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### After Mengele: Legal And Illegal Hunt Continues

by Larry Kohler

(JSPP) — Josef Mengele may now be dead, but the hunt for Nazi war criminals in the United States remains very much alive, the nation's chief prosecutor of such criminals assured a Jewish audience in New York recently.

A corpse widely accepted as Mengele's was unearthed in Brazil last June. But Neal Sher, director of the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations, dismissed fears that the death of the world's most famous Nazi fugitive would "let the air" out of the hunt for others.

He also dismissed the impact of a campaign by some Eastern European emigre groups to discredit his office, which is devoted exclusively to prosecuting former Nazis.

Elizabeth Holtzman, the Brooklyn district attorney and former member of Congress, praised Sher's efforts, but criticized the "infinite delay" she said former Nazis can look forward to under the current legal set-up.

Since its establishment in 1979, the OSI has been charged with finding former Nazis and Nazi collaborators who entered the United States after World War II by concealing or lying about their pasts to immigration officials. The office then takes them to court for lengthy denaturalization and deportation proceedings.

Allan Ryan Jr., a former OSI chief, has estimated that 10,000 immigrants hiding Nazi pasts may have entered this country after the war. To date, OSI has succeeded in deporting eight former Nazis and stripped 17 of their U.S. citizenship. It has brought a total of 50 cases to court, where 35 are still pending.

Sher, who agreed the process was lengthy and frustrating, said that despite this, and despite Mengele's death, "The OSI is busier now filing and litigating cases than it ever has been in its six-year history."

The meeting also saw Sher rise to bluntly criticize audience members who expressed sympathy with recent bombings against men who were prosecuted by his office but acquitted.

Therim Soobzokov, 61, a former Waffen S.S. member, died recently of injuries he sustained when a blast hit his home in Paterson, N.J. Elmar Sprogis, a 70-year-old former Latvian police official now living in Brentwood, Long Island, escaped injury recently when a bomb hit his home. But a teenage boy who ran to warn his mother of the exploding house was seriously injured and had to have his leg amputated. An anonymous caller claimed credit for the Jewish Defense League after the second bombing.

Legal proceedings against Soobzokov were dropped in 1980. During ongoing investigation, OSI found its charges regarding his Waffen S.S. membership to be true; but it also found he had not concealed this from U.S. officials when emigrating. Last June, an appeals court also found that Sprogis had been present as a collaborator in Nazi death camps, but it upheld a lower court ruling that found insufficient evidence he had taken an active role in persecuting those imprisoned there.

Sher vigorously condemned the attacks against both men as terrorism. But no major Jewish group at the time was on the record condemning them.

Asked about this at the meeting, Rabbi Michael Murr, of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York, asked the assembled group if they all did not deplore such attacks. Arthur Adler, who described



Elizabeth Holtzman

himself as "an interested observer," raised his hand and said "I disagree." Another woman said she would sympathize with him if all legal remedies were exhausted.

Stepping to the microphone, Sher said curtly, "I'm a little surprised by these comments, to be perfectly blunt with you. When the courts rule, that's it, as far as I'm concerned. And it should be as far as the American people are concerned too."

Menschem Rosensaft, founder and chairman of the International Network of Children of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, strongly criticized Jewish groups for not issuing statements explicitly condemning the attacks.

Warning that the next targets could be Jewish, he said, "Once such violence is accepted in a situation where there is a legitimate system of justice, the system is finished."

Reached later, Malcolm Hoenlein, director of JCRC, condemned the attacks as "counter-productive in getting support for the prosecutions of Nazi war criminals." JCRC is an umbrella group for most of the major Jewish organizations.

"We do understand the frustration of some individuals," Hoenlein said, "but the legal process against these criminals has picked up now. . . We think more is necessary. They're still not at the point they should be."

Referring to the teenager injured in the sustained attack, Hoenlein said, "We would condemn the bombings and regret the innocent life hurt. . . The problem is, you can't isolate it. The first bombing hit Soobzokov, but in the second, an innocent person was hurt."

Asked if he meant to say that the attacks were wrong mainly because the second one hit the wrong person, Hoenlein replied, "I think that is an added dimension, plus that they're counter-productive in terms of maintaining and building public support for Nazi prosecutions."

Spokespersons for the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the American Jewish Committee, and the American Jewish Congress, condemned the attacks unequivocally when reached by phone.

"Whatever the motive for it, it's terrorism," said Ad Congress spokesman Israel Levine. "It represents a fundamental challenge to the civil order and ultimately undermines the security of Jews who depend on that order."

Levine admitted that "in a democracy there are always loopholes. People get away with murder. But this doesn't alter the fact we must still have a set of laws that are operative. If they are defective we must change the laws."

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### Japan-Israel Relations Warm Up

by Jim Heraberg

(JSPP) TOKYO — Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzchak Shamir's recent visit to Japan is concrete evidence that Japan is warming up its ties with Israel as part of an effort to take a more active political role in the Middle East. Japanese and Israeli diplomats say.

"We are testing the waters," said Kunisada Kume, deputy director-general of the Japanese Foreign Ministry's bureau of Middle Eastern and African Affairs. "We are trying to upgrade our relations with Israel in order to broaden the scope of our diplomacy toward the Middle East."

Both Japanese and Israeli officials link Shamir's visit, and a preceding flurry of exchanges, to what they describe as a more balanced economic relationship between Japan and the Arab World.

While Japan still imports nearly 70 percent of its oil from the Persian Gulf — mostly Saudi Arabia and Iran — that is a ten percent drop from the period following the October 1973 Arab-Israeli War, when an Arab oil embargo sent prices skyrocketing.

The oil weapon has been blunted in recent years by a glut on the market, and in Japan's case, by the emergence of a Japanese economic counterweight that has made its trade ties with the Arab world a two-way street.



Yitzchak Shamir

"Japan's vulnerability vis-a-vis Arab countries has diminished compared to ten years ago," said Kume in a recent interview. "Now our relation is based on interdependence. They need Japan as a buyer of oil, as a major supplier of goods, construction help, development assistance

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### Traveling In Israel: Safety Is First With El Al Israel



Aerial view of Tel Aviv's Mediterranean waterfront showing Independence Park in the foreground.

by Robert Israel

One of the questions I have frequently been asked since returning from my visit to Israel this summer concerns the safety of air travel today. Is it safe to travel to Israel today with all the hijackings, bomb threats and terrorists? The answer is yes, it is safe, but travel via El Al Israel.

When I flew to Israel via El Al Israel airlines, it was during the hostage crisis in Lebanon. When I was returning to the United States, there had been an explosion in an airplane in Copenhagen, Denmark. Preceding that incident, there had been plane crashes in Japan, England and Ireland.

But I never once worried about any of those problems while aboard an El Al Israel flight. I felt secure. I felt safe. And I was impressed with the security measures taken at the airports, conducted efficiently and politely by El Al Israel airlines security guards.

Flying over to Israel, I was awakened at sunrise by the sound of Hassidic music in

my earphones. The tune, as I grossly remember it, was "Sholom Aleichem." When I opened my eyes a man standing in front of me asked if I wanted to join him and the other men for services. I was too sleepy to participate, but would have if they needed to make a minyan. But the response was overwhelming; there, in the bulkhead, a group of men were davening, putting on tefillin, and singing with the same enthusiasm as the Hassidic singers on the earphones.

I doubt that an incident like this occurs on your average airlines! But that is what makes traveling El Al Israel so unique and memorable.

I have never been one for airplane food, even traveling first class. It seems that the cramped conditions on board a plane are not conducive for gastronomic delights.

But on El Al Israel, we were served strictly kosher nibbles and they were outstanding. The card on the bottom of the tray was printed in Montreal, stating

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## Local News

### Temple Emanu-El

The coming week will see a number of activities taking place at Temple Emanu-El. To usher in Sukkot the Temple Sisterhood will host the annual Sukkah dinner on Sunday, September 29 at 5:30 p.m. The dinner, for which reservations are required, is already completely booked. On Monday, September 30 services will be held at 9:30 a.m. and 6:15 p.m. and on Tuesday, October 1 services will take place at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

On Friday, October 4 there will be an Early Kabbalat Shabbat Service at 5:30 p.m. in the Bohnen Vestry. The Early Kabbalat Shabbat Service is conducted entirely by lay people and is followed by a Kiddush. The service provides an opportunity for families and individuals to worship in a more informal atmosphere. All are invited and welcome to attend. (For more information about the Early Kabbalat Shabbat Service contact the Temple office at 331-1616.)

Coming up later in October at Temple Emanu-El will be our New Member Weekend (October 18 and 19), the Odessa Memorial Concert (October 27) and a Regional Board Meeting of the United Synagogue (October 28). Planning for these events is currently under way and further details will be forthcoming.

### Cong. Beth Shalom

Congregation Beth Shalom, located at 275 Camp St., will be holding services during the holiday of Sukkot according to the following schedule: Sunday, September 29, the first night of Sukkot, Mincha will be at 6:15 p.m. On Monday, September 30, the first day of Sukkot, Shachrit will be at 9 a.m. and Mincha at 6:15 p.m. On Tuesday, October 1, the second day of Sukkot, Shachrit will be at 9 a.m. and Mincha at 6:15 p.m. On the intermediate days of the festival Shachrit will be at 6:45 a.m. On Sunday, October 6, Hoshana Rabba, Shachrit will be at 8 a.m. On Monday, October 7, Shemini Atzeret, Shachrit will be at 9 a.m. and Yizkor will be recited at 10:30 a.m. The Simchat Torah celebration will occur that evening at 6:45 p.m. The next morning, Tuesday, October 8, Simchat Torah, Shachrit will be at 9 a.m. and the Torah Celebration at 10 a.m.

### Temple Sinai

The celebration of Sukkot began at Temple Sinai, 300 Hagen Avenue, Cranston, on Thursday, September 26 when the Temple Sisterhood began decorating the Sukkah. This decoration celebration continues on Sunday morning, September 29, as the Sunday School classes help with the decorations.

Sukkot services begin on Sunday evening September 29 at 7:30 p.m. with a

## Sukkot Services

Family Festival service. Sukkot services continue on Monday morning, September 30 at 11:15 a.m. with the Morning Festival services. Evening services will be held at 5:45 p.m.

Simchas Torah services begin at the Temple on Sunday evening October 6 at 7:30 p.m. with a Family Festival service. This joyful service will be highlighted by the annual consecration of new students of the religious school. Services for Simchas Torah continue on Monday morning, October 7 at 11:15 a.m. with a Morning Festival service. Yizkor will be said at the evening service beginning at 5:45 p.m.

### Temple Am David

The holiday of Sukkot, the festival of thanksgiving for the harvest, will be celebrated at Temple Am David, Warwick, beginning Sunday, Sept. 29.

The traditional Kiddush following all services will be held in the Sukkah constructed by the congregation adjacent to the Temple for this holiday. Services will be conducted by Rabbi Richard Ben Leibovitz and Cantor Steven W. Dress.

The schedule of services is as follows:

**Sukkot**

Sunday, Sept. 29: Mincha-Maariv — 6:15 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 30, and Tuesday, Oct. 1:

Family Service — 9 a.m.; Junior

Congregation — 10 a.m.; Mincha-Maariv

— 7 p.m.

**Shabbat Chol Hamoad Sukkot**

Friday, Oct. 4: Evening Service — 8:15

p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 5: Family Service — 9

a.m.; Junior Congregation — 10 a.m.

**Hoshana Rabba**

Sunday, Oct. 6: Morning Service — 8:15

a.m.

**Shemini Atzeret**

Sunday, Oct. 6: Mincha-Maariv — 6

p.m.

Monday, Oct. 7: Family Service — 9

a.m.; Junior Congregation — 10 a.m.;

Yizkor Memorial Services — 10:30 a.m.

and 6:15 p.m.; Mincha service — following

the evening Yizkor Service.

**Simchat Torah**

Monday, Oct. 7: Maariv, Hakafot and

Consecration Service for students

beginning Hebrew School — 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 8: Family Service — 9

a.m.; Junior Congregation — 10 a.m.

### Cong. Mishkon Tfiloh

**Sukkot Schedule**

Sunday, evening, Sept. 29, 1985

Light festival candles, 6:13 p.m.

Mincha-Maariv services, 6:15 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 30, 1985

Services at 9 a.m.

Monday evening, Sept. 30, 1985

Mincha-Maariv services, 6:15 p.m.

Light festival candles, 7:15 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 1, 1985

Services at 9 a.m.

Yizkor, 10:30 a.m. — Hoshana Rabba

Services at 8 a.m.

Sunday evening, Oct. 4, 1985

Light sabbath candles, 6:03 p.m.

Saturday morning, Oct. 5

Services at 9 a.m.

Yizkor, 10:30 a.m. — Hoshana Rabba

Services at 8 a.m.

Sunday evening, Oct. 6

Light festival candles, 6 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 7

Shemini Atzeret services, 9 a.m.

Yizkor, 10:30 a.m.

Monday evening, Oct. 7

Light festival candles, 7:03 p.m.

Mincha Torah Maariv and Hakofot, 7

p.m.

Tuesday morning, Oct. 8

Simchas Torah services, 9 a.m.



### Simchat Torah Luncheon

Congregation Beth Shalom, located at 275 Camp St., will be holding a festive Simchat Torah luncheon on Tuesday, October 8. The luncheon, which will consist of a chicken dinner, will take place at approximately 1:00 p.m. immediately after morning services on that day. The entire Jewish community is invited. Pre-paid reservations are necessary and should be mailed to the Beth Shalom office by October 1. The charge is \$5 for each adult and \$2.50 for each child under ten. Zemiros and communal singing in the holiday spirit will accompany the luncheon.

## Understanding Sukkot

three times a year when the Hebrew people would gather from all over Israel to Jerusalem, to the Holy Temple, bringing offerings to G-d. Sukkot is one of the three, the other two are Pesach and Shavuot.

**Four Species Over Which We Make**

**A Blessing On Sukkot**

**One Eitrog** — The fruit of a citron tree. It is shaped like our heart that yearns for better things rather than for selfish things and goals. It is both tasty and fragrant like the Jew who is learned in Torah himself and does kind acts for others.

**One Lulav** — A branch of the date palm tree. It is shaped like our spine that sways as we pray and bends in gratitude. It bears tasty fruit (dates) but has no fragrance — like the Jew who is learned (has kind acts) but doesn't concern himself with others.

**Three Hadassim** — Twigs of a myrtle tree — it is oval shaped as are our eyes. It is important to direct our vision away from harmful distractions and concentrate on sources of inspiration to the good. It is fragrant but fruitless and tasteless, like a Jew who is kind and charitable, but unlearned in Torah.

