of the United States and the B'nai B'rith Henry Monsky Foundation. Dr. Daniel Thurz, executive vice president of the world's largest Jewish service organization, announced.

The B'nai B'rith Foundation is the major recipient of gifts to support B'nai B'rith's multi-faceted program, while the Monsky Foundation holds title to all of B'nai B'rith's properties.

Among Closter's duties as head of the B'nai B'rith Foundation, a newly created position, will be to form a new board of directors and develop innovative projects. He will travel closely with both the executive vice president and the associate director of B'nai B'rith.

"With these new and vital duties, Sidney Closter will continue to serve as a key staff leader in all of our operations and will be available for special assignments in furthering the cause of B'nai B'rith," said Dr. Thurz.

Closter joined the professional staff of B'nai B'rith in 1948 as assistant national director of Youth Services Appeal. In the early 1960s the position of national associate director of development was

Regional Director Appointed To NCSY

Rebbetzin Peggy Weiss, a professional in youth work from Brookline, Massachusetts, has been appointed regional director to the New England Region of the National Conference of Synagogue Youth (NCSY). She will serve as a liaison between the region and its communities in the New England states of Massachusetts, Maine, Rhode Island and Connecticut, revitalizing and expanding the programming of the existing network of NCSY chapters in the region. Mrs. Weiss will monitor and evaluate each chapter's activities and programs, and guide the local NCSY chapter advisors.

Mrs. Weiss received a master's degree in administration from the Cambridge Institute of Open Education at Harvard. She attended Hebrew College in Brookline, Massachusetts, and taught *Talmud Torah* for 18 years.

She brings a plethora of NCSY experience to her new position. As a teen-ager, Mrs. Weiss was the New England regional advisor. As newlyweds, the Weises moved to Memphis, Tennessee, where Rabbi Saul Weiss was spiritual leader at Congregation Anshei Sphard. She then became director of the Southern Region for a year.

In 1965, Mrs. Weiss founded the Brockton, Massachusetts NCSY chapter and served as youth director at Congregation Agudath Achim in Brockton, where her husband served as spiritual leader. During this time, the NCSY chapter won the "Chapter of the Year" award at least five times.

In commenting on this new appointment, Rabbi Raphael Butler, national director of NCSY, said, "We look forward to Mrs. Weiss using her special areas of expertise to further the goals and accomplishments of NCSY."

Her goals as regional director of the New England Region are "kiruv rachokim and chizuk krovim," bringing those estranged from Orthodoxy closer and strengthening those who are already close. She feels that the qualifications for her job are *ahavat Torah* and *yirat shanayim*, love of the Torah and fear of G-d. Mrs. Weiss is the mother of Ariela, 20; Adina, 19; Menachem, 16; and Bracha, 11.

Relief Agencies Honored For Ethiopian Aid

Three international relief agencies which have conducted an extraordinary effort to provide aid to the victims of famine in Ethiopia were honored with the 1985 Roger E. Joseph prize by Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. The prize, which carries a cash award of \$10,000, was presented to Catholic Relief Services, Church World Service and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee during the annual ordination services of the New York School this spring.

added to his responsibility.

Last year, during B'nai B'rith's biennial international convention, Closter was awarded the Julius Biano Award for Professional Excellence. The late Julius Biano was former executive director of the boys' division of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization.

Closter has also been active as a B'nai B'rith member as well as in the Jewish and general communities. During his residency in Virginia, he served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Benjamin N. Cardozo Lodge in Arlington and as an officer of the Virginia State Association of B'nai B'rith. Currently living in Maryland, he is active in Ohr Kodesh Congregation and the Rosemary Hills Community School Board.

He served three terms as president of the B'nai B'rith Headquarters Staff Association and is a trustee of the B'nai B'rith Staff Retirement Plan.

Commented Dr. Thurz: "Several years ago, I described Sidney Closter as 'one of the most dedicated, indefatigable and creative leaders' on our staff, a man who is 'highly respected among both lay and professional members of the B'nai B'rith system.' That description is equally appropriate today."

Linseys Honored At "Night At Pops"



Pictured above are Joseph and Thelma Linsey (left), Honorees of the "Night at Pops," accepting their New Founders Scroll from Jack J. Spitzer, National President, American Associates, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and Jeremiah Sundell, President, New England Area, Ben-Gurion University. They were the honorees of the evening's festivities in recognition of their long-time support of Ben-Gurion University and its ideals of developing the Negev. Prior to the concert Dr. Abram Sachar, Founding President of Brandeis, addressed the friends of Ben-Gurion University.

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From The Editor

by Robert Israel



Hiroshima — 40 Years Later

I was in sixth grade in Cranston, in the basement classroom when the alarm went off. It was like a fire drill, only this time we didn't go outside. The teacher pulled the shades down and turned off all the lights. It was like being in a theater, the only light glowing was the exit light over the door. We were told to get down on the floor and crawl underneath our desks, our hands over our heads and wait for the "all clear" signal. When the signal sounded, the teacher returned the classroom to light and read from a mimeographed sheet of paper. What we had experienced was a test, a civil defense test. Her voice was very official as she read from the sheet. We were to be prepared in case of a nuclear attack.

Around that same time, the late 1950's, people in the neighborhood began building shelters in their homes. I took a tour of one, two blocks from my house. It had everything anyone could want — food, games, containers of water. It had everything except windows. A geiger counter was mounted on the wall to determine the level of radiation outside.

It was also during this time that I learned the definition of the word holocaust, as an act of genocide against innocent Jews in Europe during the Third Reich and as an act of war against Japan that resulted in the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

This April we commemorated the 40th anniversary of the liberation of the concentration camps in Europe. We commemorated the end of World War II. We commemorated the end of the Vietnam War, ten years ago this year. And next week, we pause to remember the atomic bombing of Nagasaki and Hiroshima.

The lessons of history have always had an impact on me — not only recorded history as I have learned it, but personal history. Personal history merges with what one learns, makes the lessons that are printed in the textbooks a more vital, immediate experience.

When I crouched down under the desk and explored the concrete bunkers in my neighborhood in Cranston, I experienced first-hand the terror of what a nuclear holocaust might be like. For many months afterward, I remember looking up to

the heavens in fear, thinking a bomb might fall on our town. And when I met a concentration camp survivor that same year, a woman whose arms were tattooed and who told me her story, even though I was a youngster, I learned that history is living and that unless we pay close attention to the stories of survivors, we will be doomed to repeat the pain, the loss, the destruction.

Today, we make special efforts to make the lessons of history come alive. There are ceremonies during Yom Hashoa that implore us to bear witness to the tragedies that befell millions of innocent people in Nazi Germany. We have ceremonies imploring us to bear witness to the ultimate holocaust, nuclear proliferation. It is a deliberate attempt to force us into awareness and each ceremony that occurs, every year that it occurs, I remember crouching down. I remember the darkness in the classroom and the fear that we would all be lost.

When the television program, "The Day After" was shown, Eli Wiesel, a Holocaust survivor, spoke afterward and said that suddenly he felt that the world had become Jewish, that all the men and women on the earth shared a common fate of facing the ultimate holocaust. His words stay with me. They have become part of my personal understanding of history.

We all have a commitment to building an everlasting shalom for this world. If we dream of a better world, a world that is full of peace and possibilities and a healing of wounds — not an amnesia of history, but a recognition of its important lessons — we must advocate for disarmament, we must advocate for negotiation, we must advocate for sanity. The tattos on the arms of the survivors of the concentration camps will never be erased, and nor will the ovens that still darken the landscape in Germany. The rubble that remains in Japan will remain as a testimony of humankind's ultimate power of destruction. We must band together for a common purpose, to recognize the ultimate devastation, the ultimate holocaust, and work, untiringly, to prevent it.

Robert Israel will return from his leave of absence next week.

Jews In The Year 2000

by Irving Greenberg

Conclusion

American Jewry must establish a systematic religious dialogue among the Jewish denominations on the scale of the Jewish-Christian dialogue of the past fifty years. Over the decades, the Jewish community has financed dialogue programs of the Anti-Defamation League, the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Congress, the Synagogue Council of America, and the joint National Conference of Christians and Jews to ensure that Jews and Christians would overcome the hostilities of the past. Many have criticized the duplication, but the fact is that an extraordinary success was made possible by this significant investment of resources.

A legacy of eighteen hundred years of hatred — and even murder — has been broadly overcome by people inspired by dialogue, religious sharing and theologizing, as well as by personal and social contacts. There are Evangelical Christians now challenging the anti-Semitism of the New Testament. Devout Catholics and Protestants have reformulated their own traditions to eliminate stereotyping and hatred and to advocate Jewish causes such as Israel and Soviet Jewry. Eminent Jewish thinkers have formulated the most positive Jewish models of Christianity ever developed in all the days of their separate existence.

When it comes to Jewish-Jewish dialogue, however, there has been a shortage of organizations. The Synagogue Council of America (SCA) brings together the three denominations. To prevent halachic controversy due to participation in SCA, each movement was given a veto. To avoid straining the weak fabric of the SCA, divisive theological issues have been avoided. Moreover, delegates sit not as individuals but as representatives of their movements, which restricts or prevents growing toward each other. Most local Boards of Rabbis follow this same policy.

At the present time, the National Jewish Resource Center offers the only serious organizational commitment to intra-Jewish ecumenism. NJRC's CHEVRA project for rabbis is committed to *clal Yisrael* and provides a forum for ongoing dialogue. Due to limited budget, only 120 rabbis in six cities are currently involved. That number is not yet large enough to change the outcome of policies or to reverse the present tendency to polarization. NJRC has sought funding to increase the scope of CHEVRA but has found little receptivity to its requests.

Nationally, the Federations are giving millions for Jewish-Christian dialogue but only pennies for Jewish-Jewish dialogue. The level of consciousness regarding the urgency of the issue is too low. The truth of the matter is, if the growing divisiveness is not stopped, it will split the unity of community, affect the success of local campaigns and cost the Federations millions of dollars.

The internal Jewish discussion should follow the Jewish-Christian dialogue model, in all its aspects (an embarrassing but accurate analogy). There should be a high-level dialogue encompassing systematic theology and studies in *halacha* which respectfully acknowledge divisions between the groups. Theological and halachic reasoning that justify and mandate the necessary steps to cooperate and to construct common solutions must be developed within each movement.

For example: within the Orthodox movement, there are scholars already arguing that even if the non-Orthodox movements follow halachic procedures, all their acts will be invalid. In this view, non-Orthodox theological assumptions (including the possibility of change in *halacha*) make all non-Orthodox acts *ipso facto* null and void. Halachic scholarship that seeks unifying solutions should build on the suggestion of the Chazon Ish (the great leader of the most traditional Israeli sector of the past generation) that disbelief and even atheism should be treated as a modern cultural bias or "pressure," rather than as a willful denial.

There are other possible positive Orthodox approaches in the thought of Rabbis Abraham Isaac Kook and Joseph P. Soloveitchik. Yet, for the most part, the halachic discourses of these great figures are being educated to simplistic philosophies of halacha and socialized to separatist approaches. All three movements need an infusion of high-level scholarship in philosophy, theology, and halacha.

Developing such high-level scholarship takes time, talent, and careful cultivation.

