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Zionism = Racism At UN: The Fight Goes On

UNITED NATIONS (JTA) — President Reagan pledged his support for removal from the record of the United Nations the "blot" of the Zionism-is-racism resolution adopted by the UN General Assembly on November 10, 1975.

Reagan made his pledge in a message yesterday to the Conference on Israel, Zionism and the UN attended by more than 1,000 Jewish, Christian and civic leaders at UN headquarters.

The conference was co-chaired by two former U.S. Ambassadors to the UN, Sen. Daniel Moynihan (D. N.Y.) and Jeane Kirkpatrick, and by Kenneth Bialkin, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, and Binyamin Netanyahu, Israel's Ambassador to the UN. Moynihan was Ambassador at the time the resolution was passed.

Message From Herzog

President Chaim Herzog of Israel, who in 1975 was Israel's Ambassador to the UN, also sent a message to the conference. Herzog said: "My thoughts go back today to the historic debate in the UN on the infamous resolution on Zionism by the General Assembly. The issue before the Assembly was neither Israel nor Zionism. It was the continued existence of the UN which had been dragged to its lowest point of discredit by a coalition of despots and racists."

Herzog's message continued: "A great evil was done to the Jewish people at that time but, as in the past, so now, too, the oppressors of our people pass into oblivion while we, the Jewish people which has survived them all, will survive the shameful exhibition in the UN and the proponents of the resolution."

The resolution equating Zionism with racism was supported by 72 countries, most of them Arab, Third World or Soviet bloc countries. It was opposed by 35, mainly Western democracies. There were 32 abstentions.

Moynihan recalled that before the resolution was adopted, the governments of Israel and the U.S. were not fully aware of the danger of the resolution and its consequences. He charged that since the resolution was passed there has not been a serious study or scholarly learning on the subject and the motives behind the thinking of the Soviets, the Arab and non-aligned countries which supported the anti-Israel, anti-Jewish resolution. Moynihan said however that with "patience and tenacity" the resolution can eventually be expunged.

Vernon Walters, the current U.S. Ambassador to the UN, told the conference: "The U.S. government vigorously condemns UN General Assembly Resolution 3379 which declared that Zionism is a form of racism. President Ronald Reagan referred to Resolution 3379 as 'the total inversion of morality' in his speech at the UN 40th anniversary commemoration on October 24, 1985."

Walters noted that "The U.S. Mission speaks out forcefully against this statement and the evil it embodies and will continue to do so as long as necessary."

Kirkpatrick declared: "It is a short step from the proposition that Zionism-is-racism to the proposition that the State of Israel is based on aggression." She added, "In UN language, the Zionism-is-racism resolution declared open season on the State of Israel. Henceforth, Israel would be fair game for armed 'liberation.'"

Bayard Rustin, the Black civil rights leader who is chairman of the A. Philip Randolph Institute, said that the resolution equating Zionism with racism "obscures the true nature of racism and thus has impeded the fight against it." He observed that "Those nations, including many African states which supported that obscene resolution, dealt a monstrous blow to themselves and to everyone oppressed by racist ideology, particularly to Blacks who are brutalized by apartheid in South Africa."

Bialkin charged that the attack on Zionism derives from a fundamental hostility to a Jewish presence in its ancient homeland that is fueled by anti-Jewish prejudices. "The Zionism-is-racism slogan is itself a manifestation of racism," he said.

'Too Preposterous To Tolerate'

Netanyahu noted that after the rescue by Israel of the Jews of Ethiopia, "the Zionism-is-racism slander becomes too preposterous to tolerate" by responsible states. "This is what explains the blocking of the Zionism-is-racism clause in the recent UN conference in Nairobi. This is what explains the refusal to invite (Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasir) Arafat to the UN commemorative session. This is what explains the growing support of Israel in certain key resolutions in recent days."

He concluded: "We must encourage this trend. Against the big lie, we must pit the big truth. If we do not succeed, Zionism will live but this body (the UN) will be doomed to moral and political irrelevance. And if we do succeed, we might yet begin the moral and political reconstruction of the UN."

At a conference on the 10th anniversary of the UN resolution equating Zionism with racism, Christian, Jewish and black leaders gathered to denounce the slander and reaffirm identification with Zionism and the Jewish State. Shown above (l-r) Binyamin Netanyahuf, Israel's envoy to the UN; Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, former UN ambassador, and Kenneth J. Bialkin, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

From Hearts Of Children — World Solidarity And Peace

by Susan Bostian

A few minutes before noon, the students from Solomon Schechter and Providence Hebrew Day School jumped from their busses and excitedly made their way across the Roger Williams National Park carrying brightly colored banners, paper chains and hand-printed signs. Although some of the children were barely five years old, they waved banners and chanted as loudly as their little voices could, to send a message to Ronald Reagan and Michail Gorbachev in Geneva. They wanted the world to know they cared about human rights and the indignities suffered by their Jewish brothers and sisters in the Soviet Union.