**Two Aravot** — Twigs of a willow tree — it is an elongated oval like our mouth. May we control it from evil talk and use it to sing our gratitude to the Lord. It is neither tasty nor fragrant — like a Jew who has neither knowledge nor good deeds to his credit.

We take them all together just as all Jews should unite and as we should worship G-d with all our body.

Rabbi Kaplan is spiritual leader of Congregation Mishkon Tfiloh in Providence.

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by Rabbi Philip Kaplan

A Glossary for Sukkot  
Succoth means booths. It begins the 15th day of Tishri, a holiday celebrating the 40 years the Hebrew people wandered in the desert and lived in booths. We eat in the Succah for seven days (some eat for eight days).

**Succah**, a booth or hut, shaped with a roof of bamboo sticks or wooden slats, but not completely covered so that one may see the stars.

**Yom Tov** means good day — the first two and last two days of Sukkot, when the holiday laws are annulled.

**Chol Hamoad**, all holidays, the five days between the first two days of Sukkot and the last two.

**Hoshana Rabba**, the great Hoshana, the 7th day of Sukkot — no holiday laws apply. On this day we perform a ceremony, the beating of Hoshanas in remembrance of a ceremony performed at this time in the Holy Temple.

**Shemini Atzeret**, the eighth day of Sukkot, an eighth day added to Sukkot to lengthen the celebration of the holiday with "Haashem."

**Tefilat Geshem**, a special prayer said on the eighth day, Shemini Atzeret, asking G-d for rain. At this time the rainy season begins in Israel.

**Simchat Torah**, the celebration with the Torah, the day after Shemini Atzeret (a 9th day), this day marks the finishing of the weekly readings from the Torah in the synagogue as well as the beginning of our reading it again from the start.

**Hakafot**, circlings, we dance around the synagogue with the Torah children carrying flags with apples.

**Shalosh Regalim**, three pilgrimages.

## Harry Kolodney Honored By RIBBB

The Rhode Island Better Business Bureau nominates Mr. Harry Kolodney as Arbitrator of the Year.

Mr. Kolodney is a retired master electronic technician and machinist. He has extensive experience with electronic technology and competent knowledge with most types of machinist equipment as well as U.V. and radio repairs.

His educational background consists of U.S. Government (Civil), basic pre-law courses in administration, U.S. Army administration and NCO courses. He is a graduate of New England Technical Institute. He also speaks Yiddish fluently. Some of his community activities include involvement with Meals on Wheels (volunteer program) and religious and secular affairs.

Mr. Kolodney has been arbitrating for the RIBBB since March 1983. During that time he has shown great initiative and expertise as an arbitrator. He has arbitrated five cases in which he has arrived at fair and honest awards. His decisions and reasons on each case has been explicit; it's quite evident that he puts a considerable amount of thought into writing them.

Mr. Kolodney has been kind enough to volunteer in mock arbitrations for the purpose of supplying information to the news media and he is always anxious to volunteer his time and services whenever needed.

It is the recommendation of the RIBBB that Mr. Kolodney be awarded "Arbitrator of the Year" for the brilliant job he has performed for business and the community as an arbitrator for the Better Business Bureau.

## Carol Ingall To Speak To Hadassah



Carol Ingall

The Young Women's Evening Group of the Providence Chapter of Hadassah will meet at the home of Gerri Schiffman on Wednesday, October 2, at 7:30 p.m. Dessert and coffee will be served, followed by the meeting at 8 o'clock. The speaker will be Carol Ingall of the Bureau of Jewish Education and also a member of Hadassah. Her topic is "The Crisis in Jewish Education: the Feminization of the Profession."

Nonmembers are also invited to attend. For further information, call Gerri Schiffman at 751-9431.

## 20th Reunion At Hope High

The Hope High School Class of 1965, cordially invites its classmates to their Twentieth Year Reunion on Sunday the Thirtieth of October at the Johnson and Wales Hospitality Center (formerly the Colonial Hilton).

For further information please contact Carolyn Guglielmetti at 272-4793 for the January Class and David Hochman for the June Class at 467-2296. Both can be reached after 5 p.m.

## R.I. Self-Help To Meet

Rhode Island Selfhelp invites members and friends for a get-together on Sunday, October 6, 1985, at 2:30 p.m. in the Senior Lounge of Rhode Island Jewish Community Center, 401 Elmgrove Avenue, Providence, R.I.

Delicious refreshments will be served as usual.

## Solomon Schechter School News

If an apple a day keeps the doctor away, then Watch out! The New England Medical Association — the Solomon Schechter Day School has just picked a year's worth of protection. Apple picking at Sunset Orchards in fact, the first of the lower grades' ventures into the great outdoors, meshes with their study of trees and their celebration of Rosh Hashanah, season of apples and honey.

Sixth graders will get a breath of fresh air with six other New England and Long Island Solomon Schechter schools during their week-long stay at the extraordinary Cape Cod Nature Center. Laden with back packs, sleeping bags, and other various paraphernalia, the students will spend this week away from family and school, living together and developing an appreciation of each other's talents and abilities. Environmental science comes alive with specialty courses like "Interview a Plant," "Hidden Bog," and "Adventure Feature." Kindergarten children will visit Shartner farms for a further look at the fall harvest and a chance to pick pumpkins. Then it's on to Carantunk Wildlife Refuge for hands-on studies in ecology and natural science.

Autumn in New England is a joy to experience — especially at Solomon Schechter.

## PROVTV To Meet

P.R.O.V.T.Y. (Providence Temple Youth) is starting its new year with a bang! To find out what we have planned for our exciting year, you will have to come to our first meeting, October 6, at 11:30 a.m., in the board room at Temple Beth El. A six-foot long grinder and make-your-own sundae will be served, so don't eat before you come. P.R.O.V.T.Y. wishes everyone a happy and healthy new year. Rides are available!!! If there are any questions or problems contact President Alison Goldberg, 944-9405.

## Journey To Israel With Rabbi Rosen

A Family Pilgrimage to Israel will be led by Rabbi David Rosen of Temple Torat Yisrael in Summer 1986. Members and nonmembers of the Cranston synagogue are invited to participate in the trip, which will include stayovers in Tel Aviv, Tiberias and Jerusalem.

Rabbi Rosen and his wife Marcie lived in Israel for two years. The trip will include a number of visits to sights frequently overlooked by conventional groups.

In addition to visiting all the "must see" places throughout the country, participating in the pilgrimage will also have the opportunity to visit Kibbutz Hanatan, the first kibbutz established by the Conservative movement; visit Avshalom's Caves, and exciting new geological discovery; take a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee; bathe in the waters of the Dead Sea; visit Kfar Habad, a village inhabited and run by Lubavitch Hasidim; visit Stern Street, Rhode Island's Project Renewal twin, and share home hospitality with Moroccan residents of Jerusalem; take a Shabbat afternoon walking tour with Rabbi Rosen through Jewish Jerusalem.

The group will depart Rhode Island on June 30, and return July 14. Arrangements can be made to extend one's stay in Israel or to stop-over in Europe or Cairo on the way back.

For additional information, call the Temple Torat Yisrael office (785-1800).

## B'nai B'rith

### Temple Am David

The Lodge invites you and your guests to an extra special evening at Temple Beth Am-Beth David on October 18 at 7 p.m. to share a kosher deli dinner, hear an exciting speaker and witness the induction of Lodge members.

LT. Commander Arnold Resnicoff, Chaplain Corps, United States Navy was in Beirut, Lebanon on October 23, 1983, when a terrorist bomb killed and wounded more than 300 Americans. Rabbi Resnicoff was one of the first rescuers on the scene. An expert on terrorism, he will discuss "Terrorism and Some of the Ethical Issues Involved in Coping with It."

## Temple Sinai Adult Education

Temple Sinai, 30 Hagen Avenue, Cranston, again offers Continuing Adult Education courses beginning on Tuesday, October 8 and continuing for 6 weeks.

Course listings are as follows:  
7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. **Continuing Hebrew.** Mr. Raphael Pitchon will teach this course to those who have a basic knowledge of Hebrew and who wish to expand these skills.  
7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. **How Can We in the 20th Century Understand the Jewish Response to the Inquisition (1200-1600)?** Jennifer Yaffe (B.A., M.A. Bryn Mawr) will examine, along with you, the social and economic roots of the Inquisition and its ensuing effect.

8:40 p.m.-9:40 p.m. **To Be or Not To Be a Jew . . . That is the Question?** Join Rabbi Astrachan in the first part of a two semester course which will explore the difficulties and rewards of being a Jew in America today.

November and December. **Cinema at Sinai.** Details on this unique program to follow.

For a brochure on Adult Education please contact Temple Sinai at 942-8350. All courses are open to all members of the community.

## Jewish Home For Aged News

National Adult Day Care Center Week begins September 22. Adult day care is a relatively new phenomenon. Until a few years ago, options for elderly and

handicapped adults were limited. There was no middle road between living independently and being cared for in an institution.

Now, thanks to adult day care, older people have a choice. Elderly and handicapped adults unable to be left alone but not requiring around-the-clock medical attention can obtain needed health care and social programs — and still return to their homes and communities in the evening.

Adult day care encompasses a wide variety of programs at a reasonable cost, including transportation to and from the center, nursing care, physical therapy, hearing and speech therapies, psychiatric counseling, and referral services. Most programs also include recreational activities and provide meals. Today, early 25,000 older Americans have joined more than 800 adult day care centers nationwide.

"Adult day care is an innovative concept that enhances the lives of our elderly by keeping them socially active and involved in the community," said William A. Edelstein, administrator of The Jewish Home for the Aged in Providence, Rhode Island where the Comprehensive Day Care Center is located.

William A. Edelstein added, "Adult day care also benefits the families of our participants, because it provides them with a brief respite."

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## From The Editor

by Robert Israel



### Tzedakah: At Beth-El And Everywhere

One of the most meaningful aspects of my work as editor of this newspaper is to write about tzedakah in our community.

What is tzedakah? It is a commandment — not something that we can debate or discuss — stating that we must set aside a portion of our earnings to give to others in need. It is a dictum that reminds us not always to think about ourselves, but to think about others.

Put another way, it reminds me of the conversation I had recently with Charles Samperli, president of the Jewish Federation.

"We are working within the same community toward the same goals," I said, "but I am in the newspaper business and you are in the mitzvah business."

"It would be better to say that we are in the business of doing mitzvahs for others," he said.

In other words, tzedakah.

Temple Beth-El in Providence recently performed tzedakah in the community when it cleaned houses, so to speak, and unloaded several hundred desks and chairs from the religious school. Enrollment at Beth-El's school is still one of the highest in the state, but they found themselves with an overload of desks and chairs as well as other office material.

At first they had a yard sale for their members and many members bought desks and chairs for their children.

Then they made an announcement in the community. Did any other school or Jewish agency need the furniture? It would be made available at a reasonable price.

The Jewish Community Center in Providence picked up 40 chairs at \$5.00 a piece. And the Providence Hebrew Day School bought some chairs and desks and a chalkboard or two, prompting PHDS executive director Samuel Shlevin to write to Temple Beth-El's Robert Goldberg, "This has been an act of true tzedakah."

And then Temple Beth-El searched around the community-at-large. There were still more desks, chairs, typewriters and other school and office supplies to be cleared away.

Representatives from the Urban League and South Providence Tutorial were contacted and the rest of the equipment found a new home. Now the children in schools in South

Providence will have a place to sit while they learn. And the typewriters will be used to help these students learn to write. Twelve chairs also found a home at the R.I. Hospice for the nurses' lounge.

And so, because of a belief in tzedakah, the example of Temple Beth-El proves that there is indeed a place for generosity in our community.

Tzedakah must also be called upon when there is a crisis.

"Operation Moses," the rescue efforts of the Combined Jewish Federations and the State of Israel to airlift Ethiopian Jews from their drought-stricken country, recently made headlines again when that project was awarded the prestigious Jabotinsky Award (see last week's Herald).

Tzedakah was needed urgently and every community in the United States responded. Locally, the Federation was able to raise funds with organizations like Touro Fraternal Organization and others contributing to the cause.

And now there is another crisis right near our border, in Mexico.

The rubble from the earthquakes in Mexico City has yet to be cleared. Bodies are still being found under the fallen buildings.

It is not surprising, then, that when I opened the newspaper earlier this week to look for a list of where I could send a donation for the Mexican earthquake relief that the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee was listed.

There are many other agencies, all seeking to contribute to that relief, to ease the pain and suffering that the Mexicans are experiencing even while you read this editorial. But it struck me that the belief in tzedakah is so strong in the Jewish culture that it extends to everyone, in every land in the world.

Here is the address:

American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Mexico Relief, Room 1914, 60 East 122nd Street, New York, New York, 10165, (212) 687-6200.

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This New Year 5746 begins as all New Years begin, full of promise, full of strife, full of commandments for social action and social responsibility.

I urge you to act on the commandment of tzedakah here in our community and in all the communities seeking our help throughout the world.

## On Crow Bar Mitzvah

The recent bar mitzvah of a Stamford, Conn. teenager in a synagogue in Crow, Poland was a magnificent event, one that infused life into that dying community. It was an event that brought joy to all in people — but, unfortunately, the worst as well.

A member of the Polish Jewish community had suggested the bar mitzvah to some visitors from the UJA/Federation of Jewish Philanthropies. He liked the idea and the local Federation in Connecticut asked Eric Strom, whose father is from Poland, if he would consent to the honor. The boy agreed and studiously learned two Haftorahs — one to be recited at his bar mitzvah here and the other for the bar mitzvah a week later in Poland.

Strom was taught by a rabbi who is both Reconstructionist and a woman, Emily Korzenick. She accompanied the family to Poland and on her arrival was the only rabbi in the country. But three days before the event, which had received massive publicity in the United States, an Orthodox rabbi and cantor arrived. They said they came at the request of Orthodox groups to ensure that the bar mitzvah was performed in accordance with traditional Jewish ritual.

The bar mitzvah was to be performed in the Remu synagogue, named after the Orthodox Ashkenazic rabbinic authority quoted in the Code of Jewish Law. And that is where the bar mitzvah took place. Before the Holocaust, Crow had been a bastion of Orthodox Judaism. To now have a woman Reconstructionist rabbi officiate at the first bar mitzvah in Crow in 20 years was insensitive both to the 600 Jews who lived there and the Orthodox Jews abroad whose donations have maintained the city's Jewish cemeteries and few remaining synagogues.

But that insensitivity was compounded by the actions of the Orthodox rabbi who hurriedly flew to the scene for the event. First, the Remu synagogue was locked to all visitors and the bar mitzvah service was moved to the Tempel synagogue.