In addition, we need middle-level dialogue in which the rabbis and practitioners, as well as the lay leadership of each movement, are brought into systematic and regular contact for learning, for better mutual understanding, and for finding common solutions to common problems.

Finally, there must be a popular level, modeled on the "living room dialogues" of the Jewish-Christian experience. Through such dialogues, people overcome stereotypes. They learn that there is real commitment in the other groups to values which they also respect and desire. This changes the atmosphere and gives support to the rabbis who seek to overcome some of the legal and theological obstacles. Without such lay sympathy, it would be impossible for spiritual leadership to overcome barriers.

It is time that those Jews who are not totally "denominationalized" assert the principle and the priority of *clal Yisrael* (the unity and totality of the Jewish people). I would call upon all Jews to put pressure — peer pressure, moral judgment, even economic pressure — on the leadership of all the denominations. Let a non-Orthodox Jew who is giving money to traditional institutions ask them: What are they doing to advance unity? Are they abusing other Jews? Just asking the question begins to have an impact on policy.

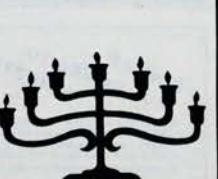
Let Orthodox Jews who are active in the community constantly challenge their non-Orthodox co-workers: What are they doing to insure that their own denominations not act irresponsibly in matters of personal status or issues that affect the overall unity of the Jewish people? Is it time to collect I.O.U.s from each other. At least, a combination of moral and political pressure should be brought to bear to advance solutions that favor the good of the total community, rather than the short-term advantages of a particular group.

Among those Jews who view the polarization with optimism, many are convinced that only their group will survive. But the Orthodox who favor withdrawal should not be complacent. True, they could turn out to be the saving remnant. They could equally turn out to be the contemporary "Dead Sea sect" — the group that withdrew to save its own purity and died arid, needless death sullied from Jewish history. Those Conservative Jews who feel that Orthodox is reactionary and a lost cause, those Reform and secular Jews who have written off the survival of the traditionalists, all those who are convinced that they alone are modern enough to survive, should ask themselves whether it is not equally likely that they will simply be assimilated into the magnetic culture of the twentieth century?

We need each other. The renewal of each group is the best insurance for the survival of all groups. It is time to develop true consciousness of the urgency of the polarization problem and to formulate strategies detailed enough and wise enough to attack problems and find root solutions. The will to unity, and recognition of common fate is extraordinarily powerful among the Jewish rank and file. The failure lies in the fact that all that energy has gone into political and philanthropic fields. It is time to translate the sense of common destiny into theological categories, halachic thinking, and religious behavior.

This call for unity is not based on the hope of unanimity or uniformity. There is nothing wrong with disagreements. The divisions need not be papered over. What is needed is restraint to avoid fundamental breaches, and commitments to find common solutions. No one should underestimate either the tradition, or the will and fertile imagination of the Jewish people. There are positive solutions enough within our grasp. We need the intelligence, the courage and the commitment to pursue it. The time to act is now.

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JCongress: Administration Request In Abortion "Shocking"

The American Jewish Congress has sharply criticized the Administration's quest that the Supreme Court overrule its 1973 decision in *Roe v. Wade*, which established a constitutional right to abortion.

A statement issued by Phil Baum, associate executive director of JCongress, characterized the Reagan administration's "call to turn back the clock" as "shocking" and said his organization is pledged to continue to defend the right of women "to be sovereign over their own bodies."

The text of the JCongress statement follows:

Roe v. Wade affirmed the right of a woman to decide whether to bear a child. Not significantly enhanced the dignity of all women. The Administration's call to turn back the clock to those days is shocking.

The Supreme Court decision requires no one to have an abortion. It leaves the decision of whether abortion is a moral

choice up to the individual most directly involved. It does not interfere with the right of any group to express its view on the morality of abortion.

What *Roe v. Wade* does do is insist that government not intrude on the most private and intimate decisions which people make — whether or not to bear a child. An administration committed to getting government off our backs might be expected to refrain from insisting on putting it in our bedrooms.

Given its failure to marshal sufficient support for a constitutional amendment to outlaw abortion, and given polls which show consistently that a substantial majority of Americans support the *Roe v. Wade* decision, the administration is now pursuing the extraordinary course of calling upon the Court to reverse itself. We are confident the will not do so, and we pledge, in concert with other religious and civic groups, to continue to safeguard the right of women to be sovereign over their own bodies.

In response to the Reagan administration's recent call for an overturn of the Supreme Court decision on abortion, Barbara Mandel, National President of the National Council of Jewish Women issued the following statement:

"The National Council of Jewish Women is extremely concerned by the Reagan administration's latest effort to seek reversal of the 1973 Supreme Court ruling in *Roe v. Wade*, which established abortion as a constitutional right.

It is evident that this attempt on the part of the President to undermine a woman's right to privacy is part of his relentless pursuit of this issue particularly since both the Lower Court and the Supreme Court have reaffirmed *Roe v. Wade* and have insisted on states' adherence to precedent.

We find it unfortunate that Mr. Reagan's loyalty to his small anti-abortion

B'nai B'rith Women Oppose Reagan's Attack On Abortion Rights

B'nai B'rith Women President Beverly Davis has sent a letter to President Ronald Reagan expressing opposition to his administration's urging of the Supreme Court to overturn its 1973 ruling legalizing abortion.

In the letter to the President Mrs. Davis wrote, "In 1964, after a polling of our local chapters, our Delegate Assembly passed a resolution supporting a woman's right to choose when it comes to having an abortion. Your request, should it be needed, would force thousands of women to seek an illegal, and in many instances, an unsafe alternative."

Last month, B'nai B'rith Women re-

constituency has driven him to try to supersede both the rule of law by which we are governed, and the majority opinion in this country.

The National Council of Jewish Women believes that the rights of women are paramount in any family planning decision, and that a woman's right to privacy must be preserved. Since 1973, the Supreme Court has protected a woman's constitutional right to choose abortion, and we trust it will continue to uphold its decision for all Americans."

Established in 1893, the National Council of Jewish Women is the oldest Jewish women's volunteer organization in America. NCJW's more than 100,000 members in 200 Sections nationwide are active in the organization's priority areas of women's issues, Jewish life, aging, children and youth, Israel, and constitutional rights.

launched a national survey. One of its findings showed the majority of both Jewish and non-Jewish women think that "every woman who wants an abortion ought to be able to have one." Of the Jewish women polled, 91 percent agreed to that statement.

Mrs. Davis' letter to the President concludes, "Anti-abortionist rhetoric on this issue clouds the fact that most American women favor a free choice for every woman. B'nai B'rith Women respects this constitutional right."

B'nai B'rith Women is a Jewish women's service and advocacy organization with more than 120,000 members in 834 chapters in the United States.

Outrage Over Forced Conversion Of Ethiopian Jews

NEW YORK — Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, said this week he was "outraged" by the demands of the chief rabbi of Israel that recently arrived Ethiopian Jews undergo ritual immersion, a religious conversion rite."

In a statement commenting on news reports from Israel that recent immigrants from Ethiopia were being required to submit to immersion if they wish to marry, Rabbi Schindler declared:

"Such a demand is offensive and humiliating to a Jewish community that has guarded its Jewish identity for some 2,000 years in the face of persecution, poverty and isolation from the rest of the Jewish world."

The historic Operation Moses that brought thousands of Beta Israel to the Promised Land was based on the fact that these people are Jews, recognized as such by the rabbinate and the government of Israel. Their immigration to Israel has been made possible by the Law of Return,

for which they qualify as Jews entitled to citizenship in Israel.

"Why, then, should the Ethiopian Jews be subjected to the insulting demand that they prove their Jewishness again by undergoing conversion? I see no reason for it and I join the Beta Israel in rejecting this procedure."

"For two millennia the Jews of Ethiopia maintained their religious heritage, read the Torah, kept the sabbath and observed the various biblical feasts and fasts and ritual purification. It is a bitter irony that on their arrival in the land they have dreamed of and prayed for over the generations, they face a challenge to their Jewishness that is demeaning and degrading."



Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

On February 9, 1985, at Yale-New Haven Hospital, my infant daughter, Marissa, made medical history as the youngest child to undergo a liver transplant. I would like to express the heartfelt gratitude of all the members of my family to all those who were so supportive during these past difficult months. It was a long and dreary winter, brightened only by Marissa's smile and all of you who so generously gave of yourselves. Friends and strangers alike, of all faiths, donated time, their food, their money, medical services, babysitting, tickets to amuse Arielle and Jesse, good wishes, prayers; all are deeply appreciated.

Thanks to you, many wonderful things are happening. More and more people are considering organ donation. Perhaps, like me, they always thought of the donation/transplantation issue as a curious blend of tragedy and miracle, something which made fascinating reading and TV documentaries, but which would never affect them personally. I, like so many others, have learned that tragedy is an equal-opportunity affliction; one never knows whom it will strike. Any of us might, at any moment, be forced to make an agonizing decision involving our own survival as an organ recipient, the survival of a member of our family, or the donation of the organs of a loved one suddenly struck down, yet miraculously able to offer new life to a total stranger lying near death in a hospital hundreds of miles away; a stranger who also has a family gripped in agony. Those of you who have been moved by Marissa's story, and the stories of so many others

who have received life-giving transplants, to fill out an organ donor card have taken that all-important first step. You have made the commitment. Hopefully, you have also discussed your wishes with your family, and they will be spared this decision should a tragedy ensue.

Special thank-you's to the following:

B'nai B'rith Hope Lodge, Cranston, for their generous donation; Rabbi Jack Moline of Congregation B'nai Israel, Danbury, for organizing the fund for Marissa, soliciting donations nationwide and lending boundless support; Barbara Marks of Pawtucket, who single-handedly mobilized several Jewish synagogues and groups in the Worcester, Massachusetts area to make wonderful contributions to Marissa's fund; Rabbi and Mrs. Eli Bohnen, Rabbi and Mrs. Les Guttermann, Redwood Lodge No. 35 for all their assistance; the Rhode Island Trowel Club for their donation; Laurel Link No. 15 O.G.C. for their wonderful donation; and all our friends in Providence, our former home, who have donated so much to help with Marissa's medical expenses.

It is written in the Talmud, "He who saves a life, it is as if he has saved the entire world." To all of you, countless individuals and organizations and businesses, some of whom wish to remain anonymous, you know who you are. You are all a part of our wonderful miracle. Many of you will go on to become part of someone else's miracle, or to live one of your own.

God bless all of you.

Jane Emple
Brookfield Center, Ct.

A New Mindset For Israel

by Elmer L. Winter, Chairman

If American Jews are to expand their efforts on behalf of Israel by helping to build its economy, we need to develop a new mindset which says: "Yes, philanthropy and the purchase of Israel Bonds continue to be important — but that's not enough. We need to add a third dimension. We need to help Israel become economically independent."

Israel cannot permit itself to be in a position where its decisions are based on the granting or withholding of funds by the United States, but this is exactly where Israel finds itself as a result of its need for an emergency aid package from the U.S.

While American conditions for such aid might be in the best interests of Israel long-term, they place the Government of Shimon Peres in a difficult position. Thoughtful Israelis seriously question whether the country can meet these conditions without creating large-scale unemployment, causing a deep recession and possibly increased emigration. The Government of Israel must be able to make its own decisions, consistent with political and economic realities as it sees them.