Then the rabbi, Nahum Elbaum, officiated at services both Friday night and Saturday morning. Elbaum's teacher, Rabbi Korzenick, was confined to the balcony reserved for women. She watched from there as Elbaum delivered a sermon Saturday morning, noting that Eric's bar mitzvah was taking place two years after the Nazis overran the city and began their systematic extermination of its 60,000 Jews.

But when Eric finished his Haftorah, he motioned to Korzenick and she walked down from the balcony. She stepped up to him, the raised platform in the center of the synagogue, to deliver her own prepared remarks. The *New York Times* reporter observing the event said that as she stood beside her student, "Rabbi Elbaum pulled away the tallit, or prayer shawl, that she was going to place over her shoulders. And when she began to talk, he said several times, 'But the ladies cannot speak in synagogue.'"

His cries went unheeded by others in the synagogue and Korzenick was able to explain that the Haftorah Eric read had condemned violence and intolerance. She compared that with the violence and intolerance exemplified by the Holocaust, but she could have also compared it to the intolerance displayed by the rabbi trying to stifle her.

After the service, the *Times* reporter said, both the "Orthodox rabbi and the cantor from New York" said the participation of Reform or Conservative rabbis had offended local Jews.

That conflict did not end on that Sabbath morning in Crow. The back-stabbing was continued in Temple Sinai in Forest Hills two weeks ago by Rabbi Alexander Shapiro, president of the Conservative movement's Rabbinical Assembly. In remarks at a meeting of the Long Island Board of Rabbis, Shapiro delivered a scathing attack on the Orthodox movement's Rabbinical Council of America (RCA) and in particular its president, Rabbi Louis Bernstein.

Shapiro's criticism was focused on a statement issued by the RCA before Eric's bar mitzvah in which Bernstein said "it would be a betrayal of Jewish history" if other than an Orthodox rabbi officiated at the service.

Shapiro said that "what happened at Crow represented not some craziness" but a continuation of the conflict between Orthodoxy and the other branches of Judaism. He referred to Elbaum, who runs

a travel service, as a "commercial hack" and expressed disgust with Elbaum's "readiness . . . to show up another human being because she is a woman."

And he said that the best in the involvement of Conservative or Reform rabbis in the synagogue "represents the ultimate kind of polarization . . . It was a *chillul haShem* in a community that soon will not be to have the affront to damage a moment of beauty because they believed they have the ultimate truth. Even from the standpoint of *halacha* (Jewish law), what was she doing? She was teaching."

Shapiro said this incident illustrates the rift between Orthodoxy and the Conservative and Reform branches of Judaism.

"The issue we must face is the narrowing circle that is going to strangle us more and more until we are transferred into narrow protestant sects," he observed.

Shapiro added that he has not been able to initiate a meaningful dialogue with either the Orthodox or Reform movements. He said that after his historic appearance before the RCA's convention last year — the first time a Conservative rabbi addressed the Orthodox convention — "Rabbi Bernstein was almost crucified" by other Orthodox rabbis for inviting him.

And Shapiro said Rabbi Alexander Schneider, the head of the Reform movement's Union of American Hebrew Congregations, will have a dialogue with him about civil rights but not about theology or Jewish law "or the things that have to do with the relations between man and G-d."

Shapiro's stinging comments about Bernstein were taken in stride by the Orthodox leader, who said he expected such a response. And he charged that the entire Crow visit had been deliberately "orchestrated to divide and embarrass" the Orthodox community. To have permitted a Reconstructionist rabbi to officiate at a service in the Remu synagogue would have been a "mockery," he said.

We believe the new year is a time to call a halt to this divisiveness. We also call that meetings of such umbrella groups as the Long Island Board of Rabbis should not be used as platforms from which to castigate fellow rabbis and increase the division. Rather, such organizations would serve a beneficial role if they worked to confront the issues that divide us and attempted to find a common ground for a working relationship.

Shapiro said it best when he told the rabbi: "Unless you talk and communicate with one another, the 21st century will see the dissolution of the Jewish community as we now know it."

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### Career Awareness Conference

Several B'nai B'rith lodges in Rhode Island have combined their energy to hold a Career Awareness Conference for high school youth in the Rhode Island area on Sunday, October 20, 12 noon to 4 p.m. at Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Avenue, Cranston, Rhode Island.

The decision to hold the conference came after several months of meetings to choose an issue that all the lodges wanted to work on.

Now B'nai B'rith is looking for men and women in a variety of occupations who would be willing to share their experiences on their jobs in an informal setting with high school youth at this conference. No great public speaking abilities are required. The discussions will be in small informal question and answer sessions. If you're interested in participating, please call either Marty Waldman (401-831-7967) or Ken Weinstein (401-861-9001). All high school age youth are welcome to attend to learn more about the realities of the working world.

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## Letters To The Editor

### To The Editor:

Your editor of your newspaper, Robert Israel, is a gifted, caring, talented, sensitive person, and I want to share these feelings with you.

His "Rosh Hashanah: Greeting a New Year (5746)" in the *Providence Journal Bulletin* is a fine example of the essence of this fine young man.

Mrs. Dorothy Frank Fox



### To The Editor:

Your article about the Brangus cattle being raised at Bat-Silomo ranch from frozen embryos flown to Israel from Texas (September 6) was interesting and accurate. Your readers may be interested in knowing that Americans who wish to participate in this project may do so by investing in a limited partnership that has been formed by the American Corporation. Detailed information about this venture, which carries with it special tax benefits, may be obtained by writing to Amira Corporation at 330 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10017 or by phone at (212) 867-6757.

Israel D. Rosen

### To The Editor:

This past week the American Heart Association completed its first annual Food Festival, a national nutrition awareness event reaching 90 million people. Locally, we thank the six supermarket chains (over 65 stores), the 25 restaurants and 11 hospital cafeterias for their participation.

American Heart's Food Festival represents our firm commitment to public nutrition education. Of prime concern to us is the consumers' access to accurate information about the foods they purchase so they can make informed choices about their diet.

On September 18 a bill was introduced in Congress to amend the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act such that food labels would list the exact fat and oil content including the amount of saturated, polyunsaturated and monounsaturated fats and cholesterol, sodium, potassium and calorie content. Passage of this bill will serve as an important and critical tool in making informed food choices. With diet high in fats and cholesterol being one of the major risk factors that contribute to heart disease and stroke, we strongly urge Rhode Islanders to write their members of Congress and encourage them to pass this important Nutrition Information Labeling Act.

## Safeguarding Free Expression

by Robert D. Sumner

"I have always painted what I considered most true, most just, best and therefore, most beautiful. But during the commission and inspection in Spain, I felt that was not enough, that I had to fight with my painting," Picasso said.

So using the easel as artillery, he answered the fascist bombs with a barrage of paint that was almost as lethal as the heaviest shell. His painting, "Guernica," with its terrifying eloquence, was reproduced by millions and served to catalyze world opinion.

The true artist is a resolute, unbending power, capable of action to support his conviction.

Nor are art's adversaries and oppressors simply the opposition in a friendly debate. From Bismarck, who said, "Nothing should be left to an invaded people except their eyes to cry," comes this judgment: "No work of art is worth the bones of even one of my Pomeranian Grenadiers." And from his 20th-century counterpart who wrote in *Mein Kampf*, "Humanitarianism is the expression of stupidity and cowardice," comes this cultural verdict: "Anyone who sees and paints a sky green and pasture blue ought to be sterilized."

Measurably more subtle and infinitely more insidious was Lenin's attitude toward creative work, especially literature. He worried because "literature is the last thing to lend itself to mechanical equalization, to leveling, to domination by the majority."

Or consider Khrushchev's feeling toward art. He thought art useful, but it "must be permeated with the spirit of a struggle for Communism, a socialist mentality, and a consciously sense of duty."

There is a common thread here — Bismarck, Hitler, Lenin and Khrushchev. These men, along with others throughout history, used their offices to censor works of art and by degree to restrict, persecute, confine and murder artists as a class. They deplored the power of the artist to contradict their views, to move hearts and incite change.

Karl Marx defined the artist's power well. "Art is always and everywhere the secret confession and, at the same time, the immortal movement of its time." And Somerset Maugham added, "The value of art is not beauty, but right action. . . it must teach man humility, tolerance, wisdom and magnanimity." And from Jean Cocteau, "Art is not a pastime but a priesthood — a powerful calling."

No artist exercised more power or was responsible for more profound social change than Voltaire. He fought injustice, all his life, was twice jailed, banished from France, and overcame all opposition to

become the liberating influence of Europe. In 1778, just before his death, he returned in triumph to France and was acclaimed a hero. He gave his name to a whole age, the Age of Voltaire.

And the poet Lord Byron played a pivotal role in the liberation of Greece. Tolstoy changed Russia's attitude toward the serfs, and painter Jacques Louis David became one of the forces of the French Revolution.

One would think that music, that art least bound to the everyday, could not be used for political or reformatory ends. Yet one genius, Verdi, became the linchpin of Italy's struggle to free itself from Austria. His very name became the symbol of that fight (V-E-R-D-I). Vittorio Emanuele, *Re d'Italia*). In his opera *Nabucco*, the chorus of enslaved Jews sings the beautiful, "Va, pensiero, sull'ali dorate" ("Fly, thought, on golden wings!") It reached the hearts of the Milanesi audiences, who saw themselves (as one historian put it) "as Jews suffering under Babylonian yoke." It was inflammatory. From then on — up to Aida — Verdi had troubles with the government censor. He did not give in. Stubborn, he insisted on creating without interference. Finally, Verdi the artist won. And as we know, the tradition for speaking out through music continues today.

These examples of the power of the artist to change society confirm that art is at the very center of our life. The great artist, the true creator, is by nature a driven, uncompromising creature whose creative passion makes him a formidable, even dangerous, power. Although he is not always God's messenger, he is his own voice. We need not follow, but we must guarantee that he is heard.

As Franklin D. Roosevelt said at the opening of the Museum of Modern Art in New York in 1939, "The conditions for democracy and for art are one and the same."

As I think about my own commitment to artistic freedom, I think about the color, texture, depth and joy that I find in art, and how I want that pleasure preserved. I think about the need to actively oppose any censorship and repression in the arts. The men and women of the entertainment industry must serve as an aware and ever-present force wherever and whenever freedom of the spirit and mind is challenged. It is a matter of life and death.

Robert D. Sumner is president, RCA Records. This article is excerpted from his remarks on accepting ADL's *Human Freedom Award* at a Music and Performing Arts Division luncheon in New York.

## "Fading Grace" Calls For Dignity

by Irving Greenberg

Death is a fact of life. From the moment of birth, people begin to die. The flow one reacts to death can critically shape all one's values. Buddha's encounter with death when he was a young prince turned him decisively away from this worldly life as an illusion and snare. At Roman orgies, skulls were passed around to stimulate even more frantic excesses, with the admonition, "Eat, drink, and be merry! For tomorrow we die!"

Human beings cannot be mature until they encompass the sense of their own death. The terrible sense of the shortness of human existence gives urgency and significance to the totality of life. To confront death without being overwhelmed or drive to evasions and narcotizing is to be given life again — as a daily gift. Sometimes, people experience this gift in an accident, critical illness, or the death of someone close. Too often, the effect fades as the presence of death recedes and the norm of normal life becomes routine reality.

In the Jewish calendar, the *Yomzim Noraim* (Days of Awe) structure the imaginative encounter with death into an annual experience — in the hope that the experience will liberate life. Unlike all the other Jewish holidays, neither Rosh Hashanah nor Yom Kippur is linked to remembrance of a specific event or the commemoration of catastrophe. This is the time for the individual to concentrate on mortality and the meaning of life. The real power of the days lies in their tapping into the deep human feelings about death.

In the High Holy Days period, the tradition guides the individual to take up the challenge of death at three levels. One challenge is to confront the encounter with death itself. Starting before and going through this period, the Jew focuses on the vulnerability of life and the limits of human control.

The encounter with non-existence is set off by the awareness of creation. Whatever is born, dies. By tradition, Rosh Hashanah is the "birthday" of the world on the "birthday" of humanity. (From the Talmud, *Rosh Hashanah* 10a.) This birthday, i.e., New Year's Day, is not the occasion for a party to wipe out the passage of time in the oblivion of celebration but a time for taking stock. The possibility of non-being leads to the question: what is it all worth? What has been accomplished?

"Who shall live and who shall die?" This image jolts people into a heightened awareness of the fragility of life. "This question poses the deeper issue: if life ended now, would it have been worthwhile? Is one aware and grateful for the miracle of daily existence?"

The Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur liturgies focus on the world's Creation and on God as creator and ruler of the universe. By the standard of Creation, human beings can be judged as to whether they are acting in accordance with its values and goals.

The second challenge is to deal with the

constant encroachment of death in the person's life. Living can also be a process of dying. Routine and stagnation are forms of death in life. People often stop growing long before they are recognized as dead. The key to a person's vital living is perpetual renewal of life. The Jewish tradition seeks to attain that goal by a continual process of examining life. The awareness of being judged for life and death is a stimulus to stop living routinely.

Out of the themes of non-being and judgment flows the central image which underlies the Days of Awe season: the trial. Jews envision a trial in which the individual stands before the One who knows all; one's life is placed on the balance. A thorough assessment is made: is this life contributing to the balance of life? or does the net effect of the person's actions tilt the scale of existence toward death?

The trial image captures the sense of one's life being in someone else's hands. The *shofar* of Rosh Hashanah proclaims that the Judge before whom there is no evasion or hiding is now sitting on the bench. Sharpened self-awareness, candid self-judgment and guilt flow from the possibility that a death sentence may be handed down at the end. Like a firing squad, a trial for life wonderfully concentrates the mind.

At the climax of the drama on Yom Kippur, Jews enact death by denying themselves the normal human pleasures. On this day, traditional Jews put on a *kittel* — a white robe also worn when one is buried. The life processes of eating, drinking, washing, and sexuality are stopped for twenty-four hours. Guilt (in the form of confession) and encounter with the dead (in *Yizkor* memorial prayers) and the final trial judgment dominate the day. This could be a morbid experience. But Judaism's encounter with death is in the service of life. The deeper result and goal is a new appreciation of life.

To know how fragile the shell of life is, is to learn to handle it with true grace and delicacy. Only one who realizes the vulnerability of loved ones can treasure every moment with them. The encounter with death turns the individual toward life. Death can only be opposed by life, just as death-in-life can only be opposed by growing in life. Instead of standing there, letting death constantly invade life, Judaism strikes back. To match the deprivations of death in life, Judaism raises the realm of death and turns it into a space to life.

This period seeks nothing less than the removal of sin and the renewal of love. People who confront their guilt and failure in human and divine relationships — in the context of community oneness and divine forgiveness — can correct errors, develop new patterns, renew life. "For I do not desire the death of the wicked, but that he turn from his paths — and live." (Ezekiel 18:23) To turn is to be reborn. To turn is to live — more than before.

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## After Mengele

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The other groups echoed Levine. Asked why the AJ Congress had not issued a statement on its own condemning the attack, Levine explained that most of its leadership was in Israel at the time.

Replied Samuel Rabinovitch director of the American Jewish Committee's legal department, to the same question: "We don't have to come out and prove we're decent everywhere there's an act like that. We're opposed across the board; it assumed."

Justin Finger of the ADL's civil rights division also asked sharply, "Why is everyone coming to the Jews on something like this? Why don't they ask the Protestants?"

At the small meeting in New York between Sher and interested Jews was billed as a "consultation" in the wake of the discovery of Mengele's corpse in Brazil. Sponsored by JCRC, its speakers stressed reassurance and vigilance.

Sher said that with the discovery of Mengele's corpse, which he believed genuine, and the deportation of important Nazi figures in the United States, few "big name" war criminals still living had not been dealt with. But he strongly warned against a "numbering system" for war criminals.

"Do we call people in New York City who murder 10 or 20 people small fry?" he asked. Sher noted it took "hundreds of thousands of people to run the railroads, patrol the ghettos and perform the numerous other tasks that made the Holocaust." For their victims, they were the Holocaust incarnate.

Under law immigration laws after World War II, many entered the United States, Sher noted. Some of them did so with the assistance of government agencies which saw them as resources in the new Cold War against the Soviet Union, he added. OSI's explicit mandate as an office to redress this, he said, had no counterpart in any other country.

"Our biggest enemy now is time," Sher mused. While OSI's business now was gratifying, "it's sad when you realize what could have been done if OSI was active 25 years ago," he said.

Holtzman called for new legislation to speed up the grinding legal process, which now must go through three separate, long phases. First, OSI must make its case regarding the facts of a defendant's Nazi past. After this, comes denaturalization proceedings, a difficult process, with many opportunities for delay. Only after the defendant has been stripped of his citizenship can deportation proceedings be initiated against him — a third and final lengthy process.

These proceedings against the Rev. Valerian Trifa, a leader in Rumania's fascist, viciously anti-Semitic Iron Guard during Nazi rule of that country, took nine years, Holtzman noted.

The district attorney called for legislation that would combine the second and third steps. Under her proposal, denaturalization and deportation would be considered simultaneously.

Holtzman also noted that not infrequently, those deported face no trials when they arrive in the countries accepting them. Trifa, for example, went to Portugal after Rumania and Israel refused to accept him for trial. He continues to live there undisturbed. The United States itself cannot actually try Nazi war criminals for their crimes since those crimes did not take place on U.S. territory.

"We must talk about putting pressure on other countries" to accept the deportees and put them on trial where

they committed their crimes, Holtzman said.

Sher noted that Israel had recently filed an extradition order for one former Nazi, raising the question of whether the U.S.-Israel extradition treaty could apply to crimes committed in other places, before Israel even existed. A lower court in Cleveland has ruled that it can, he observed, though that ruling is currently on appeal.

The most prominent OSI target in recent months has been Arthur Rudolph, a celebrated rocket scientist among those brought to the United States after working for Hitler during World War II. When confronted by OSI last year, Rudolph volunteered to Germany rather than face prosecution. But now, Rudolph has been taken up as the object of a rehabilitation campaign by one of the groups seeking to curb or roll back the work of OSI, Sher said.

The scientist gained fame in this country for his work on the Saturn V space ship. But during World War II, he worked as production manager of Hitler's V-2 rocket project. In that capacity, said Sher, he commanded a work force of slave laborers subjected to "atrocious" conditions including frequent beatings and hangings. Yet "he regularly requisitioned more slave laborers," said Sher, "hundreds and thousands of them."

There was also evidence that U.S. officials had "sanitized" Rudolph's war record to make him eligible to enter the country, the attorney said.

Rudolph returned to Germany last year, but now retired colleagues of his are lobbying Congress to allow his return.

"Rudolph can stand on his head as far as I'm concerned," said Sher, who noted that in a formal agreement, the scientist had acknowledged he could not contest the charges against him in court. "I can assure you, Rudolph will never set foot in this country again," said Sher.

The prosecutor took note of other campaigns against OSI by Eastern European emigre groups attacking the office for accepting evidence and testimony from the Soviet Union. He observed that in a recent report, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith had documented anti-Semitic statements by some of these groups in their literature.

His office, Sher added, "tests all documents submitted by the Russians scientifically" and had not found any forgeries.

OSI officials also travel to the Soviet Union to take testimony from witnesses, he said. The Soviet Union, in an unusual move, has accepted American judicial process in these cases, so the defendants also have the right of cross-examination any may call their own witnesses. In several cases, Sher noted, Soviet evidence had helped exonerate defendants.

Sher expressed confidence the anti-OSI campaign would fall.

But Holtzman said the emigre groups were making dangerous headway. She noted that six members of Congress had signed a letter to one group's request asking that Karl Linnaus, a Nazi collaborator from Estonia who worked in concentration camps, not be deported.

In addition, Patrick Buchanan, President Reagan's communications director is on record favoring the office's abolition. Before his recent government appointment he stated he saw no "singularity" in the Holocaust. He has also met with supporters of Rudolph.

## Japan-Israel Relations

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and so on. This has given us greater maneuverability."

For this reason, Israeli diplomats in Tokyo have argued that Japan, which chilled but did not break diplomatic relations with Israel after 1973, need not fear Arab retaliation if it becomes friendlier with Israel.

One sign that Japan is willing to test this theory is a number of industrial contacts initiated in recent months. This spring, a delegation of Japanese industrialists visited Israel to investigate high-technology and investment opportunities.

In April the Japanese Chamber of Commerce organized a seminar on Israeli high-technology attended by 200 Japanese businessmen, after demurring on previous occasions. And, most concretely, the first joint production venture between Israeli and Japanese firms was agreed on in June.

Politically, Shamir's visit to Japan and an expected retreat call by Japanese Foreign Minister Shinjirō Abe are the most tangible indications yet of a new phase in Japanese-Israeli ties, but officials say the once-strained atmosphere between the two countries has already improved dramatically.

"There has been a change which one can notice very vividly, since the oil market has changed, since there has been less cash in the hands of the Arabs, since Japan has found it should not only act as an economic power but also as a power in the international field," commented an Israeli official in Tokyo. "With all our lack of assets here, relations are fairly good," one official added, noting the absence of a substantial Jewish community in Japan that could speak up for Israel to counteract Japan's strong economic connections to the Arab world.

Still, officials predict any evolution in Japanese policy toward Israel will be gradual rather than dramatic, and Israel concedes that there are few hopeful signs in the area where it most needs help these days: the economy.

Most Japanese firms adhere to the Arab boycott imposed since 1973, and Israel is skeptical of Tokyo's claims that the government has no say in the policies of private companies. As a result, Japanese exports to Israel have remained low —

about 60 million dollars in 1984 compared to 220 million dollars of Israeli exports, primarily diamonds, to Japan.

Also disquieting to Israel is Japan's stand — reiterated by the Foreign Minister during a July Middle East tour that included talks with Syrian and Saudi leaders and PLO chief Yasser Arafat — in favor of a United Nations peace conference to settle the Arab-Israeli dispute with direct PLO participation. Jerusalem opposes both ideas.

But Japanese officials point out that any heightening of Tokyo's Middle East role would of necessity involve a closer relationship with Israel.

"Abe's visit should be seen in that context," said Kume. "We're trying to increase our contacts with both sides, including the Israelis. In the past we've concentrated on the Israel-Iraq war, because that was more important to us economically. We're fully aware that our role in the Arab-Israeli dispute is limited (but) we are expected to be more active in the region politically and not just from an economic view."

Since emerging from the American occupation after World War II, the Japanese government has tread gingerly in international politics, and relied on Washington's nuclear umbrella for protection. The upswing in diplomatic activity in the Middle East is widely seen as reflecting Japanese desires to begin placing a global political role commensurate with its economic superpower status.

A Tokyo-Jerusalem rapprochement would fit into Israel's diplomatic game plan as well. Recent years have seen a subtle shift in Israeli diplomacy from Black Africa to the Far East in efforts to recoup ground lost after the 1973 war and as a result of international public opinion setbacks because of the 1982 invasion of Lebanon.

Most recently, Israel has appointed a full-time consul to Hong Kong — in part, it is widely believed, to facilitate under-the-table trade with China — and an Israeli diplomat confirms that Jerusalem is attaching a "greater urgency" to relations with Japan and the newly-industrializing countries of the Pacific basin.

by Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK (JTA) — Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir today told the Presidents Club of the Israel Bond Organization that although there is a long way toward an economic recovery in Israel, the beginning of such a recovery has already taken place.

Speaking at the luncheon meeting at the Regency Hotel here, the Foreign Minister and Deputy Premier said that Israel needs now to increase exports and increase investments in its economy. "For that we need the support of the Jewish business community in the United States and around the world. There are signs that we are going to get that help," Shamir said.

Recalling that he recently completed a visit to Japan, Shamir noted that the Japanese business community is extremely fearful of the Arab boycott and therefore has been withholding conducting business with Japan. He said that Israel is very much interested in developing economic ties with Japan. He called on American Jewish businessmen who do business with Japan to use their influence with the Japanese, and convince them to do business with the Jewish State.

## Traveling In Israel

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that the food was prepared according to dietary laws.

Later, leaving Tel Aviv for Amsterdam, we passed through security again, we were asked the same questions regarding our baggage, and off we went, on a bus to the aircraft. Those of you who have traveled in and out of Kennedy airport are familiar with the bus service to the aircraft, which may be a bit inconvenient, but it is surely more security conscious than being able to walk over to the aircraft at the terminal. In Amsterdam, we endured the most complete check of luggage ever. We were frisked in a small booth near the check-in. I was asked to open everything in my carry-on bag, including my camera. I did so, willingly, settling in later to a comfortable ride to New York.

There are other airlines to take to Europe and Israel, but none of them offer the services that El Al Israel airlines offered when I traveled this summer. The most important feature of that journey with them was the secure feeling I had that despite the trouble in the world at many airports and with many airlines, I would be arriving safely and securely.

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## Different Goals, Groups Share Desire For Better World

by Susan Higgins-Bostain

Men and women are social animals driven by moral consciences to achieve and excel. Individually we can make a difference in our world. Collectively our efforts can move mountains and make miracles.

Abraham Maslow, a distinguished psychologist, established a 5-tier hierarchy based on need fulfillment. He hypothesized that one level of needs had to be attained before man was cognizant of or desired to reach the next plateau. Basic needs necessary for existence demand initial attention. Successive levels generate more complex desires and ultimately the being longs to become a self-actualized person. Half-way up the long journey we long to be connected with others. We want to belong and then we want to reach out to others. The inner self wants to see good done and feel a sense of worth and meaning to life.

Different people travel many varied paths to reach the same point desired. Many are called to fulfill the roles that will one day weave together to create a most beautiful tapestry. Some roads are clear, some have paths which have been established and callings are known. For others the search will go on indefinitely.

In order to facilitate participation, Presidents of three of the most active groups in the community were asked to verbalize their goals for the coming year. Groups are not for everyone but if numbers of people share common goals the weight of many is often able to accomplish what the lone soul is not.

### Teaching, Healing and Research



Claire Bell

Claire Bell, President of the Providence Chapter of Hadassah, was thrilled to speak for the women she represents. According to Mrs. Bell, Hadassah which is the largest women's volunteer organization in the world, has a membership of 385,000. In Rhode Island 2,250 women call themselves members.

"In America," Bell begins, "our goals are the separation of church and state, prochoice legislation, improved child care facilities and an even greater awareness of Hadassah by local communities." Committed to making a difference in their world the women of Hadassah hope other women will heed their call and join their ranks.

"As committed Zionists, our goal in Israel is to help people, especially the Ethiopian immigrants by fulfilling the threefold aim of Hadassah — teaching, healing, and research," Bell continues.

While an increase in membership is a priority to the women of Hadassah, they are equally dedicated to fund-raising, upholding and promoting the goals of the national group.

The women of Hadassah support the Hadassah Medical Centers of Jerusalem and the community college, youth aliyah villages and other worthwhile projects of this nature.

### Community Service and Legislature



Barbara Coen

Barbara Coen, President of the Rhode Island Chapter of the Nation Council of Jewish Women excitedly explained the goals NCJW is striving towards this year. "We are active in so many new service projects including a new fund-raising project referred to as "Call Police." The banners have proven themselves to be valuable "car insurance" tool all over the country," Coen stated.

"NCJW volunteers also researched, wrote, and produced a handbook called *Child Care in Rhode Island, Choosing It and Using It*. The Book was funded and distributed by R.I. Department of Children and Their Families and the Department of Human Resources. A publication party is scheduled for Thursday, November 14.

Legislative concerns are very important to NCJW. Advocacy efforts similar to last year's monitoring of bills that supported improved funding and day care service in the state.

Other community service projects are combined efforts with other state groups.

"We are working in a coalition with the March of Dimes, Junior League and CAHSE, a group of adolescent health care professionals, studying services for pregnant teenagers in R.I. to present the Adolescent Pregnancy Child Watch Report," according to Coen.

The group is also concerned with the elderly population. "We deliver Kosher Meals on Wheels," Coen continues. "And we offer support through a program called RICAS, to people with life threatening illnesses and their families.

"In the spring we will continue the Community Service Award Luncheons to fund our scholarship program," Coen says proudly. "Last year we provided over \$7000 to various programs.

"We have also opened a second Thrift Shop in East Providence. Volunteers are active staffing the shop as well as all of these diverse projects of JCJW."

### Labor Zionists



Mollie Sklut

Ask Mollie Sklut, President of the Pioneer Women of Rhode Island what her groups goals are for this coming year and she enthusiastically replies. "As president of a senior group of Pioneer Women, I see our goals as multifaceted. We identify ourselves as a Women's Labor Zionist Organization. We help women who are struggling to fulfill roles, develop their potential and be valued by society at work and at home."

She sees development extending beyond this however. "We are exploring new directions in Jewish identity, so we must grow in our "Jewishness" as well as our womaness. Efforts are also being renewed to increase fundraising. Sklut says, "Our dollars are greatly needed in Israel to aid the inflationary economy and help support the new Ethiopian Jews who have desperate needs." Sklut cites the concerns of the aging population as a target area for Pioneer Women in the next year. She feels society must be willing to invest time and effort to provide the endeavors of the aged. Pioneer Women will work to advance the status of women and try to win recognition for the competence of older women. According to Sklut, Pioneer Women will also be monitoring the political scene for legislation pertaining to women.