If American Jews are to be of real help, new approaches are needed. Here are 10 ideas:

1. Make a personal commitment to buy products carrying the label "Made in Israel," to make "This year in Jerusalem" personal visits, to interest local business firms in opening factories in Israel and conducting R&D in cooperation with Israeli universities. (A booklet that describes "11 Ways in Which You Can Personally Help Build the Economy of Israel" is available free from CEG-I, 5301 North Ironwood Road, Milwaukee, WI 53217.)

2. Make a personal investment in Israel by buying stocks in the 13 Israeli companies that have come to Wall Street for financing, establishing an investment club specializing in Israeli stocks and reviewing the financial opportunities available through AMPAL, PEC, limited partnerships, CD's issued by Israeli banks, etc. (A discussion of such investment avenues is presented in CEG-I's free booklet, "10 Ways to Invest in Israel.")

3. Get your local federation to organize an Israel-oriented economic development program that will serve as a catalyst in developing business relations

between local and Israeli companies.

4. Get your federation to add an industrial component to Project Renewal by setting up of factories, creating jobs and finding local companies that will open plants in Israel to sell products to the Project Renewal "twin" back in the United States.

5. Urge the Israel Bonds organization to sell stock in Israeli firms as they continue to see Israel Bonds.

6. Urge Jewish nonprofit organizations — hospitals, Y's, synagogues — to get into the habit of finding Israeli sources for the supplies they need: medical equipment, sporting goods, furniture, whatever.

7. Organize business development missions to Israel and include in every itinerary to Israel the opportunity to meet with Israeli business people for talks about business.

8. Help increase the number of engineers and scientists in Israel by working to establish a Robotics Institute and a Microelectronics Institute to help design the factory of the future, enterprises that would attract engineers and scientists from abroad.

9. Urge the U.S. government to help Israel in new ways, among them buying medical and military supplies from Israel and organizing joint agricultural services to Caribbean and African nations.

10. Project the image of Israel as the land of business opportunities for American companies by explaining the advantages of the unique Free Trade Agreement, just signed by the U.S. and Israel, which permits U.S. firms to sell their products duty-free to Israel and to produce in Israel for duty-free export to the European Common Market.

By using the skills we have developed in mobilizing our communities for fundraising, we can do much to help Israel build its economy. Let's get moving now!



Devar Torah

by Rabbi Lawrence Silverman
Temple Beth-El

With the arrival of the Ninth of Av (Tisha b'Av) this week-end, it is fitting to note that this is the date in the Jewish calendar most closely identified with tragedy and communal mourning. Traditionally, the Ninth of Av has commemorated the destruction of both the First Temple, by the Babylonians, and the Second Temple, by the Romans. In each case, the fall of the Temple is understood to epitomize the Jewish people's military defeat, Israel's political subjugation and, ultimately, our people's forced exile from the Promised Land. Within the scope of this theme, the Ninth of Av also came to express Israel's despair over the downfall of Bethar and Bar Cochba's failure to regain independence (Mishnah Ta'anit 4:6).

Emerging as the focal point for Israel's sorrow, the Ninth of Av also came to represent the people's perennial hope that what had happened would be reversed, that the Exile would soon come to an end. The Sages counsel that only one who mourns over Jerusalem (on the Ninth of Av) will be found worthy to rejoice over her re-building (Ta'anit 30b). In a similar vein, many of the dirges in the liturgy for the Ninth of Av contain supplications for the comforting of Israel and the restoration of Jerusalem. Likewise, the prophetic portion for the Sabbath following this day of mourning hope for a message of comfort (Isaiah 40:1-26).

Finding comfort in the wake of tragedy

is a theme that is treated with particular poignancy in connection with the prescribed Scripture-reading for the Ninth of Av, namely, the Book of Lamentations. Jewish tradition maintains that Lamentations was composed in the aftermath of the Babylonian invasion, which resulted in the destruction of Jerusalem. Speaking of the Holy City, the lament begins: "Ayn lah menachem," that is, "She has no comforter" (Lamentations 1:2). According to one of the apocalyptic midrashim, this passage may be understood in the following way: "Jerusalem has no Menachem," with the word "menachem" ("comforter") being read as though it were a personal name. The implication is that, if Jerusalem had no Menachem when the Temple was destroyed, then she will have a Menachem when the Temple is re-built. Since the re-building of the Temple is an event that belongs to the Messianic Age, several midrashim appropriately call the Messiah by the name "Menachem." The Messiah will be Israel's Comforter. (See also Sanhedrin 98b).

Perhaps the foregoing helps explain why the Ninth of Av acquired yet another meaning in our messianic traditions: on this very day, which marks the destruction of the Temple, the Messiah would be born! Here is an expression of the belief that, at the root of destruction and despair, there is power for renewal and restoration. May so be our lot in the days to come, that we may find this power of renewal and restoration in our own lives!

Book Sale Protested

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has protested to Sweden about a government-sponsored Islamic exhibit in Stockholm at which copies of the book, *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, have been sold.

In a cable to Swedish Prime Minister Olaf Palme, Abraham H. Foxman, associate national director and head of ADL's International Affairs Division, called for banning the distribution or sale of the book. He said the turn-of-the-century Czarist forgery is one of the "most notorious and vicious" attacks on the Jewish people and "has no place at or near a reputable exhibit on any subject."

The text of the cable follows:

"We were shocked and distressed to learn that in conjunction with a government-sponsored Islamic exhibit at the Historical Museum in Stockholm, there is being sold by the Islamic council copies of the age-old anti-Semitic forgery, *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*. This book, one of the most notorious and vicious attacks on the Jewish people, has no place at or near any reputable exhibit on any subject. It should be branded for what it is and those who wish to spread its venomous lies should likewise be exposed."

"Please let us hear that this book or any other anti-Semitic material will be banned from distribution or sale at or near any such state-sponsored activity."

New Concepts In Jewish Leadership

An historic event in the forging of future Jewish leadership will take place in Jerusalem July 29 - August 1, 1985, announced Eliezer Sheffer, Chairman of the World Zionist Organization's Dor Hemshach Department. Over 200 of the most potent young Jewish leaders from over two dozen countries — including small and remote communities in Latin America, Europe and Balkan Countries not usually involved in such projects — will be coming together for the First World Conference of Dor Hemshach — Young Leadership for Zionist Renewal.

"This is a new concept in Zionism. This is the first ever Zionist non-Congress. We will have no long speeches, declarative resolutions to be immediately forgotten. We will be operating entirely on a creative

and practical plane."

The cultural and organizational leaders and movers of the young world Jewish community will gather to begin construction of a world artistic and cultural village outside Jerusalem, to inaugurate a Hebrew University linked program designed to develop the top Zionist and Jewish leadership of active young people from the diaspora, and to view and evaluate the Israeli premier of the acclaimed documentary "Kaddish" and its handling of the problem of Holocaust survivors and their children.

"The young Jewish leadership is tired of the old Zionist frameworks," notes Sheffer. "Now we are going to come up with some new ideas."

"Project Kehillah" Hotline To Judaism

More than 75 persons from around the United States and Canada have been aided by master rabbis manning a special hotline sponsored by the Max Stern Division of Communal Services (MSDCS), the service outreach arm of the Yeshiva University-affiliated Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS).

The hotline is part of a program called "Project Kehillah," which was established in February to help members of small congregations without spiritual leaders. "Project Kehillah" makes master rabbis available for counseling on religious, educational, and community issues either by phone or in person. They also answer questions dealing with personal and family lives!

The services of "Project Kehillah" .. which can be obtained by calling (212) 960-5289 during regular business hours Mondays through Thursdays — were expected to appeal to congregations without rabbis in the inner cities of major metropolitan areas with dwindling Jewish populations and to small, isolated Jewish communities in rural areas of the nation.

The rabbis involved with the hotline hope that, by providing leadership and advice to members of such congregations, they may be able to help preserve those Jewish communities.

The hotline has been used by members of such congregations and communities, but others who have called have been people who are not affiliated with any congregations, according to Rabbi Yitzchak Rosenbaum, director of rabbinic alumni at RIETS.

Calls have come from as far away as Washington and North Carolina and from Toronto as well as from the New York-New Jersey area.

Rabbi Dr. Leon Katz, rabbi emeritus of Congregation Adas Israel in Passaic, NJ, serves as rabbinic coordination of the project. Rabbi Katz served as spiritual leader of the Passaic congregation for 46 years. Other rabbis with long experience in the program.

An alumnus of the University and RIETS, Rabbi Katz and his wife were honored when a professorship in rabbinics was established in their name at RIETS.

Whenever possible, rabbis manning the hotline try to put questioners in touch with spiritual leaders in their local communities. At other times, the rabbis refer persons with problems to local community councils and other Jewish agencies.

But sometimes calls come from people with more simple questions.

A clerk for a justice on the Wisconsin Supreme Court called when she had a disagreement with the justice over the origins of Hassidism. The rabbi who answered her question confirmed her version of history. The justice has been won.

Another call came from a member of a disbanded congregation in Brooklyn, NY, who wanted to know how he could get the congregation's Torahs to Israel.

An Englishman visiting in New York City who had only recently become more religious called the hotline for help in remembering parts of the "Modah Ani" (the morning prayer).

Other callers have asked for advice in picking Jewish names for their children and have asked practical and immediate questions regarding the laws of burial and bris (circumcision).

Rabbi Rosenbaum himself took a call from a young woman who had been raised as an observant Jew and had then discovered she was adopted. Since her natural parents were non-Jews, she wanted to know what she would have to do to become a Jew.

"She was very upset," Rabbi Rosenbaum said. "You can imagine how she felt. She had lived her life as a Jew and she had just discovered that she was not a Jew at all."

The young woman expressed a desire to undergo a formal conversion to Judaism, and Rabbi Rosenbaum suggested that she contact her local rabbi to discuss the procedure to be followed in a formal conversion ceremony.

A few weeks later, Rabbi Rosenbaum received a follow-up call, indicated that, based upon the guidance provided, an appropriate conversion process was being developed.

Persons desiring more information on "Project Kehillah" may call the hot-line or write the Max Stern Division of Communal Service, Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, 500 West 185th Street, New York, NY 10033.

The Max Stern Division of Communal Services is named for the late Max Stern, long-time and vice-chairman of the University's Board of Trustees. Mr. Stern, founder of Hartz Mountain Corporation, was a noted philanthropist whose gifts to the University resulted in many developments, including Stern College for Women, the undergraduate, women's division of the university.

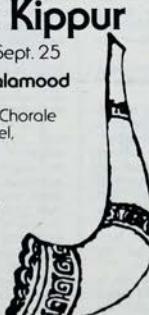
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Israeli Women

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riage and divorce proceedings in an early coalition agreement still in force, she observed.

Mrs. Shenhav, who practiced law in Washington before making aliyah, runs Na'amat's Legal Advisory Service in Jerusalem, advising women on separation, divorce, inheritance, adoption, employment, housing, social security and other matters. She comes into direct contact with the religious courts, which she considers "the most difficult, problematic institutions for women unique to Israel."

To improve her ability to work with the often-frustrating system, she has been studying Torah one day a week for several years.

"My best allies," she said, "are Orthodox Jewish scholars" who accompany her to trials with documents and proof of creative solutions from halachic texts for sticky personal status problems.