### B'nai B'rith

WASHINGTON — B'nai B'rith International has allocated an initial \$1,000 for disaster relief in Mexico and called to its lodges, units and individual members to make similar contributions.

B'nai B'rith International President Gerald Kraft, who announced the plan to aid the victims of last week's disastrous earthquake, said that funds would be distributed as soon as the most effective use of the money can be determined. Checks should be made out to B'nai B'rith International, earmarked "Mexico Earthquake Relief," and mailed to B'nai B'rith Community Volunteer Services, 1640 Rhode Island Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. Kraft indicated also that additional aid is being planned by B'nai B'rith councils and state groups and by the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization.

For further information, phone B'nai B'rith Community Volunteer Services, (202) 857-6580.

## Lila Sapinsley Joins R.I.C. Faculty

Lila M. Sapinsley, chair of the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation, (RIHMFC) has been named adjunct professor of political science at Rhode Island College.

Sapinsley, a candidate for Lt. Governor in the last general election and a former state senator, will receive half time compensation for her work, according to Dr. Victor Profughi, chair of the college's political science department.

Profughi said that Sapinsley will have "major responsibility" in the teaching of two courses, one of them as a team teacher with Profughi.

The department chair said that she could be called co-instructor of comparative state politics, the course he is teaching with her this semester. She will also appear in three other classes as a lecturer and serve as a resource for students in the college's political science classes.

"In addition to teaching she will be useful in counseling students on independent study projects and research and term papers," Profughi said.

The department chair reported that Sapinsley will have similar duties next semester.

In the administration of Gov. Edward DiPrete she has served as director of the Department of Community Affairs and as a member of the state Water Resources Board. She presently serves as chair of the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Authority. The position carries no compensation according to Profughi.



Born in Chicago, Illinois, Sapinsley earned a bachelor of arts from Wellesley College.

She was the first woman to chair the Rhode Island Board of Trustees of State Colleges.

A Republican, Sapinsley was first elected to the Rhode Island senate in 1972. In 1975 she was elected minority leader, the first woman to hold this post in Rhode Island.

Sapinsley's husband, John, retired president of Carol Cable Company, is an associate professor of economics at R.I.C.

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## Around Town

by Dorothea Snyder



After my Rhode Island car registration was computerized and my driver's license validated, I was handed a pink paper that permitted me to pass through the gate at Newport Naval War College.

A twenty-minute delay at the Naval Police Station and then at the pass distribution office next door made me late for my interview with Rabbi Sanford Shudnow, a Lieutenant Commander, who is a student at the Naval Chaplain's School.

My sampling of red tape whetted my appetite to question Rabbi Shudnow about coping with regulations of military life.

But the calm of the Naval Chaplain's School and the merging of three kind chaplains to see if they could help me softened my focus on that subject. When I told them my purpose in being there, one chaplain's response was, "You couldn't meet a finer man."

"The 'finer man' is a Chicagoan, born, raised and educated at Northern Illinois University where he started out in pre-med. He completed his studies in Political Science and International Law at Northwestern Illinois University in Chicago. "Although I can talk on the subject," Rabbi Shudnow says, "I rarely do. As a chaplain, I'm not allowed to speak in any official capacity in that area."

He hasn't lived in Chicago for awhile, but he identifies the windy city as where home is. "Once you're in the military, especially the Navy, you're transferred around so often that you want to have a base of operations to feel personal identity."

His upbringing triggered his decision to serve in the Naval Chaplain Corps. One main factor was his active involvement in the Boy Scouts of America in council, regional and national levels. He attained the distinction of Eagle Scout. Followed by this was his association with Rabbi Arnold Resnicoff who coincidentally is completing studies at the Newport Naval Chaplain School.

"We met for the first time as students in Jerusalem and we were both students at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City. The fact that he had been in the Navy and was planning on being a chaplain brought out my religious and patriotic instincts," Rabbi Shudnow says.

"We talked a great deal about it. Later on in New York having seen him in all of his glory in his uniform and ribbons, I thought of this as a real possibility for me."

"When I was at the chaplain's school for the first time, I was employed as a Hillel director at the University of Miami in Coral Gables. From there as a chaplain, I went on active duty to San Diego and then to Yokosuka, Japan for three years where the Jewish chaplain serves all of the military branches. Rabbi Resnicoff was my predecessor."

Rabbi Shudnow came to the Newport Naval College from duty in Charleston, South Carolina. His Israeli wife Frida, daughter Sarrit, almost 9, and son Erez, 6, are in Charleston for the nine months he is in school.

"Most of the married chaplains have their families here," he says. "I'm probably the only one who doesn't. It's been a sacrifice, but we know that the children are receiving their Jewish education at the Hebrew Day School there and the family

has the stability of having the same friends and the same home for a while longer. Hopefully, we'll be making periodic visits whenever possible. There isn't much time for that with the intensive training we have."

"What's difficult," he acknowledges, "is trying to keep kosher. The Navy has gone all in to make my transition here as comfortable as possible. That is due in large measure to the directors of the school and the advanced course. Although I went home for Rosh Hashanah at personal expense, I was able to go."

Rabbi Shudnow is one of 18 chaplain students who began studies Sept. 9. The eighteen were selected from among over 100 naval chaplains. He mentioned that upon completion of studies, Rabbi Resnicoff will be on staff. "It will be unusual to have two Rabbis on active duty in the Navy in the same place and that the instructor will be a classmate of mine. We graduated from the Seminary and were ordained at the same time."

"It was instituted in recent years to have a rabbi on the staff so that rabbinical students and rabbis coming into the chaplaincy could have someone to identify with. That was the first problem as a student in the chaplains school basic course."

"When I came in on active duty in 1977, we discussed the question of where Jewish chaplains should be stationed. One primary concern was Newport, Rhode Island. Immediately when a rabbi would come to the school, he would have someone on staff to identify with. Also, for the sake of religious pluralism Jews would have impact upon Jewish concerns within the Chaplain Corps. Many of our chaplains came from backgrounds where they haven't had contact with Jews."

"Immense improvements have happened during the nine years I've been affiliated with the Navy Chaplain Corps. The sensitivity of the chaplains and staff with whom I work is really stupendous. This holds well for the future."

The major challenge any clergyman has in the chaplaincy Rabbi Shudnow said is to recognize how he should balance his parochial view of life with the pluralistic needs of the society and to recognize what is institutional chaplaincy versus ministry, the church or synagogue in a parochial setting.

"Each one of us chaplains are ecclesiastically endorsed. Ours, as Jews, is the JWB, Commission on Jewish Chaplains in New York City. Our position goes far beyond the limits of working with Jews... people of all faiths, people with no religious denomination or perspective... to serve all people as a constitutional."

"As I said before, many chaplains never had contact with Jews before and perhaps Jews haven't had much contact with Christians. We learn what that means. We work together in every way as a team. Sometimes there are rough edges; it takes a lot of learning, a lot of adaptation."

Rabbi Shudnow upholds the camaraderie and friendships he has in the chaplaincy. "It is an exciting aspect of my work. We are able to openly address subjects in a way that is very rare in the suburban community. Perhaps the chaplain corps is a paradigm of cooperation for the civilian community."

"Many of us will ultimately upon

## A SPECIAL EXISTENCE



Rabbi Sanford Shudnow, Lieutenant Commander, and Chaplain, United States Navy. (Photo by Dorothea Snyder)

retirement go into the civilian world and contribute a significant amount to cooperation and understanding. Even if we didn't have contact with Jews, there would still be validity in our work because of our representational aspect of working in cooperation with other people and representing the pluralism that America stands for."

"I don't think all rabbis are up to the task. Rabbis who are chaplains, yes. It's not for everybody. I do think it's an exciting possibility for people. However, many civilian Jews who I have talked with don't really understand what it's all about especially in my case where I am perceived by many to be a very observant, religious and scholarly Jew. I'm completing a doctorate in Talmud and Rabbinat at Jewish Theological Seminary so I'm very source conscious in terms of religious literature and observance."

"My place as a chaplain is not understood by many, but that's natural for them not to understand because they have had no true contact with it. After I spoke at a Shabbat farewell luncheon on my behalf in Charleston, many people said 'Get out of the Navy' which I think they meant in a complimentary fashion. "You're too valuable as a rabbi to us. Why is it that you're spending your time in the Navy?"

"I find the chaplaincy challenging and I think I do a very good job of it. "I humor them because they're not going to understand. They don't see me working in my context as a chaplain because they're not in the Navy. Among those at my farewell luncheon was a Jewish medical officer with whom I served... a Lieutenant Commander and a very devoted Jew. He spoke extemporaneously on what it meant to have me as his chaplain."

Rabbi Shudnow spoke about his deep sense of community and involvements with the Charleston Jewish community, the Hebrew Day School, the Jewish community center, the synagogue. "We have chosen very much to be a part of the community. They see us in a civilian context often teaching classes, giving a sermon or leading services. They think it's wonderful. They like it and benefit from it. They don't see us in context of our day to day."

"Some people even say 'You don't wear a uniform, do you.' I reply I always wear a uniform. That's our life and that's a special existence."

The chaplain's role Rabbi Shudnow said is to provide religious programming and support for people of our own

denomination and to facilitate other religious programming. "I, as a rabbi, would not be expected to conduct Protestant worship services, but I would be expected to help facilitate all other religious programming and to have another chaplain or minister provide beyond the scope of what I can perform. This is a unique opportunity."

"Discussing the problems confronting him, Rabbi Shudnow says, "A Jewish chaplain runs the full range anyone would have in a military setting. We don't only have Jewish counseling. If there is no specific request to see a Jewish chaplain or a Catholic or someone else, we will see that person."

"It could go from family and marital problems all the way to questions of where the person will be stationed next and drug-related problems. We offer pastoral counseling. When it goes beyond the scope of our abilities, we refer the person to professional counseling. The Navy provides a vast and excellent array of services."

The chaplaincy today, Rabbi Shudnow says, is a highly competitive system with extremely capable people. "It has grown in many respects over my nine years in it and for the better. People who are unable to adapt to change have no place in the chaplaincy. You have to constantly learn and grow with it."

"When you receive orders to drop everything, it's hard to part with what you have in a community. My name was on the stationery of the Jewish Federation and Jewish community center in Charleston. All of a sudden the Navy gives you orders and you go!"

"It's difficult each time you have established something you have had a stake in. You believe in it. The people you work with you love and care for, but when you receive military orders, it's your duty to go. You have to start all over again."

The redeeming feature Rabbi Shudnow claims is "your reputation and the good will of other chaplains go with you. So, you're always ready to go and start all over again. At the end of nine months I'll receive orders for another place. If this is your life, this is what it's going to be. In every job there are sacrifices, and yet I am exposed to many different settings. My family and I have enjoyed it. I believe we have benefited substantially."

"I'm serving my country and my people," Rabbi Shudnow expressed. "I also feel I'm benefiting all of the Jews and all of us as Americans. I'm very pleased to wear the uniform of the United States Navy."

# At Our Table



driven poor Mendel and his peas crazy) are proudly displayed on the wall behind the counter. And if your favorite lunch treat has been omitted, ask and you shall have it made for you. People behind the counter are friendly and helpful (they are also cheery in the morning).

Rib-warming soups, mostly of a rich vegetarian stock, conjured up by Dave and his cooks are now available daily. Each day a different special is featured by this talented group, i.e. lasagne, quiche. Each day they are able to make a limited quantity. People who know, go to eat at the Meeting Street Cafe before the crowds arrive.

My second most favorite reason for eating at Meeting Street Cafe is the "all you can eat salad bar." A garden of delights that Hieronymus Bosch would have been pleased to call his own, is offered every day. Thirty-five to forty crunchy-fresh items are beautifully presented. Homemade dressings (compliments of someone's mom again) make the salad. Several cheeses are offered and make this a satisfying, delicious and healthy way to appease the appetite.

Meeting Street Cafe tries very hard to please. Located on the east side of Providence, they open at 8 a.m. and stay until 11 p.m., except on weekends when they go home at midnight. They prepare all their food with the freshest ingredients, homemade. A full well stocked deli lets you take your food to go and make your own picnic. Don't neglect to sample the carrot cake, it's beautifully decorated and pure catnip for the sweet tooth. One last note, the Cafe does not have a liquor license. They encourage you to bring wine or beer to accompany your meal.



Dave McAllister, proud owner of Meeting Street Cafe on the East Side of Providence.

by Susan Higgins-Bostian

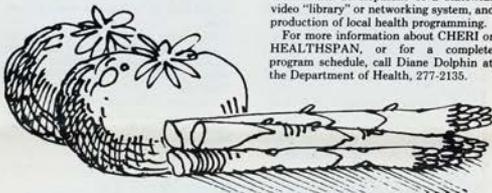
Meeting Street Cafe has the aura of an asham for vegetables, the variety of a New York deli and sweets that could make even Joan Rivers a better person. One wall is a floor-to-ceiling window overlooking Meeting Street making the view a nice compromise between the excitement of Thayer Street and the serenity of a side street. Potted trees are interspersed between small round tables and beams of sunlight burst through the panes. When Keith and I were eating there, I told him I feel as if there is an unwritten sign at the Meeting Street Cafe. It says, if you meet the Buddha at Meeting Street Cafe buy him a bagel.

Keith and I like it there. We discovered this little second floor hide-away on our way to work one morning and kept asking each other why we had missed it before. Fresh coffee beans are ground as needed and the new espresso/cappuccino machine

fills the air with that special aroma that caffeine addicts like us adore. Hombaked muffins and breads conspire to pleasantly delude one into assuming they are dining at somebody's mom's home. Dave McAllister, the owner and creative genius of edibles, has some ambitious plans for a.m. diners and currently he is offering a full bagel breakfast including whitefish and lox.

Lunch and dinner are also good times to visit this charming eatery. Keith and I cannot seem to agree whether Fafelaf is truly health food. It's made from chick peas, high in protein and low in fat but it is deep fried. It is an interesting dilemma complicated by the fact that the Meeting Street Cafe makes a most delicious mid-eastern fefelaf pocket. I confess it is but one of the reasons I return to the Cafe, but definitely one of the strongest.

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Initiated by the Rhode Island Department of Health, CHERI's primary goal is to utilize video for public health. The first step in that direction has been taken by the group's cooperation with the Rhode Island Higher Education Cable Television Council to present 2½ hours of programming each week on the statewide interconnect cable television system. CHERI uses the public access facilities of Rhode Island Cable Television to edit the programs for presentation. Future plans include the development of a statewide video "library" or networking system, and production of local health programming.