Halacha and War Widows

As an example, she cited *halitzah*, the requirement that an unmarried brother-in-law marry his brother's childless widow in order to provide an heir, or else free her to marry another man. Because of the youth of today's war widows, it is an especially pressing problem. Na'amat has requested the rabbinate to make a special effort for speedy release of the widows by employing techniques used in ancient times.

"The rabbis realize that if they don't use these solutions, there will eventually be a groundswell to institute civil marriage and divorce," she said.

In personal status cases — like *halitzah* and divorce — it is not unusual, Mrs. Shenhav said, for one party to blackmail or bribe the other by demanding or offering huge settlement matters. It also offers free legal services to war-bereaved and unmarried mothers.

Drafting Legislation

With several other Na'amat attorneys, Mrs. Shenhav is responsible for drafting legislation in the interest of Na'amat's 750,000 members, among whom are thousands of Arab and Druze women.

Measures currently before the Knesset include a bill to eliminate restrictions against night work for women and one that would extend to fathers the one-year post-childbirth leave currently given mothers. One proposal allows fathers leave to care for a sick child. Another bill would grant single mothers special tax benefits and allow child care as a tax deduction for all mothers. Another measure would reinstate abortions for social reasons, and yet another bill, patterned after Danish and Swedish laws, would grant pensions to housewives.

Mrs. Shenhav said the problem of equal pay for women for equal work exists in Israel as it does in the United States, where women earn 65-70 percent of a man's salary for the same job. As for child care, Israel — with its extensive and relatively cheap day-care network — is ahead of the U.S., she said. Na'amat itself, she pointed out, furnishes day care to some 20,000 children throughout the country.

"But as far as the political enfranchisement of women is concerned," she asserted, "neither Israel nor the U.S. is in great shape."

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Birthday Of Maimonides Celebrated On Stamp



The postal officials of Antigua & Barbuda, a former British colony situated in the Leeward Islands of the Caribbean, released on June 17th a single stamp and souvenir sheet to mark the 850th Anniversary of the birth of Maimonides, the world famous Jewish philosopher, scholar and medical doctor who was born in the Spanish city of Cordoba.

Special celebrations are currently being staged around the world in honor of the man whose contributions are considered to have profoundly influenced the direction of both Judaism and contemporary religious philosophy.

Maimonides, whose real name was Moses ben (son of) Maimon, was born in Cordoba, an important city in southern Spain on the day before the Jewish festival of Passover in the year 1135.

His father, Rabbi Maimon, was a leading Dayan (religious judge) of Cordoba's Jewish community. An impressive scholar in both religious Judaic and secular subjects, the dayan personally taught Maimonides during the early years of the youth's development.

At the time Maimonides was 13 and became Bar Mitzvah (recognized as an adult in Jewish religious law), the city of Cordoba was overrun by a sect of Moslems who would tolerate no other faith in their domain besides Islam.

Rabbi Maimon and his family, along with most of Cordoba's Jews, were forced to flee. For the next ten years, they wandered from one town to another in southern Spain, unable to remain long because of the continuing conquest of the Moslem sect which had originally forced them out of Cordoba.

During this period of upheaval, the young Maimonides continued to somehow study and refine his philosophical skills. In 1159, his family and other Jews from southern Spain managed to settle in the city of Fez, then the capital of Morocco.

Unfortunately, religious intolerance once again forced them to flee after a brief five year stay. On their way to Egypt,

young Maimonides visited the Holy Land. There they made special pilgrimages to the cities of Hebron and Jerusalem.

Just a few months after arriving in Egypt, tragedy struck the family when Rabbi Maimon passed away. Supposedly the family was now assumed by a younger brother named David. For a while, all went well as David became a successful jewel merchant who specialized in importing precious gems from India.

Unfortunately, on one such business trip to India, David was caught in a storm and drowned when the ship wrecked in the Indian Ocean. He was carrying the entire family fortune with him at the time.

Consequently, in order to support the family, Maimonides began to practice medicine. His reputation developed to such a point that he was eventually appointed to serve as the personal physician of both the Grand Vizier and Sultan of the Egyptian caliphate.

In addition to the extensive medical practice that he carried out, Maimonides somehow found the time to compose very important works of philosophy.

Among his most significant scholarly achievements are the publication of "Moreh Nevuchim" and "Mishneh Torah." Among students of Jewish religious philosophy, his contributions are considered unique.

Indeed, of him, it has been said: "From Moses (the Lawgiver) to Moses (Maimonides), there arose none like Moses (Maimonides)."

At the age of 68, Maimonides passed away. In addition to his activities as physician to the royal court of the caliphate and composer of prized philosophical works, the son Maimon was also the Chief Rabbi of the Egyptian Jewish community.

The Antigua & Barbuda stamp and souvenir sheet honoring the 850th birthday of the world renowned philosopher was designed and printed by The House of Questa (London).

Tenth Annual Conf. On Jewish Education

The Jewish commitment to continued life-long learning will be exemplified at the forthcoming Tenth Annual Conference on Alternatives in Jewish Education as the almost 2,000 participants gather each morning for a fifty-minute study session, or shiur, before starting their day's activities.

"A shiur is a study session that is almost always based on a text of some kind," according to Dr. Betsy Katz, Chairperson of the Conference on Alternatives in Jewish Education (CAJE), to be held August 11-15 at Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Ill.

Between eleven and twenty different shiurim will be offered each morning, most of them led by rabbis who are also members of CAJE. As with the rest of the conferees, the shiur leaders will represent all shades of the Jewish ideological spectrum — Orthodox, Conservative, Reconstructionist, and Reform.

The texts on which the shiurim will be based include selections from the Torah, Psalms, Talmud, Midrash, Zohar, Rambam, the Amida, Haggadah, Siddur, a tale by Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav, and the parables of Franz Kafka.

Some shiurim will last for just one session. Others will carry over from one morning to another, some going on as long as four sessions spread over four days. Conferees will have the option of attending whatever session they wish, sampling a different shiur each day, or choosing a more intensive experience by staying with the same shiur throughout all its sessions.

Among the subjects that may be studied over the course of the four full days of the conference are the following:

Mitzvot — rules of behavior concerning four areas: taking advantage of another person, reproving another person, priorities of commitments to animals and people, and the study of Torah;

Geography of the Siddur — an examination of the logical order of the prayerbook and the relationship between prayers;

Feminism and Halacha — Jewish law in relation to women in four specific areas: Torah study, mitzvot, ordination, and divorced women;

Leadership Models in the Midrash — ways in which the ancient rabbis portrayed Moses, Aaron, synagogue leaders, and teachers;

Midrashei Teshuvah — a study of sin and repentance, based on early Palestinian Midrashim or folk tales;

Pidyon Shvuyot — a study of Jewish sources, including the Talmud, Rambam, and medieval Jewish literature, together with comments about Jewish sources drawn from the works of Martin Buber;

Reconstructionism — its perspectives on Shabbat, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and the three Pilgrimage Festivals (Sukkot, Pesach, and Shavuot);

Understanding Ourselves Through the Psalms — an analysis of selected psalms as a guide to personal conduct.

Information about the CAJE Conference may be obtained from Dr. Eliot Spack, National Director, CAJE, 468 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10016. Phone: 212-696-0740.

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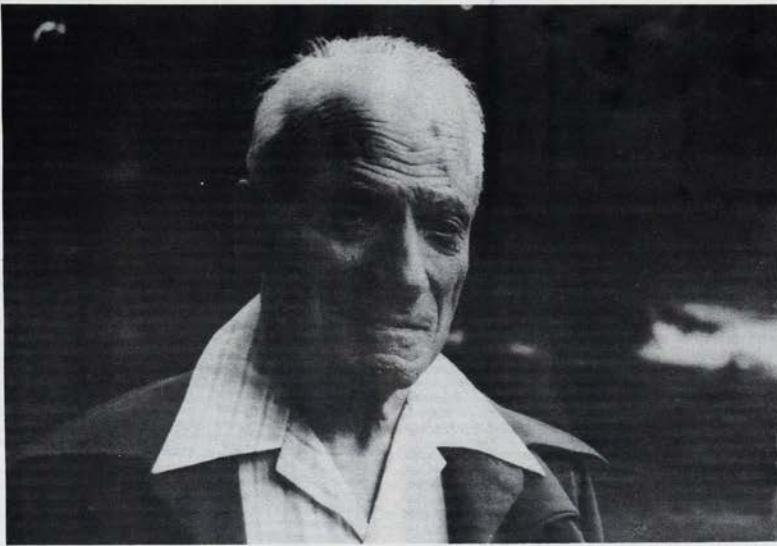


Around Town

by Dorothea Snyder



"We're Going To Miss Joe"



Joe Finkle, "the father of B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League in Rhode Island." (Photo by Dorothea Snyder)

Boxes piled ceiling high formed a cardboard skyscraper in a corner of Esther and Joe Finkle's East Providence apartment.

"Notice the boxes?" Joe asked with gentle humor as I stepped into the den. He was seated comfortably in what looked to be his favorite lounge chair.

Ten days from now the Finkles would be uprooting themselves from their home, from the area where Joe had built up an advertising agency business and from where his dedicated commitments to bettering humanity had been felt deeply by his propulsive impact.

All their mail would soon be stamped with the postmark of Rancho Palos Verdes, California.

Most assuredly there were mixed feelings, but Joe said, "We want to move there because we have one daughter, Karen. This way we can be closer to her and her family rather than just seeing her once a year." He mentions with grandfatherly pride his 17-year-old grandson and 14-year-old granddaughter.

Discussing with Joe his life in Rhode Island, I learned that he graduated from Bryant and Stratton College, now Bryant College, and worked in the once Providence Tribune. At the height of the depression, he was involved in establishing the Herald and started the first "Around Town" column.

Joe worked in the Providence branch of the Boston-based David Maxwell Company for a short time before he and his brother, Archie, began their own business.

"My brother had just gotten married," he explains, "so in 1935 we decided to form the Joseph Maxwell Company using my first name and Archie's middle name."

"We did everything, radio, television, newspaper, direct mail for clients ... a whole gamut from A to Z. After 40 years in the business, we sold out to Bob Meehan, who is still in Wayland Square."

Those mixed feelings about leaving Providence?

"In the beginning when my wife, Esther, decided to move there," says Joe, "I didn't like the idea at all. I was born in Providence, made a lot of friends and was involved with many organizations on the local and national level.

"I could go from here to California and find someone I know in every city on the way because of B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation work."

Joe inserted that he was one of the original members appointed by Mayor James Doorley to the state agency's commission against discrimination. Called the Fair Employment Practices Commission to ensure job opportunities for minorities, it later became the Rhode Island Commission on Human Rights. The General Assembly honored him in 1964 for his work in civil rights and general civic betterment.

He regretted that because of his move to East Providence from Providence, he had to leave the Providence Human Relations Commission. Mayor Vincent Giangi honored him by proclaiming Sept. 30, 1983 as Joseph Finkle Day.

On June 23rd the Roger Williams Lodge of B'nai B'rith honored Joe at a Farewell Brunch at 4 Seasons East Clubhouse. The Lodge's invitation tabbed Joseph M. Finkle, Mr. B'nai B'rith.

"Please come," it read, "to give Joe the well earned recognition that he so richly deserves for his following service: Honorary President of Roger Williams Lodge, Past President of Roger Williams Lodge, Past President of District 1, Past Chairman of Rhode Island Anti-Defamation League, Past Chairman of New England Anti-Defamation League, Member of National Anti-Defamation League."