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## Social Events

### Stacey Alpert Married To Robert Fraser



Stacey Robin Alpert and Robert Allen Fraser were married Sunday, September 22, at Rosecliff Mansion in Newport, Rhode Island. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Saul Alpert of Providence and Narragansett, Rhode Island. He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Fraser of Concord, Massachusetts.

Jaime Beth Alpert was maid of honor for her sister and Kenneth Malcolm Fraser was best man for his brother. Elizabeth and Andrea Chase, cousins of the bride, were flower girls. Ushers were Alberto Forchelli, brother-in-law of the groom, and Daniel Chase Alpert, brother of the bride.

After a honeymoon in Europe the couple will reside in Boston, Massachusetts.

### Martha Manishefsky-Golden Wed To Shepard Saunders

Mr. Barry Golden of Prescott, Ariz., and Ms. Marjorie Golden-Mossberg of Columbia, Ct., are pleased to announce their marriage on June 25, 1985, of their mother, Martha Manishefsky Golden of

### Calligraphy And Yiddish Club Begin

On Wednesday, October 2, the Jewish Community Center will begin its Adult activities with a class in calligraphy and a Yiddish Club.

The calligraphy class will be held on eight consecutive Wednesday nights from 7:30-9 p.m. at the Center. Joe Lipet, the instructor, has taught calligraphy in Florida and has worked with a company that designs stationery. The class will focus on the therapeutic value of calligraphy as well as the art of beautiful lettering.

The cost is \$30 for Center members, \$37 for nonmembers.

The Yiddish Club, led by Edys Markovitz, will meet at the Center on alternate Wednesday nights at 7:30 p.m. The group will hold informal discussions and conversations and will read poems and short narrative pieces.

The cost is \$3 for members, \$4 for nonmembers.

Ann Miller has details at 861-8800.

### Sheldon Mossberg Admitted To Bar

Sheldon A. Mossberg was admitted to the Bar of the State of Connecticut and the Federal Bar for the U.S. District Ct. in May 1985. Mr. Mossberg received a B.A. from R.I. College, M.A. from the University of Chicago, and a J.D. from the University of Ct. School of Law. He is presently an attorney with Connecticut Legal Services' Legal Assistance to Medicare Patients program in Willimantic, Ct.

Mr. Mossberg lives in Columbia, Ct., with his wife, Marjorie Golden-Mossberg and two children. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Mossberg of Warwick, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Mossberg of Pawtucket.

### Council Of Senior Citizens

On Friday, October 4, 1985, the Rhode Island State Council of Senior Citizens will hold the first meeting of the Fall Season, at the Council Chambers 3rd floor, Providence City Hall.

Members may come in at 11 a.m. for coffee and pastry, which will be available. Dr. Mary C. Mulvey, President, will call for the start of the business meeting at 12 noon.

The guest speaker is Dr. Nicholas Tsongas, who is also a State Representative, and his subject is "Is There Room For Big Business in Medicine?"

Madeline McDonald, Chairman of the Nominating Committee will present a slate of Officers, Executive Board Members and Committee Chairman for election by the membership.

Cranston, R.I., to Mr. Shepard G. Saunders of Providence, R.I. Mr. and Mrs. Saunders are making their home in Cranston.

### College Workshop At RIJCC

On Thursday, October 10 from 7-9:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence, a workshop on "How to Choose Your College" will be held for high school juniors and seniors.

Topics to be discussed include application timetables, how to read a college catalogue, campus visits and interviews, and useful books for decision making. The program will be led by Joanne Adler.

The cost for the workshop is \$12. Parents accompanying a teen are free.

Registration deadline is Thursday, October 3. Call Miriam Jefferson at the Center 861-8800.



### Friends Of Sakharovs To Speak At Brown

Irene Kristi, the last person to have seen Soviet exiles Andrei Sakharov and Yelena Bonner alive in Gorky, will be speaking at Brown University on October 10 at 7 p.m. The lecture will be held in Room 168 of the Barus & Holley Building at 184 Hope Street.

A recent emigre and a close friend of the exiles, Kristi wishes to remind people that the whereabouts of the Sakharovs, who were removed from Gorky by Soviet authorities over a year ago, are still unknown. Sharing the podium with Kristi will be Alexei Semyonov, Bonner's son, who recently ended a hunger strike at the Soviet embassy in Washington aimed at obtaining the release of his mother and stepfather.

Sakharov, a physicist, was seized and

exiled for his political activities in January, 1980, and a few years later, Dr. Bonner was exiled to Gorky as well. When Kristi saw the two of them there in 1984, she learned that Sakharov had begun a hunger strike to win permission for his wife to seek medical attention in Italy. On returning to Moscow, Kristi relayed this news to members of the Western press, was immediately arrested, and eventually, released to the West. The Sakharovs disappeared from their apartment in Gorky shortly after this incident and have not been seen since.

*Sakharovs*, starring Jason Roberts, will be shown following the lecture. Sponsored by the Council for International Studies at Brown, the evening is free and open to the public.

### Shalom Singles Share Coffee And Conversation

Join Shalom Singles (ages 40-55) for an enjoyable evening of "Coffee and Conversation" on Sunday, October 20 at 7:30 p.m. at a member's home in Brockton. Come to relax with new and old friends in an informal and comfortable setting — a wonderful way to start the New Year. Delicious refreshments will be served.

The fee is \$2 for members and \$3 for nonmembers. Please preregister by calling the Center, (617) 821-0030 or (617) 341-2016 by Tuesday, October 15.

### Miriam Levin Engaged To Michael Sirota



Mr. and Mrs. Milton Levin of Providence announce the engagement of their daughter, Miriam Lisa Levin, to Michael Dean Sirota, son of Thelma Parris and stepson of Howard Parris of Fairlawn, New Jersey.

She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Harold H. Katz of Pembroke Pines, Florida, and the late Dr. Harold H. Katz and Mrs. Michael Levin of Providence and the late Michael M. Levin.

He is the grandson of Samuel Brutin of Fairlawn, N. J., and the late Rose Brutin. Miriam is a graduate of Moses Brown School and Syracuse University School of Art. She is presently a freelance illustrator in Rhode Island and New York.

Michael will graduate in May from Syracuse University School of Law. He is president of his law class.

The wedding date is November, 1986.

### Sunday Matinees At RIJCC

*Kaddish, The Angel Levine, Kazaban* — three outstanding contemporary films to be shown at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence during the Sunday afternoon Film Series.

On October 13, *Kaddish* will be the featured film. Made in 1984, this provocative documentary tells of how the Holocaust affected the child of a survivor.

*Zero Mostel and Harry Belafonte* have the lead roles in the October 20 presentation of *The Angel Levine*, a humorous and sad story adapted from Bernard Malamud's allegorical tale about a down-and-out tailor who befriends a black angel on the outskirts of Heaven.

*Kazaban*, shown on October 27, was filmed in Old Jaffa and Jerusalem. It is an entertaining musical of a street-war hero who is trying to save his neighborhood from being torn down.

The price of the tickets is \$2.50 per film. Purchasers of tickets before October 4 can get three tickets for the price of two. Showtime is at 2 p.m.

For further information, call Ann Miller at the Center, 861-8800.

### Mossbergs Announce Birth

Mr. Sheldon Mossberg and Ms. Marjorie Golden-Mossberg of Columbia, Ct., are pleased to announce the birth of their second child, Sarah Rebecca, born August 21, 1985, in Hartford, Ct. Her older brother is Benjamin David.

Mrs. Martha Saunders of Cranston and Irving Golden of Canoga Park, California, are maternal grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Mossberg of Warwick are the paternal grandparents. Paternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Mossberg of Pawtucket.

### Sisterhood

Sisterhood Annual Donor Luncheon will be held on Monday, December 2, at 12 p.m. at the Marriott Inn in Providence. The program following the luncheon will feature the outstanding New York comedian, Sy Kleinman. Sy Kleinman is a practicing attorney and a member of the faculty of Columbia University Law School. An entertainer termed a "raconteur extraordinaire," Mr. Kleinman has performed to delighted audiences across the country. He has been described as "a smashing success," "a refreshing breath of intelligence, nostalgia, decency and hilarity," "a master of Jewish wit, wisdom and humor."

For more information call Katherine Cowett (331-9586).

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## Singles Calendar

On Wednesday, October 2, celebrate Sukkot in the JCC sukkah at 7 p.m. A delicious kosher Deli Meal will be followed by easy-listening and sing-along with folk singer Reyna Habif. Members \$4; Non-member \$6.

On Wednesday, October 9, join other singles for a convivial evening of pool, ping pong, Trivial Pursuit, snacks, and pleasant conversation in the JCC's new game room at 7 p.m. Member \$1; Non-member \$2.

Dance to the music of the Vic Michael's Sound Company at the JCC's Fall Fling from 8 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, October 19. Wine and snacks will be served. Members \$3.50; Non-members \$5.

Come to the Discussion/Dessert at the JCC at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 22. The topic will be "What Am I Searching For?" and will be facilitated by Judith Jaffe, M.S. Members \$1; Non-members \$2.

On Sunday, October 27, Howard I. Lipsey, Chairperson of the Israel Task Force of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island's Community Relations Council, will be guest speaker at Brunch at 11 a.m. Mr. Lipsey's topic will be "Israel: The Myths and Realities." Members \$3.50; Non-members \$6.

## Helene Weinstein Engaged Michael Zatloff



Miriam E. Weinstein of Needham, Mass., has announced the engagement of her daughter, Helene Rae, to Michael Trager Zatloff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Zatloff of Warwick, R.I., and grandson of Mrs. Celia Zatloff of Providence, R.I.

The bride-to-be is also the daughter of the late Herbert L. Weinstein and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Rosenfeld of Millis, Mass. She is a graduate of Boston University and earned her Master of Business Administration

degree from Babson College, Wellesley, Mass. She is currently employed by Morse Shoe, Inc. in Canton, Mass.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Rhode Island and earned his Master of Business Administration degree from Providence College, Providence, R.I. He is currently employed by the Wyatt Company, Wellesley, Mass.

A December 1, 1985, wedding is planned.

## Jewish Classes Planned At SAJCC

The South Area Jewish Community Center is pleased to offer three classes with a Jewish focus this Fall. "Let's Celebrate" provides a unique opportunity to learn about the many joyful Jewish holidays families can share together. Through group activities and discussion, participants will explore ways to meaningfully incorporate the traditions of the holidays into family life. The class will meet on Tuesday evenings, 8-9:30 p.m., beginning November 2.

The fee is \$20 for members and \$35 for nonmembers.

The Center is also offering beginning and intermediate Hebrew classes. Instructor Nechama Page has taught Hebrew for 11 years and is the author of the text for the courses. Beginning Hebrew will meet for 8 consecutive Mondays, 10:30 a.m.-noon, beginning Monday, October 28. Intermediate Hebrew will meet for 8 consecutive Wednesdays, 8-9:30 p.m. The fee for either class is \$32 for members and \$48 for nonmembers.

For further information, please call the Center, (617) 821-0030 or (617) 341-2016.



Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Lipson of Cranston who recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with a Dinner Dance held at the Crestwood Country Club in Rehoboth, Massachusetts, attended by 125 guests from California, Iowa, Connecticut, Massachusetts,

Florida and Rhode Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Lipson have three children, Dr. Melvin A. Lipson of Fullerton, California, Mrs. Harvey Levin of Cranston and Dr. David P. Lipson of Stockton, California and eight grandchildren.

## Sisterhood Of Temple Beth-El

The Sisterhood of Temple Beth-El announces its officers for 1985-1986.

They are as follows: President, Dorothy Kay Fishbein; Vice-Presidents, Roslyn Applebaum, Andrea Finkel, Nancy Lovett; Recording Secretary, Jill Cohen; Corresponding Secretary, Susan Fleisig; Mailing Secretaries, Rona Nachbar, Gloria Jarcho; Financial Secretary, Lynn Aaronson; Assistant Financial Secretary, Lorna Schiffman; Treasurer, Joanne Summer; Assistant Treasurer, Ann Klein.

## Cardiac Rehab Series At Miriam

The Miriam Hospital will be holding a Cardiac Rehabilitation Seminar Series beginning Tuesday, October 1, 1985, and continuing for seven consecutive Tuesdays.

The series will include lectures with a question and answer session. Light refreshments will be served following the lectures. Seminars will be held in Sopkin Auditorium at The Miriam Hospital, and they are open to the public.

Reservations are desired and can be made by calling The Miriam Hospital at 274-3700, extension 4021.

## Women's Center Needs Volunteers

The Women's Center, an emergency shelter for battered and homeless women and children, needs volunteers to provide over-the-phone assistance in the form of emergency help, information and support

to women in crisis. If you would like more information about our volunteer program, please call the Women's Center at 861-2760.

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## Arts & Entertainment



Dashing swordplay by Don Juan and Miguel is one of the many highlights of King Richard's Faire. The Faire re-creates a 16th century marketplace at festival time, complete with the King, Queen and their court plus a whole cast of village characters.

Located in South Carver, Massachusetts, on Route 58, the Faire runs through October 20, including Columbus Day, October 14.

### City Nights Ablaze With "Goodbye Charlie"

City Nights Dinner Theatre's fall season opens with George Axelrod's comedy *Goodbye Charlie*.

The show deals with what happens to a notorious playboy who is shot dead, and is reincarnated in the body of a gorgeous woman. The playboy, Charlie learns how the proverbial "shoe feels on the other foot."

The show stars John Cicero of Warwick, Sharon Lee O'Neill, a Trinity Square Conservatory graduate from Riverside and Kathy Salisbury of Cumberland. It is directed by David Jepson.

City Nights fall season begins after a two-month hiatus, during which time, apprentices and company members have been working at remodeling the theatre

with new coats of paint, black velvet drapes, a sophisticated lighting system and a fully enlarged stage. The theatre's main entrance is now embellished with a theatre marquee.

*Goodbye Charlie* will run every Friday and Saturday in September in the second floor ballroom of the Elk's Building Complex on Exchange Street, next to the Pawtucket Times Building.

Tickets for complete dinner and show are \$13.50. Cocktails are available. Dinner is served at 7 p.m. Curtain is at 8:15 p.m. For reservations, directions, information on group rates and subscriptions, call the Box Office at 723-6060.

### Leroy Jenkins Brings New Jazz To URI

Virtuoso jazz violinist Leroy Jenkins, one of a generation of Chicago composer/instrumentalists who have shaped the direction of the "new jazz" within the last decade, will perform at the University of Rhode Island's Main Gallery of the Fine Arts Center on Tuesday, October 1, at 8 p.m. The recital is free and open to the public.

As a composer, Jenkins was honored by the Brooklyn Philharmonic Orchestra's performance of his "Concerto for Improvised Violin and Chamber Orchestra" in 1983, and by the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., which recently selected him for their American Composers' series.