"You must have worked closely with Sam Schlevin," I remark to Joe.

Responding quickly, he says, "I think Sam was one of the first people to get involved in anti-defamation work. He still is. I have very high regard for him. I think he's done a magnificent job."

Taking a few minutes out from work at his paper-laden desk at Providence Hebrew Day School, Sam Schlevin welcomes me in. He had been among the more than 100 who came together to honor Joe.

"In my opinion," he says, "Joe Finkle was the father of B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League for Rhode Island. He was responsible for the

formation of the largest group, the Roger Williams Lodge. At that time there were over 1000 members.

"After Joe basically retired from activity, the lodge disintegrated to where it is now being reorganized. Joe had a great influence on racism upon the total community. Because of his professional position as an advertising agent, he had access to avenues that the average person didn't have."

"When incidents took place, he performed in the right manner and curbed all these incidents of racism. Why I use the word racism is because he was a member of the city of Providence Human Relations Commission. A very reliable person, he did a terrific job."

"When the community are going to miss Joe," Sam expressed. "I as one who really feel I have been his protege will miss him greatly. When I would have a serious problem and didn't know to whom to turn for help, I'd call Joe and discuss it with him."

"Even though there were times when we wouldn't agree on the procedure, at least he gave me the insight on what the bottom line should be."

"Joe was a very dedicated person to human relations and to the betterment of humanity. It didn't matter to him what anyone's religious background was. That was not important. It made no difference."

"What made the difference was the fact that they are human beings who should be treated equally. That was his dedication ... dedication to equal treatment for all people. Basically we both believed that all humanity has the right to live a decent and equal life in the world of freedom and religious liberty."

Joe Finkle belonged to Temple Beth-El and had served on the board of trustees. For 36 years he was Temple Beth-El's publicity chairman.

Rabbi Leslie Y. Guterman said, "I think of Joe with three different words that come to mind. I think in terms of public relations. I think in terms of brotherhood. And I think in terms of courage."

"For years he was a one-man public relations committee. He had meaningful contacts. Media people were his friends.

There was no one prouder of what Beth-El did than Joe. Joe saw a story in everything.

"Whether it was kids lighting an outdoor Chanukah menorah, whether it was a teacher recognition night, whether it was a special Shabbat service with a speaker who came as a scholar-in-residence, Joe felt this was a story that went beyond the borders of Beth-El."

"What this Temple did in terms of its cultural, religious, educational outreach was a story that was inspiring because Joe was inspired. Joe was not so much a salesman. Joe was not looking so much to have people join the congregation as much as to be inspired by the congregation. Because Joe was so moved by all of these events, he felt it was natural to shout it from the mountains."

"He did it effectively. He did it alone. He did it for many years."

"The second was brotherhood," Rabbi Guterman continued. "You will find out his work with the ADL from others, but it was linked in many ways to public relations because I think Joe felt that the story of the Jew could be really read ... our history as a people and who we really were. Joe in his heart felt the cause of brotherhood would be enhanced and that anti-semitism would go down."

"Whether or not social scientists would agree, I think in many ways it worked with Joe's relationships. He was a self-respecting Jew. He was proud of his roots, where he came from, and he found ways through his organizations and his civic activities to let it be known where he came from and who he was."

"The third was courage because he went through a dreadful illness these last months. What impressed me was the fact that Esther was by his side. She in many ways has been an unsung hero as a support to all of his activities."

"What was probably one of Joe's greatest moments was to battle an illness and a difficult fall. Where most people would have given up, he got better and looked to a new adventure and a new life in California because Esther was by his side."

At Our Table

by Susan Higgins

Dining amidst the multi-colored stalks of fresh cut flowers, polished brass fixtures, hanging herbs and striking mirrored walls, Keith and I agreed that dinner at the Barnsider's Mile and A Quarter House in Providence, is a buoyant, kaleidoscope experience. The overall aura of the restaurant is French Country, but subtle differences between rooms suggest a diverse range of moods and appeals. Eyes, ears and palate are catered to with equal consideration by the professional staff who adjust their pleasant banter according to the formality of the individual diners.

Gracious dining accommodations await parties of one through one-hundred-and-twenty persons. Cozy corner tables with flickering candles conspire to draw an intimate veil of seclusion around the romantically inclined couple. Nearby tables entertain a range of parties from singles to families with small children (with exemplary manners, of course). Oversized windows with waterfront views add to the gentle ambiance, crucial to relaxed, enjoyable dining.

There are almost as many dining rooms at the Mile and A Quarter House as there are dining styles. One delightful glass enclosed room allows a small party of 15 people to appreciate the visually enticing details of the restaurant while maintaining a sense of separation from the other patrons. Charming French glass doors allow diners to control the amount of privacy they wish.

The main dining room is centralized; it is the place to see and be seen. Located next to the well-stocked salad bar it facilitates return trips for what was surely the most irresistible spread we have ever seen. Couples sharing bottles of wine and



appetizers are comfortably seated adjacent to families savoring juicy over-stuffed gourmet burgers.

In the cathedral room, the mood is spacious elegance. The tile floor and cool grey decor colors are very chic. Wall murals suggest the grace and reserve of dining in a mansion typical of Newport. Of course the diverse menu is available to enjoy in any room.

The newest room is located upstairs and adjoins the brass, wood and mirrored walls of the lounge overlooking the city and waterfront. This is a pretty room, where a sense of history lingers. Lovely green canopies are visible through arched windows and original brick walls are left exposed. Great care governed the choice of acoustically sensitive ceiling material. These subtle details can best be appreciated during the jazz sessions in the evening. The most recent addition to the Mile and A Quarter was designed for larger parties, business gatherings, bar mitzvahs and wedding receptions.

An eclectic mix gathers in the lounge; couples enjoying cocktails mingle with other attitude-adjustment clientele relaxing after a hard day's toil in the city, others wait for their table to be prepared. Time passes quickly on the outdoor patio catching the midsummer rays of the sun or watching the full moon set in the west.

Typical of the French country style, dried herbs, seasonings and flowers are artistically displayed. Cases of the exceptionally fresh ingredients excite the appetite, soothe the conscience of the naturalist and leave memorable impressions.



Charles Logue, manager of the Barnsider's Mile and A Quarter Restaurant in Providence.

It is important to understand, just as the Barnsider has created a room to accommodate your every mood, they will prepare a dish to satisfy your every food desire.

A sample of appetizers includes several soup choices, ratatouille, baked stuffed potatoes, nachos and Mexican pizza and Buffalo wings. One page of the thick menu is devoted to interesting variations on salad. Several sandwiches and deep dish pizza are tantalizingly described. Gourmet chopped sirloin burgers with delectable, imaginative sauces and accompaniment are patiently explained. Several pages detail fresh fish dishes, shrimp, scallop plates, sirloins, filet mignon, prime ribs, lamb, chicken and alternate combinations of the above.

The diversified wine list contains selections to complement the full range of the menu. America, France, Italy, Germany, and Spain are represented on the reasonably priced list. One could indulge in a '75 Chateau Lafite Rothschild, propose a toast with any of the seven choices of champagne, or savor a simple white wine from California. Knowledgeable waiters gladly assist in the decision-making if encouraged.

The Barnsider is the perfect solution for couples or families with varying degrees of hunger and desire to be satisfied at reasonable prices.

We chose one of the new appetizers: smoked salmon. It was delicate, light, melt-in-the-mouth delicious. Attractively served on a bed of lettuce, encircled by crispy crackers and an enticing dip; it whetted our appetite for more.

As we enthusiastically made our way to the salad bar the attractive display of fresh, crunchy, colorful vegetables tickled our eyes. Exotic greens and salad concoctions will lure the wildest herbivore and maybe even convert a few staunch carnivores. Huge chunks of cheese ripe for slicing compete with several varieties of fresh baked loaves of bread. As Keith astutely put it after we had been seduced into sampling all of the tempting items, "I'm full. We should stop eating right now." Indeed the menu makes provisions for making a meal at the salad bar.

But that was not our fate. Indeed we had

another calling to heed. At least that's what we told each other when the attentive waiter brought our entrees. Esthetically arranged, bright accompaniments enlivened the plate.

The broiled swordfish carried a hint of fresh salt air with it. This seaside delight was carefully but simply broiled to retain the juices and preserve the natural flavor of the fish. Accompanied by a large baked potato this hearty portion would satisfy the most voracious customer.

In the name of science, Keith had ordered the petite Filet Mignon Bernaise. The pink center was as requested, and the broiled flavor was perfectly mated to the rich, French sauce. The Chateau Pontet Canet wine we ordered was full bodied and drew out the broiled essence of our meal. The leisurely pace of our waiter enhanced the whole dining experience.

And only for you, dear reader, did we allow ourselves to descend to the depths of decadence and almost in a whisper to the waiter, did we order the delectable, delicious fried ice cream. Rolled in flakes and drizzled with chocolate we savored each wonderful bite. Other desserts too luscious to divulge will satisfy any sweet tooth.

Only one note of dissidence could be voiced. All restaurant personnel are required to wear white lab coats. The sterile jackets appear antiquated and incongruous with the lovely atmosphere at the Mile and A Quarter. But this is certainly a small point that could easily be remedied.

The many personalities of the different rooms, fresh, well prepared food, and friendly professional service, make the Mile and A Quarter one of the best reasons to eat out in Providence.

This is a restaurant that lets you create your own dining experience.

Located on South Water Street, Mile and A Quarter features valet parking. Cost of the meal varies with choice; you can eat well here very reasonably.

Charles Logue, manager of the Mile and A Quarter will be happy to discuss special menus for gatherings. He is a sensitive, concerned manager, running a successful eatery who personifies the Mile and A Quarter's desire to please every person who comes through their door.



The new upstairs room at the Mile and A Quarter Restaurant is designed for large groups to enjoy themselves.

Centrality To Judaism

The colorful history of Israel, its people and its faith — from biblical times to the present — is told in "Israel: Covenant People, Covenant Land," just published by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations for young people and adults.

In words and pictures, author Seymour Rossel traces the fortunes of the Jews who remained in the Promised Land. He explores the reasons for the deep-seated Jewish devotion to Israel and tells how successive generations of Jews have been drawn toward it.

The 248-page volume weaves history, religion and politics into a lively and informative tapestry beginning with God's promise to Abraham and covering the destruction of the Temple and exile, the Crusades, the Ottoman rule, the birth of Zionism, the British Mandate, the various *aliyot*, the struggle for statehood, the wars with the Arabs and the country today.

Explaining the concept of the book, Mr. Rossel writes in his introduction: "These are the three elements in our attachment to this ever-changing, never-changing

place: the Covenant, our people, and the Land itself. There has never been a time in history, from the moment the Hebrews first crossed over into Canaan, when some of our people were not living in the Land of Israel. At times, there were few of us, at times there were many. Sometimes we ruled and sometimes we were ruled by others. But we were always there."

"Likewise, there has never been a time when our people did not feel something special about this Land, something sacred. Even in the long years that Jews wandered through other lands and other places, we remembered and celebrated the seasons of the Holy Land . . ."

"Throughout the life of the Jewish people, the Land has been central to Jewish tradition, Jewish learning, and Jewish belief. It is a part of us today."