Educated at the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago and Florida A&M University on a full scholarship, he received his bachelor's degree in music education from A&M in 1961. Jenkins has led music workshops at the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, and Oberlin College, served as an instructor for the New York City Youth Board program for inner-city incarcerated youth, and also taught instrumental music in the Chicago school system.

In addition, he has been a visiting composer for the Creative Arts Collective and the Detroit Institute for the Arts, visiting composer in residence for the Assessoria Cultura, Italy, and guest artist at a Stradivari Festival in Italy, performing on a 17th century Stradivarius violin.

The author of three books, Jenkins also composed and arranged music for a children's record and book combination.

### Renoir Preview And Trip Planned

On Tuesday, October 8, 7 p.m., at the Pawtucket Public Library Auditorium, the Pawtucket Arts Council is sponsoring an Art Preview of the Renoir exhibit. The Arts Council's guest lecturer is Ann Dawson, a graduate student in the Art History Department at Brown University. She will offer a slide lecture presentation on the life, career, and work of Pierre Auguste Renoir.

On Saturday, November 26, the Pawtucket Arts Council is sponsoring an art trip to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts to view the Renoir exhibit. Boston Museum of Fine Arts is the only American museum where the Renoir exhibit will be seen. It has already made its debut in Paris and London.

This show which has been undertaken jointly by the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, the Reunion des Musees Nationaux de France, and the Arts Council of Great Britain offers a complete review of the artist's career, from his youthful production of the 1860's to the last works executed just before his death in 1919. Paintings have been drawn from thirty-seven museums and nineteen private collections from around the world. A deluxe motorcoach will leave from Pawtucket City Hall at 10 a.m. and return to Pawtucket at approximately 6 p.m. Time is allotted to dine at the museum restaurant, shop in the gift shop, and to visit the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum which is within walking distance of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. The fee for this one-day trip is \$15.00 For Arts Council members and \$17.00 for nonmembers (includes round trip transportation and admission to the Museum of Fine Arts).

### Violinist Chihro Kudo At R.I.C.

Chihro Kudo, violinist, who was recently appointed to the adjunct faculty of Rhode Island College, will lead off this season's chamber music series at the college with a program on Wednesday, Oct. 9, at 2 p.m. in the Roberts Hall recital room 138.

Chihro, a member of the International String Quartet which is currently in residence at Brown University, will be accompanied by Judith Lynn Stillman, RIC's artist-in-residence, on piano.

They will perform Tommaso Vitali's Chaconne, Franz Schubert's Sonata for Violin and Piano, and Max Reger's Op. 162 "Duo," and Maurice Ravel's Triptych.

Members of the RIC community and the public are invited free of charge.

Born in Nagano, Japan, Kudo began his study of the violin at age six under Kyoko Suzuki in Japan. He is prize-winning student at the Toho Gakuen School of Music, he studied chamber music and conducting under Hideo Saito.

In 1970 he won first prize in the Cultural Radio Music Competition, and is the recipient of the Performer's Certificate, Artist Diploma and the Rossana M. Enlow Young Artist Award from Indiana University where he studied violin with Josef Gingold and Franco Gull.

In 1974 when the International String Quartet was formed, Kudo and his wife, Machie Oguri-Kudo, performed as first and second violinists.

During its residency at Indiana University for five years, the quartet won the Premier Grand Prix in the International Chamber Music Competition and the East and West Artists Competition in New York.

In 1980 the quartet began its residency in Brown and has toured worldwide, playing in major cities in both North and South America, Europe and the Orient.

### Odetta At Westerly

The soulful balladry of the dynamic folk singer ODETTA will fill the Great Hall of the Center for the Arts on Sunday, September 29 at 8 p.m. Expanding on the success of the Center's Wednesday night Folk and Company Coffeehouse, three Sunday night concerts this season will bring world-renowned folk artists to Westerly. Beginning with Odetta's Sept. 29 concert, the series also includes Gordon Bok, Ann Mayo Muir and Ed Trickett on March 23, and Daglish, Larsen and Sutherland on April 20.

ODETTA was born in Birmingham, Alabama, moved to Los Angeles when she was six, and started private voice lessons at the age of thirteen. As a teenager she appeared at the Turnabout Theatre in Hollywood, and during a summer vacation from Los Angeles City College performed with a road company of "Finian's Rainbow" in San Francisco. There she learned a wide selection of folk music, heard a composition herself on guitar — a gift from a friend — and began her folk music career performing around San Francisco.

In 1950, ODETTA made her first professional appearance at the Hungry "I" and soon became a Wednesday-night regular, playing for \$25 a night. She next began an open-ended engagement at the Tin Angel, and gave reviews in the *San Francisco Chronicle* and other papers helped establish her first large following. From the Tin Angel, ODETTA was booked at New York's Blue Angel, appearing on a bill with comely Kaye Ballard. During this time, ODETTA first met Harry Belafonte and Pete Seeger, musicians who have remained close personal and professional friends.

Reservations are recommended for ODETTA's September concert, beginning at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$8 per person, with a students' and senior citizens' price of \$7. They can be purchased by calling or stopping by the Center for the Arts, 119 High Street, Westerly, R.I. (401) 596-2881. Office hours are Tuesdays through Saturdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



### "How Sweet It Was" At Zeiterion

It's nostalgia at its best when the Zeiterion Theatre presents the 1950's song and dance revue *How Sweet It Was*, sponsored by the *New Bedford Standard Times*, on October 1 to open the Zeiterion's 4th performing arts season. Starring David Corey, Jerry's "Your Hit Parade," this parade of hits features the music a whole generation grew to love.

It's a trip down memory lane featuring songs made famous by Perry Como, Connie Francis, Nat King Cole, Patti Page and the McGuire Sisters right up to Elvis Presley and Chuck Berry and, of course, ol' blue eyes himself, Frank Sinatra. Never-to-be-forgotten hits such as *April Love*, *Old Cape Cod*, *Misty*, *Rockin' Robin*, *Sixteen Candles*, *Where The Boys Are* and *Dream, Dream*. *Dream* are just a few of the numbers to be presented by this talented cast.

*How Sweet It Was* was conceived and written by Barry Harman, a two-time Emmy Award winner as a writer for *The Carol Burnett Show* and *All In The Family*. The show's producer, Harvey Brosten, has worked on such films as *The Anderson Tapes* and *The Way We Were* and in 1978 received the Emmy for Best Writing of a T.V. Comedy Series for the premier episode of *The Jeffersons*.

*How Sweet It Was* swings into the Zeiterion Theatre on October 1 for two performances, a matinee at 2 p.m. and an evening performance at 8 p.m. Ticket prices are \$15, \$13 and \$11 with a \$2 discount for senior citizens and children. Tickets are available at the Zeiterion Theatre Box Office, or charge by phone to Visa, Mastercard or American Express by calling the Box Office at (617) 994-2900.

### E. Greenwich Art Club

The East Greenwich Art Club will hold its annual meeting and election of officers Tuesday, October 1 at the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Division and Brayton Street.

After the business meeting will be a "Show and Tell" program by club members. Members wishing to participate are asked to bring painting(s) or other artworks depicting scenes which they have painted from their summer vacation or any recent work and a brief description on a 3 x 5 index card.

A luncheon will be held in the church basement at 7:30 p.m.

### Short Story Discussions In Barrington

Sign-up continues this week for the *Short Story Discussion Series* at the Barrington Public Library. This series includes short stories by such master writers as James Baldwin, William Faulkner, John Steinbeck, Willa Cather, Garcia Marquez and many more! The group discussions will be led by librarians Lauri Burke and Joan Schaefer.

The first program will be held on Monday, September 30, at 7:30 p.m. On that evening the group will be discussing *Paul's Case* by Willa Cather and *How I Conquered the Devil* from the *Detroit House of Correction* and began my life over again by Joyce Carol Oates. Preregistration is required in order to participate in this series.

### Walking Tour And Brunch

Come take a new look at historic downtown Providence on Sunday, September 29 when the Providence Preservation Society sponsors a Sunday Afternoon Walking Tour — "Glory Days": Westminster Street, 1828-1928". The Biltmore Plaza is providing special brunch for the tour. Robert E. Freeman will entertain participants with the history of the old retail core of downtown.

The Biltmore has planned a special menu for the brunch including a selection of Chicken Cacciatore, Scrod Polonaise and Rice Palfi together with assorted salads, breakfast breads, cheeses fruits and beverages.

Reservations for the brunch and tour should be made by September 26 and the cost is \$14 per person. For those who would like to join only the walking tour, no reservations are necessary and the cost is \$2.50 for adults, \$1 for children or free if you are a member of the Providence Society.

## The Key Situation

by Lilah Tov

Succoth in Israel takes on a festival atmosphere. Many people take the entire week off so they can travel on the day of Hol Hamoad. The Succas themselves are often decorated in garish Mediterranean style. Tinsel and brightly colored metallic balls, suspiciously resembling Christmas ornaments, swing gaudily from the fragrant pine branched ceiling. The city a year earlier, had unloaded pine out of pile of pine branches at various neighborhood corners so that the Succah roofs could be erected. The weather is still warm at this time, so sitting in the Succah in the evening is very pleasant. Strangely, there is always a sprinkling of rain during Succoth to intimate what will be coming in another couple of months, but it isn't enough to cause one to move inside.

On one particularly hot Succoth Holiday, when Jerusalem was hit with an intense Hornsin, my girlfriend Jewel suggested we go camping on the beach of Palmachin, outside of Rishon Nit Zion. At that time Palmachin was not a public beach. Getting to the beach involved walking from the road a couple of miles across dunes and through thorny brush. Accomplishing this hike loaded with camping gear, including gallons of fresh water, in the afternoon of a Hornsin, while spurring on two little ones is a memorable experience.

We picked a site away from the beach, nestling between two sandy hills tufted with waving grass. We ate our sandwiches, swam and feeling the completeness of our isolation, felt a little like savages. As the sun set, we spread our sleeping bags. A tent isn't needed from May to November. Jewel asked me where I had placed my car keys. I told her not to worry, they were under the head of my sleeping bag. "Be careful," said Jewel. Keys have a way of getting lost in the sand. This I couldn't picture even though Jewel went on to describe how she dug a hole six feet in diameter in an attempt to recover keys she had placed in the sand. We were bedded down. The stars were sparkling, the moon was full, the crickets chirped. I couldn't sleep. "Jewel," we're all alone here. What if someone with malice of forethought sneaks up on us?" "Naw," replied Jewel. "We'd never be that lucky. Go to sleep." So I did.

At sunrise Jewel built a fire with the help of her capable teenage daughter Andrea and we brewed coffee. From nowhere a half a dozen men appeared and started to conjoin upon us. "This is it!" I thought. They started conversing with us in a funny Hebrew which I later learned is called Arabic! Meanwhile pointing towards our brewing coffee. We gladly poured them each a cup sat down and drank together. They smiled. We smiled. When they finished, they thanked us and went away, only to return minutes later with a bucket full of slim silver fish — very tiny. They were fishermen with nets and boats and they really enjoyed that coffee. I'm actually adept at cleaning fish. I just can't cut them like they do in the fish market. Jewel, at the sight of the fish, developed a migraine headache, requiring her to lie prone, which fortunately disappeared when I had completed frying the fish. They were delicious, sweet and delicate in flavor. The entire sweep of the



wild beach to ourselves. But then we had to pack and go to be back in Jerusalem before the onset of Shmini Atzeret. I rolled up my sleeping bag and reached for my keys. And lo they had disappeared. "Impossible" thought I. I took my shovel and dug. After digging down several feet, in a six foot diameter, I had to conclude that my keys, which included my car keys, apartment keys, studio keys and keys to my mother's house, were gone. We trekked back to the cars. Jewel drove me into the town of Rishon Nit Zion. We got a tow truck, which towed my car to a key shop. Now we were in a race against the sun. "Can you make me a key for my car?" I asked the nice man. "Oh yes he assured me. Poor guy! Fiat keys are complicated, but neither of us knew that then. After an hour or so he turned to me and said, "why didn't you phone ahead on an Erev Yom Tov? I would have told you I was closed!" He was somewhat disgruntled at the thought of being delayed from the Holiday meal — and I fully sympathized. He did finish the key — and didn't charge me a crazy price. He even wished me a safe

journey and a good Holiday.

I did feel somewhat abashed. The locksmith in Jerusalem had to tear the lock out of my apartment door and couldn't replace it until after the Holidays. "Don't ever lose your keys on Erev Succoth," I told myself. At the end of the Holiday my Mother phoned. I shuddered to think what she might say when I told her about my keys. "You know we're going to the states tomorrow," she exclaimed right after we exchanged Hellos. Well your father went swimming this morning. You know what. He had his keys and his passport in his trunk pockets. Well, he lost them in the sea." Now why did I feel less embarrassed after hearing that story!

Lilah Tov is a freelance writer, artist and frequent contributor to the Herald.

## Agam Honored By Emanuh Women

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Yaacov Agam, internationally famous Israeli artist, will be honored by Emanuh Women of America at a gala cocktail party, to be held on Tuesday, November 12 at 6 p.m. in the Executive Dining Room of Citibank, East 53rd Street between Park and Lexington Avenues. Anita Walker is to chair the event. Agam, who will design and create 12 stained glass windows to be installed in the Holocaust Study Center of Emanuh's new Technical/Arts Education School in Jerusalem, will be given Emanuh Women's "Man of Vision" Award at this gathering. This announcement was made by Beverly Segal, National President of Emanuh Women, at the organization's headquarters in New York City.

Mrs. Segal noted that Agam, Israel's most famous living artist, is known as the father of Kinetic Art. His works are found in most major museums of the world and he has received innumerable awards, medals, and honorary degrees. His creations are on display from the new headquarters of the European Parliament in Strasbourg, France, to the Louvre in Paris, to New York's Port Authority Terminal, to the garden of the President of Israel in Jerusalem. He is currently at work on an enormous fountain for Dizengoff Square in Tel Aviv.

Born in Rishon LeZion in 1928, Yaacov Agam, the son of an orthodox rabbi, is intensely Jewish and deeply religious. "The driving force," he declares, "the source from which I draw my inspiration, stems from my desire to give classic and artistic expression to the ancient Hebrew concept of reality. This concept differs from that of all other civilizations. . . . Agam, whose innovative and experimental art "extends the visible," divides his time between Rehovot, Israel, Paris and Manhattan. In addition to his monumental artistic creations, he is extremely involved in the development of a revolutionary method of nonverbal teaching for early education, in which various governments have shown interest, and has actually created a new visual language for children.

For his spectacular blending of science and art, Yaacov Agam was awarded an honorary doctorate from Tel Aviv University, which also praised him for his "fidelity to his Jewish heritage" and for helping to "enhance the glory of Israel among the Nations."

Emanuh's Holocaust Study Center in Jerusalem, for which Agam is creating the stained glass windows, will be the only center located in a school in Israel devoted to the study of all aspects of the Holocaust as well as its consequences and effects on successive generations.

For further information on the Yaacov Agam "Man of Vision" Award Cocktail party, please contact Emanuh Women of America at (212) 564-9045.

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## Spirit Rekindled In Isolated Jewish Community

NEW YORK, N.Y. — The dramatic story of how an isolated European Jewish community, without a rabbi for more than twenty years, bounced back from the Holocaust with the aid of the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture and the

local community, came to light recently. From 1958 to 1980, Oslo, Norway, functioned without a rabbi. It fell from Michael Melchior, the eldest son of a Danish family counting six generations of rabbis, to rekindle Jewish life in one of

## Obituaries

### JOSEPH SCHMELZER

**NEWPORT** — Joseph Schmelzer, 73, of 37 Walnut St., a former warehouse manager, died Sunday, September 22 at Rhode Island Hospital. He was the husband of Rosalyn (Arbitt) Schmelzer.

Born in Romania, a son of the late Mendel and Pearl Schmelzer, he lived in Haifa, Palestine, from 1933 to 1938, and came to Newport that year.

Mr. Schmelzer had worked for the Standard Wholesale Co., and Rhode Island Frozen Foods for 28 years. He later worked for the S. Adelson Co. and St. George's School, Middletown, before retiring.

He was an Army veteran of World War II. He served on the board of directors of the Savings Bank of Newport, was president of The Presidium of Touro Synagogue at the time of his death, and a past chairman of the United Hebrew School. He was treasurer of the Judah Touro Lodge of B'nai B'rith, a charter member of the Jewish Cemetery Commission, treasurer of the Chevra Kadisha Society of Newport County, and was an active member of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.

Mr. Schmelzer was honored in June at a testimonial by the Committee for the State of Israel Bonds.

Besides his wife he leaves two sons, Saul Schmelzer of Tampa, Fla., and Matthew Schmelzer of Aurora, Colo.; a brother, Dr. Norbert Schmelzer of St. Louis, Mo. two sisters, Mrs. Anna Landman of Newport, Mrs. Dora Hayling of London, England, and two grandsons.

A funeral service was held at Hoffman Memorial Chapel, Fowler Avenue, Bristol was in Beth Olam Cemetery, Middletown.

### GLADYS MILLER ZUCKERBERG

**PROVIDENCE** — Gladys Miller Zuckerman, 85, of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., died there Monday, September 23. She was the wife of Milton Zuckerman.

Born in Russia, she was a daughter of the late Nathan and Rebecca Greenfield. She lived in New York City before settling in Providence about 55 years ago.

She leaves two sons, Murray Miller and Norman Miller of Warwick; a daughter, Sheila Miller of Oxnard, Calif.; 10 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

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

Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St.

### EARL L. WOOLF

**SHARON, Mass.** — Earl L. Woolf, 57, a 22-year resident of Sharon, died suddenly in New Bedford on Sunday, September 15. Born in Providence, R.I., he graduated from Cranston High School in 1944 and from the University of Virginia in 1949 with a BA degree.

Mr. Woolf was a Vice-President of National Hardgoods Distributors, Inc. (NHD) of Stoughton and was responsible for Administration and Corporate development for a retail chain of 20 stores located throughout Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Connecticut. He had joined the company in 1963 and worked closely with his brother, Sheldon Woolf, founder and President of NHD, Inc. for the last 22 years.

Prior to 1963, he was associated with his father in the retail shoe business, Park Shoe Store, of Cranston, R.I.

Mr. Woolf was a long time member of Redwood Lodge of Masons of Providence and the Cranston Rotary Club as well as the Junior and Senior Chamber of Commerce in that city. He was also a former member of Temple Israel of Sharon. Veteran of U.S. Navy World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Rose T. (Pintchuck), by two daughters, Lisa of Boston and Janice of Worcester and by a son, Gary, of Canton. He is also survived by his father and mother, Benjamin M. and Fae Woolf of Cranston and by his brother, Sheldon, of Waban.

Services were at the Stanetsky Memorial Chapel, 1668 Beacon Street, Brookline. Interment followed at Sharon Memorial Park.

### SOPHIA KAUFMAN

**PROVIDENCE** — Sophia Kaufman, 80, of 913 Hope St., wife of Jacob Kaufman, died Tuesday, Sept. 24, at Miriam Hospital.

Mrs. Kaufman was a member of the Jewish Home for the Aged and the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.

Born in Maine, she was a daughter of the late Morris and Bertha Pollock, and a Providence resident 41 years.

She leaves her husband and her daughter, Barbara LeCrox of Bristol.

The funeral service was at Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.



world Jewry's loneliest outposts.

Trained in Israel with the help of the Foundation and the Oslo community, Rabbi Melchior opened the first kindergarten in Oslo since the Holocaust and revitalized the afternoon schools, which teach children from 7 through 13. In 1979, there were 39 children receiving religious instruction at the Jewish Community Center in Oslo. The number for 1985 is 68.

Rabbi Melchior has reactivated the youth groups. Teenagers study Jewish history, Zionism and religious texts. More than 80 percent of all Jewish youth are now being reached.

Herman Kahan, Vice-President of the Oslo Jewish Community, describes one way in which Rabbi Melchior works with children:

"Expectant faces wait every Friday for the weekly appearance of 'Michael,' as they call him. One week, he appears as a pirate; the next, an expectant mother. His imaginative disguises inspire the children to listen to his words and appreciate Shabbat as something very special. And special it is for the children who bake challah, say kiddush and light the Shabbat candles every week. Basic elements of Hebrew are taught in the Jewish kindergarten; and every 17th of May, the Norwegian national holiday, the children march under their own banner in a children's parade.

Through the children's choir that Rabbi Melchior initiated, he has also brought new life and increased attendance at the synagogue, bringing into the synagogue's orbit much of the community's youth and many young couples as well.

Adult education has also been a focus of Rabbi Melchior. A large number of workshops have been organized under his leadership with study groups in Pirkey

Avot. Jewish thought, and Jewish holidays. Rabbi Melchior's wife, Hannah, has taught classes for potential converts.

Rabbi Melchior was instrumental in establishing the "Kosher Food Center," a grocery which at the time of its opening in November 1981 had the largest selection of kosher foods in Europe.

Since 1982, the Kosher Food Center has provided food amounting to \$30,000 each year to the Jews in Poland. This enterprise has come about thanks to an agreement with Norway's Church Relief Society (Kirkensohjelp).

In addressing the larger concerns of the Jewish community, Rabbi Melchior interprets Judaism and the Jewish community to the Christian community through regular contacts with churches, universities, schools and service groups.

One of Rabbi Melchior's greatest achievements is the creation of the Norwegian Council of Soviet Jewry, in which he serves as Co-Chairman with Christopher Götterud, Professor of Physics at the University of Oslo. The Council has been very successful in raising the issue of Soviet Jewry at the highest level of government in Norway.

At the end of the year, Rabbi Melchior will make Aliyah. The Oslo Jewish leaders have come up with a plan which will be put into action next year.

Rabbi Melchior will commit himself to reside in Oslo for four months of every year — including the High Holy Days — and will receive a salary which covers his year's expenses. This solution will enable him to continue his studies in Israel the rest of the year.

The help that the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture has provided Rabbi Melchior is in line with the emphasis the Foundation is placing on service to dispersed Jewish communities — communities that are isolated both from Jewish life and from other Jewish communities.

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## Technion Develops Eye Surgery Procedures



Research continues at Technion in Haifa.

**HAIFA, Israel** — A new procedure to preserve crystalline vertebrate eye lenses essential for laboratory research on the human eye has been developed by Dr. Aviva Dovrat of the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology's Department of Biology. Previously, it was impossible to preserve these eye lenses intact in vitro for more than a week, since without adequate nourishment the cells of the lens die and are of little value to researchers. The new procedure makes it possible to maintain them for as long as 40 days.

Dr. Dovrat observed that the outer and the inner curved surfaces of the lens not only have different functions in the living eye — but they also are bathed by different body fluids. Consequently, lenses in the laboratory may have deteriorated relatively rapidly because they were submerged in a single culture medium which, at best, could properly nourish only one lens surface — but never both.

By supplying two different culture mediums, one situated above the lens and the other below, Dr. Dovrat discovered

## The New Telephone Technology

by Sylvia Porter

Since the breakup of American Telephone & Telegraph — what increasingly appears to have been a stupid move on the part of uniformed managers — you and I have been deluged with a bewildering array of misinformed telephones, their functions and features. This has merely complicated the buying process.

In the first days of deregulation, the market was swamped with cheap "disposable" phones. (I saw them being hawked on sidewalks in Manhattan.) If you bought them and watched them break down almost immediately, you tossed them away in disgust and disillusionment.

Now, when we buy phones, we're returning to brand names we trust and products backed by longer warranties. And no longer satisfied with the bare basic models, we're looking for convenience features, such as memory, automatic redial and lighted keypads.

"With microelectronics, manufacturers can incorporate more 'phone' into smaller packages," explains William G. Smith, general marketing manager for General Electric Consumer Electronics. "For instance, automatic redial of busy numbers and speakerphone capability, once found only on high-priced office phone systems, are now available in medium-priced electronic home phones."

Popular features today — some of which save money and/or are extremely helpful — include:

— **Answering machines:** This reflects our changing lifestyles — particularly dual-career households and households headed by single persons. Says Smith, "Consumers are looking for products that simplify their lives, and answering machines help do that."

— **Machines that act as personal secretaries** while the owner is away and phones that remember numbers also are valuable.

— **Phones with a switch to select touch tone, pulse dialing or any combination of the two for access to long-distance services.** Phones with these features cost

between \$50 and \$65 — but with the savings on the leasing and touch-tone charges, in addition to discounted long-distance service, the extra charges can be more than made up in two to three months use in New York City. Formerly, if you wanted to save money on your long-distance calls by using MCI or Sprint, you had to subscribe to AT&T's touch-tone service at an added monthly charge or buy a device that simulates the tones on a rotary phone.

— **Voice-activated answering machines,** meaning machines that record as long as someone is talking. No more cutoff messages. Remote control is a benefit to you if you want to get your messages periodically without having to return home. Some use hand-held remote controllers to operate the machine, while others need only a touch-tone phone. This is claimed to be another reason for the pulse/tone switchable model.

For more information, contact the American Society for Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, 271 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10016 (212) 889-2050.

Whether you're buying a telephone or an answerer, you still need to install it. This means that whatever you buy must be compatible with your phone line.

If, for instance, touch-tone service is not available where you live, you shouldn't buy a touch-tone phone. But if your home is equipped with modular jacks, installation is as easy as plugging in a lamp. If, though, you have an older home, you may need extra wiring.

Simple as the suppliers of service try to make it sound, it just is not that easy. (I'm admittedly a dolt in this area, but I suspect millions of you are right in there with me.) Help with installation of phones would be essential for me. Also imperative would be diagrams of types of telephone outlets found in any home with corresponding diagrams and descriptions of modular jacks needed to install today's new phones.

A telephone consumer guide that simplified phone installation has been prepared by General Electric. It's free. You may get it by writing to: Phone Tips, GE, Electronics Park, Building 7, Room 201 S, Syracuse, N.Y. 13221. It won't install your phone — but it will make it easier for you to do so.

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Alumni & Friends of USY play an important role in the framework of United Synagogue Youth Program, by allowing past USY'er's and those supporters of USY over the years, the opportunity to renew old acquaintances, make new ones, and to rekindle a unique spirit brought to them by USY. Plans are being made for future endeavors concerning USY Alumni & Friends and everyone's help and support is greatly needed.

If you are interested, or know of someone who is, in participating in future Alumni & Friends events call the regional USY office at (617) 277-0085. Also, for reservations and further information on the SAFAM concert, contact the regional office at (617) 277-0085.

### Al-Anon Family Groups Meet

The Rhode Island Al-Anon Family Groups and Alateen are sponsoring their eleventh annual workshop. It is to be held Sunday, October 20, 1985 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Winman Junior High School, Tollgate Educational Complex, Centerville Rd., Warwick, R.I.

Carol K., the Alateen Secretary at the World Service Office in New York, will be featured as our keynote speaker. Other activities will include workshops relative to recovery from the disease of alcoholism through Al-Anon, Alateen and Alcoholics Anonymous.

Registration forms for the workshop may be obtained by sending \$5 to: R.I. Al-Anon Workshop, A.F.G. of R.I., 769 Park Ave., Cranston, R.I. 02910.

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Comprehension and communication are the two basic ingredients in the successful acquisition of any language, whether said language is the native language of the young child, or a second language of the child and adult. Without comprehension, it may be possible to learn how to read mechanically, but such reading is sterile and cannot be employed in any meaningful way. Without the opportunity to communicate one's thoughts — either spoken or written, the learner finds himself in a vacuum, and soon loses interest and skill. The excessive concentration on grammatical rules and memorization which has characterized most foreign language teaching in the United States, has resulted in an abysmal record of achievement in these languages, including Hebrew. The problem is compounded in the Jewish school which places its emphasis on the mechanical recitation of prayers devoid of comprehension and communication. Is it any wonder that most students of a foreign language, failing to achieve basic comprehension and communication, soon abandon this study? Is it any wonder that most Jews who have attended a Jewish school rarely attain an ability to read the prayers fluently, let alone communicate in Hebrew?

In recent years, psycholinguists have discovered that the human brain contains a built-in disposition for language which, if imparted in the proper sequence and when the individual finds a need for it, will

result in successful acquisition. The proper sequence is listening for comprehension, speaking when the learner is ready, reading and writing.

The creative teacher instinctively follows this sequence, but the specific tools for its employment have not until recently been available to her, nor has the school curriculum encouraged her to follow this methodology.

The Bureau of Jewish Education has undertaken a pilot study under the supervision of the New England Bi-Lingual Services Center which, hopefully, will bring about some exciting changes in the acquisition of Hebrew language in the coming years. Applying the aforementioned principles, the Bureau is adapting an approach that is being used in many schools throughout the country for the teaching of a second language. Called "Total Physical Response" the teacher uses the imperative (command) form with physical responses by the students and the avoidance of speaking during the early months of study. Speaking and reading follow more naturally after listening comprehension and the readiness of the student to engage in these activities. As a result of a generous grant from the Jewish Educators Assembly, Teachers workshops in this methodology were conducted by the Bureau and the Bi-Lingual Center during the summer. TPR will be used in the beginners classes of Am David, Torat Yisrael, the Extension School and the Day Schools.



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