He adds: "Being Jewish binds us to this place."

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Mr and Mrs. Lawrence H. Field of 16 Harvest Street Cranston, Rhode Island and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mazer of Pikesville, Maryland take great pleasure in announcing the engagement of their children Andrew R. Field & Joan Lee Mazer of Washington, DC. Andrew is a graduate of Cranston West and Syracuse University. Newhouse School of

Communication. Andrew is a staff reporter and Feature talk show host for A.B.C. Television, station WJLA-TV7 in Washington.

Joan is a graduate of the University of Maryland, and is a tape editor/producer for the BBC News Bureau based in Washington.

An October 13th wedding is planned.

Diahann Carroll Coming To Kutshers

Milton Kutsher, owner of Kutsher's Country Club, has announced that super-star Diahann Carroll is scheduled to appear on Saturday, August 3, in the elegant Stardust Room.

Diahann Carroll is undeniably the consummate entertainer. So varied and dynamic are her gifts that she seems to continually astound fans and critics alike who revel in her versatility and magnetism; qualities which have established Diahann Carroll as one of America's major performing talents. She has more than successfully made the transition from nightclubs to the Broadway stage to motion pictures and television — always garnering the highest plaudits each element of the entertainment world can bestow on its own while blazing major inroads in a profession she readily embraced at the age

of 15.

Tony Award winner, Oscar nominee, Las Vegas headliner and star of her own Emmy-nominated television series *Julia*, Diahann Carroll has likewise been consistently singled out as one of the world's most beautiful women and twice on the Ten Internationally Best Dressed List. Most recently *Harper's Bazaar* named her as one of the world's "Ten Most Beautiful women." Already a legend in the worlds of entertainment, glamour and high fashion, Miss Carroll continues to save a special place in her life for her long dedicated work with a host of philanthropic causes, the most significant of which brings her in touch with minority youngsters in a variety of projects geared to fully realizing their capabilities and self-esteem.

American Heart Food Festival

The American Heart Food Festival, the first annual national nutrition event of the American Heart Association, will be held September 7-14 throughout Rhode Island. The event, focused in supermarkets and restaurants is designed to create a greater awareness of the role nutrition plays in overall health.

Patricia Blenkiron, R.D., the Association's Nutrition Committee Chairperson and a nutritionist at Rhode Island Group Health Association, announced the appointment of Tony DiBisio, "Spy in the Sky" for WHJY-WHJJ radio, as statewide Honorary Chairman. Blenkiron noted: "we're trying to raise people's awareness of diet and how it can contribute to high blood pressure, heart disease and stroke. There are simple changes we can all start to make to have wiser eating habits and the Heart Association is ready to help with information and guidance."

Locally, ALMACS, Star, Stop & Shop, and A&P will display and distribute nutrition information. Over 6,000 supermarkets nationwide are taking part in the event. Participating restaurants

throughout the state will be offering heart healthy menu specials and will also be removing salt shakers from tables on Friday of the Festival week. Blenkiron noted that "more and more people are looking for lighter foods when dining out and restaurants across the country are beginning to respond to that. Their help makes it easier for all of us to maintain good eating habits, even when we're not cooking at home."

The American Heart Association recommends wise eating habits based on weight control and reduced intake of cholesterol, saturated fats, refined sugar and sodium, while still enjoying a full assortment of delicious foods. "We don't expect everyone to make major changes during this week, but we do hope that through events like this people become more aware of their diet and the steps they can take to lessen their risk of cardiovascular disease. Each of us has to take more responsibility for prevention by adopting healthier lifestyles and we're here to help with that," Blenkiron emphasized.

For more information, contact the Heart Association at 728-5300.

Providence County Kennel Club Meets

Providence County Kennel Club will hold its summertime dog show and obedience trial at Victory Field on the grounds of Barrington High School. This favorite event will be Saturday, July 27, with judging starting at 9 a.m. and continuing until the selection of best in show in the late afternoon by Mr. Les Kodner of Highland Park, Illinois.

For more information call 434-0101.

Local B'nai B'rith Youth Elected Officers



Sharon Lesser and Bradley Steinberg were elected officers at Annual B'nai B'rith Youth Organization's convention.

Bursting with smiles and enthusiasm, two excited BBYO'ers were elected to serve their peers for the 1985/86 programming year at the Annual B'nai B'rith Youth Organization's Spring Convention held at Camp Bourneade in Cedarville, MA.

Sharon Lesser of Natick, MA, was elected to serve as Regional N'siah (President) of B'nai B'rith Girls (BBG). Her duties will include presiding at all conventions, programs, Executive and Regional Board meetings. She will represent the region on the International BBYO Board, the New England Region BBYO Adult Board, North Shore, Greater Boston and Central New England Councils of B'nai B'rith Women.

Bradley Steinberg of Cranston, Rhode Island, was elected to serve as Regional Aleph Godol (President), and his duties will include presiding at all regional meetings, being an officio member of all committees and representing the region on the National Executive Board, the New England Region BBYO Adult Board, and any B'nai B'rith Councils within the region's jurisdiction.

BBYO is a youth-led organization com-

prised of over 40,000 teenagers of high school age throughout the world. Members can meet other Jewish youth from their area or the other end of the country, or even other parts of the world. Every year, nearly 10,000 young people attend conventions and leadership training seminars, and living institutes of Judaism, ranging from a weekend retreat to a summer of Jewish living, learning and leadership at one of BBYO's camps or on an Israel Summer Institute program in Israel.

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The Hospital

by Lilah Tov

Eli has been in the hospital since Wednesday — no, he was sick all day and night Wednesday and came to the Hillel Yaffa Hospital in Hadera on Thursday. He was utterly limp and had to be carried in my arms. The emergency room was packed with Israelis and Arabs. We had to wait. Eli became paler before my eyes. He had been vomiting without cease and now he looked so frail. The examining doctor concluded that Eli was seriously dehydrated and had him admitted.

A nurse came to help prepare Eli for the hospital bed. This procedure involved bathing the child in a lukewarm bath

before putting on the hospital johnny. Then I carried Eli to his bed. Other mothers were in the room. Just then the doctors came in. I, along with the other mothers were ushered, amongst tears and protests, from the ward. The door was bolted. We, the mothers, looked at each other, and then we cried, while we held on to one another. The door opened. Each mother stopped crying and without looking back went to the bedside of her child.

It is now Saturday night. Eli is sleeping quietly after a minuscule meal of forbidden eshel (yogurt) and mashed banana. Poor Eli has spent the bulk of his

time in Israel throwing up. He had to be fed intravenously for a full day and night to prevent further dehydration. I have been by his side constantly. The only time I see my mother is when she comes to relieve me for a few hours, so I can sleep in a prone position. My ears are filled with the cries of shrieking infants, the sobs of some child calling for his mother, the ultra loud conversations of the night shift nurses, and the soft plop of vomit splashing into a bedpan.

What is more, there are cockroaches in the hospital. Although it is late at night, I am awake. I see one crawl down the wall, onto the table next to the hospital bed and towards my teacup. After a scream from me and a swat, it disappears. How it can exist in this naphthalene air, I don't know. The nurses sprayed the children's

room thoroughly. The odor lies heavy. Those insects that did not expire must surely wish they had.

Yom rishon. Eli is awakened with a third injection. Six o'clock Sunday morning. I wonder if Eli and I will ever leave this place and get out into the open air.

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Arts & Entertainment

David Gold Exhibits Photos In Pawt.

The Pawtucket Arts Council has photographs by David M. Gold on exhibit at the Pawtucket Arts Council Gallery located in Pawtucket City Hall. The photographs will be on display until August 30.

Mr. Gold is a former resident of Pawtucket and now resides in North Smithfield. He is President of Gold Industrial Machinery, Inc., located in Pawtucket. Mr. Gold uses his native Rhode Island as the setting of many of his photographs. Seven of the seventeen photographs on display are of Rhode Island. The various Rhode Island scenes include Fourth of July at McCoy Stadium, the opening of the Arcade in Providence, the backwoods and lakes of North Smithfield, Mr. Gold's stable in North Smithfield, and the East Side of Providence. The exhibit also includes photographs of Martha's Vineyard, Vermont and Arrezzo, a quaint Italian city in northern Italy.

One of Mr. Gold's favorite pastimes is horseback riding. He has combined his talents as a photographer and rider by experimenting with taking photographs while riding his horse. *Ice Music, Stable, Winter Corral, and Snowbed*, which are all part of the exhibit, are examples of some of his work taken from horseback.

Mr. Gold has exhibited his work at the Art Association of Newport and has his work hanging in private collections in the United States and Europe.

The Pawtucket Arts Council Gallery is located on the first and second floors of Pawtucket City Hall. Hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call the Pawtucket Arts Council at 725-1151 for more information.



Medicine Show Magic At Children's Museum

The Children's Museum of Rhode Island offers weekly activities and performances for summertime fun. The Great Interplanetary Soapbox Revival will present an old time medicine show at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 30. The show mixes magic, juggling and music in a delightful "potion" that is guaranteed to cure any ailment of the spirit.

Drop-in workshops to complement the visit by The Soapbox Revival will be offered on Saturday, July 27 from 1 to 3 p.m., Tuesday, July 30 from 12:30 to 2 p.m., and Wednesday, July 31 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Museum visitors will be invited to mix magic potions of their own and to experiment with "scientific" phenomena.

On Thursday, August 1, the "Storymakers" exhibit will be the setting visits by two professional storytellers, Len Cabral and Bernice Bronson. Both will tell stories and encourage children to make up and act out their own stories. Mr. Cabral will be at the Museum from 10:30 to 1:30 a.m.; Ms. Bronson from 1 to 2 p.m.

There is no charge for these activities or performances beyond the regular admission fee of \$2 per person. Museum members admitted free. The Children's Museum's summer hours are: Tuesday-Thursday and Saturday, 9:30 to 5 p.m.; Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon; Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. A group rate for 10 or more is available with advance reservations. Call 726-2591 for more information. The Children's Museum is located at 58 Walcott Street in Pawtucket; call 726-2590 for directions.

Why Children Need Art

The Office of Continuing Education of Rhode Island School of Design will sponsor a workshop entitled *Why the Arts in a Child's Development?* on Tuesday, August 14 from 7-10 pm. The evening will be free as a service to the community. Dr. Bart O'Connor, Superintendent of the Attleboro School System and president of the Massachusetts Alliance for Arts in Education will discuss the value of the arts in a student's development; intellectual, social, and creative. O'Connor was one of 12 educators selected nationally as an outstanding superintendent for the arts by the Kennedy Center of Washington, DC.

Slides and written materials will be included in this workshop which will stress the importance of active experience in the arts to every child's education. It will help parents and teachers of children ages 5-17 understand that no matter what the education and career direction of the student, experience in the arts provides creative modes by which students can enrich their total development. Emphasis will be placed on the idea that the arts challenge and extend the total learning process of the child. They provide an important means of expression that goes far beyond everyday reading, writing, and speaking. The arts are basic as means of communication, as historical statements of various cultures and civilizations, and as unique forms of exploring, knowing, and understanding.

Information on all of RISD's Youth Programs — which are available through the Office of Continuing Education, Teacher Education, and the Museum of Art — will be presented at this workshop. Space is limited, so anyone interested is encouraged to register as soon as possible by calling the Continuing Education Office at (401) 331-3511, extension 282.

E. Greenwich Festival

It's where the action is at the East Greenwich Summer Festival '85 being presented by the Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, July 27. Opening at 9:00 a.m., the Festival features 36 separate events and will continue until midnight when they play *Good Night Ladies*, the last dance at the 50's Dance at the Greenwich Hotel Ballroom. Hotel Ballroom.

"We're expecting a Banner Year," declares Cynthia Greaves, Festival Director for the Chamber. "The support from the various merchants, civic and fraternal groups has been outstanding. In addition to the entertainers and other events, there will be about 150 or more booths displaying quality arts and crafts and many of the merchants are offering Festival Day SPECIALS."

Once again, there will be no problem parking as a Ripta Shuttle Bus will be available along Main Street from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The Entertainers and the events are as follows: The Apollo's Art Show, Stephen M. Baird-Street Singer, The Bierhaus Band, Ron Bianco & Bilbo, Walter Boruta, Jr., Chamber Business Exposition, The Chili Brothers, The Dixie All Stars, Lee Davis & Friends, Narragansett Electric Energy Van, Fiddlin' Around, Fifties Dance, Fred Flintstone, Bill Hall & the Northwind Blue Grass, Hoty-Toties, Jabberwocky, The Lafayette Band, Library Used Book Sale, Lobster Boil, Magic of Mage, Marc Morrison, the Clown, Plant Clinic, Puddles the Clown, Rhode Island Bavarian Band, Mike Riviera & the Booze Band, Road Race (1 mile run), Road Race (5 Kilometer), Satinwood, Shuttle Bus-Lobster Boil, Shuttle Bus-Ripta, Soap Box Derby, Sweet Adelines, Terpsichore, The Walking Carrot and the Wickford Express.

Public Demand Keeps "Baby" At Trinity

Trinity Square Repertory Company's production of the musical *Baby* will be extended for six more performances due to public demand. The play, in the downstairs theatre, will have its last performance at 9:00 p.m., Saturday, August 3.

The additional performances for Baby are: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday (July 30, 31, August 1, 2) at 8 p.m. Saturday (August 3) at 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Baby — with book by Sybille Pearson, music by David Shire, and lyrics by Richard Maltby, Jr. — is a spirited musical that celebrates the joy, the uncertainty, and the humor of becoming a parent. Three couples of different generations face parenthood, and as they move from first exhilaration to final panic, we see how the promise of childbirth delivers both tenderness and comedy. With endearing characters, wonderful lyrics, and irresistible music,

Baby is an entertaining labor of love.

Baby, directed by William Dinkmehler, with musical direction by Richard Cummings, set design by Robert D. Soule, lighting design by John F. Custer, and costume design by William Lane. The cast includes Barbara Orson, Keith Jochim, Anne Scurria, Richard Ferrone, Becca Lish, David PB Stephens, Patricia Ann Thomas, and Derek Meader.

With the Summer Package Special, ticket buyers can purchase a ticket for *Baby* and get a ticket for *Not by Bed Alone* at half price. *Not by Bed Alone*, the riotous farce by Georges Feydeau, opens in the air-conditioned downstairs theatre on August 9. This offer expires August 3, and is good except Saturdays, 9 p.m. Both tickets must be purchased at the same time.

For reservations and information about these productions or subscribing to Trinity Rep's upcoming 22nd Season, call the Box Office at (401) 351-4242, or visit the Box Office at 201 Washington, St., Prov.

Cross Mills Gallery Features Watercolors

The Cross Mills Gallery will feature the watercolors of Marion McAusland, opening on August 10. McAusland is a local painter who finds excitement in the sky and the sea of Rhode Island. She paints out-of-doors in front of an old barn, a church, or a Victorian house. Usually it is Rhode Island but she has wandered as far afield as Rockport, Mass., and the Virgin Islands. McAusland is also showing some small monoprints printed with watercolor paint that are particularly successful. She studied at RISD and more recently with Frank Webb and Betty Lou Schlemm.

Following the McAusland show the gallery will have a group show with an outdoor festival over the Labor Day weekend. The Cross Mills Gallery is located in Charlestown on Route 1A across from the library. It is open Thursday through Sunday from 10 to 5.

Forbidden Broadway Continues In Boston

Forbidden Broadway, Gerard Alessandrini's hit musical comedy revue, continues playing in the Terrace Room, Boston Plaza Hotel. Starring Jeff Bannon, Toni DiBuono, Brad Ellis, Karen Murphy and Bob Rogerson, *Forbidden Broadway* roasts and toasts Broadway's brightest stars and hits, including Yul Brynner, Carol Channing, Ethel Merman, *Cats*, *Evita* and *Annie*. Performance schedule through August: Tuesday through Friday at 8 p.m., at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. on Saturday, and at 5 p.m. on Sunday. Special matinees on Wednesday, August 14 at 2 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$15 for Tuesday through Thursday evenings, at \$18 for Friday and Saturday evenings, and at \$16 for Sunday performances. For information, and to charge tickets by phone, call the *Forbidden Broadway* box office at (617) 357-8384.

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British Youth Orchestra To Visit Westerly

The Hampshire County Youth Orchestra, a 110-member group of British musicians between the ages of 13 and 19, will be in Westerly from August 1 through August 4. They will be presenting two concerts in the area during their stay.

On Friday, August 2, the Orchestra will perform at the Center for the Arts, 119 High Street, at 8 p.m. Their program will consist of Edward Elgar's Overture "Cockaigne," Andrzej Panufnik's Concerto Festivo, and R. Vaughan Williams' "A London Symphony." The concert will be preceded at 6 p.m. by an English country picnic under a tent on the Center's side lawn. Tickets for both dinner and concert are \$10. For the concert alone, tickets will be \$7.50, with a senior citizens' and students' discount price of \$6.00. For reservations, call the Center at (401) 596-2854 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays.

On Saturday, August 3, the young musicians will appear at Christ Church at 7 Elm Street at 7:30 p.m. They will perform works by Handel, Bach, Woolfenden and Dvorak, concluding with Poulenc's concerto for organ, strings and timpani. Tickets will be \$4.00 with a seniors' citizens' and students' discount price of \$3.00 and will be on sale at the door.

The Hampshire County Youth Orchestra members are drawn from the schools of Hampshire, a county of 1.2 million situated midway along the south coast of the United Kingdom. They are no stranger to travel, having toured the midwestern United States in 1976 for the Bicentennial and Australian in 1979, where they performed in the world-famous Sydney Opera House. In 1982 they visited Alaska and the Pacific Northwest.

The Orchestra broadcasts regularly on the radio and have appeared on several occasions on national television from London. Many ex-members have become professional musicians with the Montreal Symphony, the London Philharmonic, London Mozart Players, English National Opera, the Ulster Orchestra, the Royal Ballet, the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra as well as in classrooms, colleges and military bands.

Their conductor, Edgar Holmes, is a graduate of the University of Southampton and has spent a large part of his professional life in music education. In 1962 he won a Fulbright Award to teach in the United States for the academic year and since then he has been a frequent visitor, working with American Youth Symphonies. He became Staff Conductor for the Hampshire County Youth Orchestra in 1971.

For more information on the visit of the Hampshire County Youth Orchestra or either of their concerts while in Westerly, contact Allen Gates, Executive Director of the Center for the Arts at (401) 596-2854.

Concert Remembers

The Preservation Society of Newport County will present a band concert on the grounds of the Victorian mansion Kingscote on Sunday, July 28, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The event is part of a series held to celebrate the Society's 40th anniversary.

Tickets for *In the Good Old Summertime* may be purchased, for \$10 per family (two adults and their children) for Preservation Society members and \$15 per family for nonmembers, from the Preservation Society at 118 Mill Street, Newport, R.I., 02840. Since its founding, the Society has opened and maintained six mansions and a topiary garden, in addition to Kingscote. All properties are now open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. until October 31. For a free color brochure, write or call the Preservation Society at (401) 847-1000.



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Gay Willis is Tuptim in Theatre-by-the-Sea's production of *The King and I*.

One of America's best-loved musicals, which has been playing to packed houses on Broadway, *The King and I*, will be presented by Tommy Brent at Theatre-by-the-Sea, Matunuck, Rhode Island, through August 18, with music by Richard Rodgers and book and lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein, this exciting musical is based on the novel, *Anna and the King of Siam* by Margaret Landon and tells the true story of the English school teacher who sent to Bangkok to teach the children of the King of Siam. The show is filled

Concert Pianist At Blithewold

A recital by concert pianist Mary-Elizabeth Keymel will be presented by the Summer Concerts by-the-Bay Series at Blithewold Gardens and Arboretum, Ferry Rd., Bristol, R.I., on July 28 at 7 p.m. Music by J.S. Bach, Faure, Beethoven and Chopin will be featured.

Although Ms. Keymel has performed in recitals in New York, Washington, D.C. and throughout the U.S., as well as in Florence and Arezzo, Italy, she is a relative newcomer to the New England music community. Her 1985 recital schedule will, however, include appearances at the Nantucket Arts Council, the French Library in Boston and the Fogg Museum in Cambridge. This fall she will perform in Angers, France for the France-Etat-Unis organization.

A native of Rochester, N.Y., Ms. Keymel earned a Bachelor in Fine Arts degree (magna cum laude) in 1973 from Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri and a Master of Music/Piano Performance degree in 1977 from the College Conservatory of Music, University of Cincinnati, Ohio. The music faculty at the College Conservatory presented her with the Outstanding Graduate Student Award in piano.

She has served as assistant professor of music at Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio and currently coaches in New York City with Anna Maria Trenchi de Bottazzi.

For further information call (401) 253-2707. Adult tickets are \$4.00; student and junior tickets are \$2.00.

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Tom Zemow is Lun Tha, another rising star in the delightful cast of *The King and I* in Matunuck.

Badolato, scenery by Michael Meister, costumes by Cecilia Friederichs, lighting by Benjamin White. Jay Dias is the Musical Director and Douglas Besterman is Assistant Musical Director.

Performances of *The King and I* will be given Tuesday through Friday evenings at 8:30 p.m., Saturdays at 6 p.m. and 9 p.m., and Sundays at 7 p.m. Matinees are on Wednesdays, at 2 p.m. For tickets, phone (401) 789-1094 or write Theatre-by-the-Sea, Matunuck, R.I. 02879.

Musicals By The Sea

Theatre-by-the-Sea, Matunuck, Rhode Island, is currently presenting a series of musicals for children on Fridays during July and August at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. *Huckleberry Finn* is playing July 26 and August 2. Floating down the Mississippi Huckleberry and Jim, a runaway slave, find life filled with excitement and the spirit of adventure. Join Huck and Jim and their old friend Tom Sawyer as they come up against some odd characters who are after Huck's treasure. Currently playing is the *Wizard of Oz* on July 12 and 19; *Snow White* plays August 9 and 16; and *Beauty and the Beast* is the final production on August 23 and 30. Tickets for all shows are \$2.75 each, with group rates of twenty or more priced at \$2.50 each.

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Obituaries

DAVID WEINSTEIN

BROOKLINE, Mass. — David Weinstein, 64, of 50 Longwood Ave., died Thursday, July 18, at Worcester City Hospital. He was the husband of Florence (Adeberg) Weinstein.

Born in Savannah, Ga., a son of the late Isaac and Fanny (Mork) Weinstein, he lived in Cranston for 15 years until retiring.

Mr. Weinstein was a medical attendant at Worcester State Hospital for 12 years before retiring a year ago. He was in the Fifth Army Artillery unit in World War II.

Besides his wife he leaves two sons, H. Joshua Weinstein of Westfield, N.J., and Kenneth A. Weinstein of Boston; a daughter, Rochelle Storfer of St. Louis Park, Minn.; two brothers, Alvin Weinstein of Jacksonville, Fla., and Abe Weinstein of Fall River; a sister, Eva Myers of Providence, and five grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Sunday at Priest Memorial Chapel, Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Funeral Home, Inc., 458 Hope St., Providence, R.I.

DAVID HALPRIN

PROVIDENCE — David Halprin, 77, of the Wayland Health Center died Friday, July 19 at the center.

Born in New Bedford, Mass., a son of the late Albert and Bessie (Superia) Halprin, he lived in Providence for five years. He previously lived in Miami, Fla., and Detroit.

Mr. Halprin was vice president of the Refrigerator Wholesale Co., Detroiter, for 14 years before retiring 11 years ago.

He leaves two daughters, Mrs. Marcia Caplan of Stamford, Conn., and Paula Halprin of Brookline, Mass.; a son, Ronald Halprin of New Bedford; eight sisters, Mrs. Muriel Rakatansky, Mrs. Jenny Zitserman, Mrs. Nancy Halprin-Golden and Mrs. Leah Feitall, all of Providence, Mrs. Minnie Horvitz of New Bedford, Mrs. Fanny Lemchen of Framingham, Mass., Mrs. Evelyn Stern of Natick, Mass., and Mrs. Libby Bikofsky of Norwood, Mass.; two brothers, Orcha Halprin of New York City, Meyer Halprin of Miami Beach, Fla., and two grandchildren.

A private service was held yesterday at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

MORRIS GINSBERG

WARWICK — Morris Ginsberg, 77, of 31 Hutchinson St., a former self-employed upholsterer, died Sunday, July 21 at Kent County Medical Hospital.

Born in Russia, a son of the late Gershon and Rose Ginsberg, he lived in Warwick since 1920.

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Studies Offer Hope To Cancer Victims

A pioneering discovery by a prominent New York cancer scientist and leader of the Israel Cancer Research Fund has given impetus to the testing of radically new anticancer drugs on humans, offering hope of treatment that will be far less toxic to patients than conventional therapies.

Dr. Charlotte Friend, director of the Center of Experimental Cell Biology at Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York and a charter member of the Israel Cancer Research Fund, first began her studies of so-called "differentiation modifiers" in 1970. The newly-developed therapies — now being tested on humans for the first time — are a direct outgrowth of that earlier work.

Converting Cancer Cells

To Normal Ones

In contrast to standard chemotherapy, which seeks to kill cancer cells, the new drugs aim to halt the uncontrolled behavior of cancer cells and restore them to a more normal pattern of behavior. Clinical trials on the most promising of the new differentiation modifiers — known as HMBA, or hexamethylene bisacetamide — are taking place at Johns Hopkins University and the University of Maryland and will soon begin at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York.

The search for differentiation modifiers was given major impetus by the experiments of Dr. Friend and her colleagues. In 1970 she added the drug dimethyl sulfoxide, or DMSO, to a laboratory culture of mouse leukemia cells. The addition of DMSO, she discovered, caused virtually all of the leukemia cells to begin functioning like normal red blood cells.

This, Dr. Friend noted, was the first time anyone had learned how to deliberately cause a malignant cell to revert to normal behavior by applying a chemical agent.

"Before this finding," said Dr. Friend, "it was widely believed that the malignancy of cells was irreversible. What our work showed," she added, "was that this is not so. Malignant cells still carry the 'computer' that contains the program directing them to the pathway to

maturity, where growth normally stops. In malignant cells, this pathway is blocked. When the block is removed by the compounds which induce differentiation, the cells behave like their normal counterparts."

Dr. Friend's discovery stimulated an intensive search for chemical agents that might convert cancer cells to normal ones. Today's innovative drug therapies seek to do just that.

How Cells Develop

The belief that the new "differentiation modifiers" might prove effective is based on the long-held concept that cancerous cells are normal cells stuck at an immature stage of development where they are unable to differentiate — that is, to develop into mature and specialized cells able to perform specific functions needed in the body. In the normal course of development, cells begin as immature stem cells and then, in the process known as differentiation, gradually develop more complicated characteristics that allow them to function as red blood cells, bone cells, liver cells, or other important cells in the body.

Normally, cells reach a stage of full maturity at which they finally stop dividing and proliferating. In cancerous cells, however, the genetic instructions that govern their progressive growth somehow become blocked, many scientists believe. As a result, the cells keep dividing and proliferating out of control, never reaching the terminal stage of full maturity and normal functioning.

According to Dr. Friend, there are now many modifiers under investigation. These agents appear to push the cell back to its normal course of development and stop its endless proliferation.

"The importance clinically of this type of therapy is that it would not harm normal cells but would selectively affect the growth potential of malignant cells," Dr. Friend said, adding:

"There is hope that such compounds may assume a valuable role in cancer treatment."

Charter Founder Of ICRF

In 1975, Dr. Friend joined Dr. Daniel G. Miller of the Strang Clinic and several of the nation's leading oncologists as a charter founder of the Israel Cancer Research Fund. Since the Fund's formation, Dr. Friend has been a member of the executive council of the Scientific Review Panel that acts on grant applications from young Israeli physicians and scientists.

For the 1985-86 academic year, ICRF allocated yearly \$600,000 to support innovative studies by 43 scientists at universities, hospitals and research institutions in Israel. In all, ICRF — the largest private source of funding for cancer research in Israel — has awarded \$2.7 million in grants to encourage cancer studies in Israel.

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Chinese Scientist To Visit Israel

by Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV — A ranking faculty member of the Nanjing (Nanking) Medical College will be the first member of the People's Republic of China's scientific establishment to visit Israel. Prof. Chu SiMing, head of the department of physiology, has accepted an invitation to serve as a member of the scientific advisory board of the eighth World Symposium on Cardiac Pacing which will be held in Israel next year.

Chu was invited by Prof. Henry Neufeld of the Heart Institute at Sheba Medical Center in Tel Hashomer. The advisory

board will also include cardiologists from the Soviet Union and Poland. The symposium, expected to be attended by 4,000 scientists, will be one of the largest gatherings ever held in Israel.

In his letter to Neufeld, Chu wrote: "I cannot tell you how much your letter delighted me. It is very kind of you to invite me to join you as a member of the scientific advisory board of the Eighth World Symposium on Cardiac Pacing. I am delighted accept your kind invitation." The letter was written on the official stationery of the Hangu Biomedical Engineering Society of the Nanjing Medical College.

Jeane Kirkpatrick, Gerson Cohen Honored



Left to right: Dr. Alfred Gottschalk, President of Hebrew Union College; Dr. Cohen; Dr. Kirkpatrick; Richard J. Scheuer, Chairman of the Board of Governors of Hebrew Union College.

Ordination services of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion were highlighted by the conferral of the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree upon two noted individuals. Dr. Gerson D. Cohen, Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary, was honored for his leadership in the

Conservative Movement and for his efforts in opening the seminary's rabbinic program to women. Dr. Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, former Chief United States Representative to the United Nations, was cited for her support for the security and vitality of the land and people of Israel.

WJC Nominated For Seat On Board

Six international organizations, representing trade unions, Social-Democrats, women's movements, and UN associations, placed in nomination the World Jewish Congress for a seat on the Board of the umbrella body of Non-Governmental Organizations at the United Nations.

There are some three hundred international organizations which comprise the coordinating body known as "Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council." In 1982, at UN headquarters in New York, the World Jewish Congress became the only Jewish body to be elected one of five officers of the Board of the NGO Conference. Other officers of the board — representing organizations from

East and West — include, Amnesty International, World Peace Council, and the World Veterans Federation.

The sixteenth General Assembly of the NGO Conference will be held at the headquarters of the World Health Organization in Geneva during September, where elections for the Board will be held.

Six international bodies nominated the WJC for the Board, an unusually high number since ordinarily only three are required. The six organizations are: International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, Socialist International Women, International Alliance of Women Federation of UN Associations, International Council of Women, International Council of Jewish Women.



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Alzheimers Disease

Alzheimers Disease will be the topic of discussion on the hour long Sunday morning public affairs program for older adults, "These Are The Days," which will air July 28th on WJAR-TV 10 at 11 a.m.

The program, which airs the last Sunday of each month, is co-produced and hosted by Sara Wve of WJAR-TV 10 and Dr. Donald Spencer of the University of Rhode Island. "These Are The Days" is taped before a studio audience.

The program will feature Dr. Martha Fretwell, a geriatrician from Roger Williams Hospital, and Pat Ferland, a registered nurse from Rhode Island General Hospital.



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Resnik scholars shown with their plaques are: Erik Mehlman (Temple Habonim Religious School), Scott Moskol (Temple Sinai Religious School), Marjorie Inall (Harry Elkin Midrasha) and David Herman (Temple Beth-El Religious School). Not shown is Sharaona Weinberg of the New England Academy of Torah.

The Annual Meeting of the Bureau of Jewish Education highlighted the honoring of teachers and students for their outstanding achievements in Jewish education.

One of the important functions of the Bureau is to press for the highest stan-

dards possible in its teaching personnel. Just as competency testing of teachers is a key issue in secular education, Jewish educators too are concerned with the insuring the greatest professionalism among their colleagues. Andrea Ilsen, a teacher at the Solomon Schechter Day School, and Mar-



Andrea Ilsen is shown receiving her certificate from Dr. Robert Young, chairman of the Bureau's certification committee. Barry Dana is looking on.

ion Gribetz, on leave from teaching at the Elkin Midrasha and Temple Torat Yisrael, were awarded teacher certification. Marion Gribetz was unable to attend the meeting since she was studying in Israel in the prestigious Jerusalem Fellows program of the Hebrew University.

Jay Balaban, a student at the New England Academy of Torah, received the Rubinstein Music Prize from Dr. Michael Rubinstein. Jay, a student of piano for 13 years, won the prize because of his many contributions to the musical life of NEAT. A major force behind the NEAT band, Jay is called upon to play the piano for all the affairs of Providence Hebrew Day School and New England Academy of Torah.

A new prize was awarded at the Bureau's Annual Meeting: The Philip Glanzman — Roger Williams Lodge of B'nai B'rith Education Award. Given to the outstanding

seventh grader in a Jewish school, the award entails a financial prize and inclusion in a handsome plaque mounted at the Bureau. This year's award winner is David Miller of Temple Torat Yisrael Religious School. David won the prize because of his academic achievement and outstanding essay. Howard Gold of the Lodge is showing pointing out David's Award to the audience.

Through a Jewish Federation of R.I. Endowment Fund Grant, the Resnik family has chosen to memorialize the late Nathan Resnik. Presented to the most accomplished graduates of Jewish high school programs, the Resnik award includes substantial financial prize and an attractive plaque. The financial prizes are generally awarded at the student's graduation. The plaques are presented at the Bureau's annual meeting.



Howard Gold presents award to outstanding scholar, David Miller.

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