On Tuesday, under bright, sunny blue skies and unseasonably warm temperatures 400 students and several hundred adults rallied in the downtown Providence park to show their support of International Day of Solidarity for Soviet Jews. The rally was scheduled to correspond with the first day of summit

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Rabbi Strajcher To Receive Torah Umesorah Award In N.Y.

by Robert Israel

Rabbi Sholom Strajcher, Dean of the Providence Hebrew Day School and the New England Academy of Torah, will be given the Innovator's Award at the 42nd Annual Dinner of Torah Umesorah to be held on Sunday, November 24, at New York's Sheraton Centre.

Rabbi Strajcher will be given the highest honor of Torah Umesorah because of the accomplishments which he has brought to Providence and for the impact of his leadership on the national Day School scene. Providence Hebrew Day School, founded in 1946, has attained the highest standards of academic excellence and achievement under Rabbi Strajcher, according to Rabbi Joshua Fishman, executive Vice-President of Torah Umesorah.

In an interview Rabbi Strajcher commented on the forthcoming award.

"I am 39 years old," Rabbi Strajcher said, "and I recognize that there are many other educators that have really paid their dues who, for one reason or another, have not yet received the recognition that I have. But part of the agreement to accept this award is that I look at myself as a messenger to hopefully bring recognition to the school, to the lay people, to the students and parents, but especially, to the teachers. The teachers of Providence Hebrew Day School should be the ones receiving the award because they make my job easier.

"A lot of positive changes have occurred in Providence over the years. There have been many more Observant couples moving into the area making a commitment to a Torah education for their children. We've expanded our elementary and high school. We've developed innovative programs which include trips to Israel and the mishmar program which involves students who want to stay after school to learn, to have a close relationship with their teachers.

"Hopefully, we'll never seen an end to the agenda. It is important to motivate students to experience Jewish and general studies in creative ways.

"I also believe that through the study of Torah, we can truly achieve community unity. It should be the number one item on the community's agenda."

Torah Umesorah is a national educational organization for the Yeshiva/Day School movement. It represents close to 600 institutions.

Rabbi Strajcher

Local News

Providence Hebrew Day School

At the recent PHDS contract signing for its $1.3 million expansion program were: (Front Row left to right) Maureen Sheehan, Educational Coordinator; Rabbi Sholom Strajcher, Dean; Gladys Sollosy, President; Glen Parker, President of Doric Construction Co.; Ezra Stieglitz, PHDS Vice President; Norton Salk, Architect. Second Row: Ellen Shafner; Samuel Shlevin, Executive Director; Thomas W. Pearlman, Project Co-Chairman; Tess Hassenfeld, PHDS Secretary; Dr. Alex Mandel; Varda Stieglitz; Lynn Potter, Doric Construction. Third Row: Sheldon Sollosy, PHDS Past-President; David Shafner, Jay Rosenstein, Financial Secretary; Jerome Baron, PHDS Vice President.

"Anne Frank" Play At Moses Brown

Moses Brown School's fall play, *The Diary of Anne Frank*, will be presented in the school's Alumni Hall at 8 p.m. on Friday, November 22, and Saturday, November 23.

Sarah Leonard '86 of Providence will portray Anne Frank. Other Upper School students in the cast are: Meredith Bleecker '87, Matthew Brown '87, Janek Kalicki '88 and Lisa McLyman '87, all of Providence; Andrew D'Uva '86, Pawtucket; and Sophie Stevens '86, Preston, Lancashire, England.

Rael Gleitsman, a local artist and Moses Brown parent, is cast in the role of Dr. Frank. Two Upper School French department faculty members, Shari Baron and Dr. Peter Thompson, also have lead roles.

Barry Marshall, who has written and directed plays Off-Broadway, is making his directing debut at Moses Brown.

Mrs. Flora Kalman of Cranston, a survivor of the Auschwitz concentration camp, will speak to the cast about her experiences during the Holocaust in conjunction with the cast's preparation for the play. The Class of '85 at Moses Brown awarded Mrs. Kalman an honorary Moses Brown diploma last June.

The play is open to the public. Tickets, which may be purchased at the door, are $3.50 each. Moses Brown is located at 250 Lloyd Avenue, Providence.

HERALD Editor To Speak At Jewish Home

Robert Israel, editor of the *Rhode Island Herald*, will speak to the Jewish Home for the Aged residents on Monday, November 25 at 2 p.m. in the Chase auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

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"December Dilemma" At JFS

A Jewish child is asked what the month of December brings to mind. How is he or she going to answer? Will the response be "snow?" Will it be "Christmas?" Or will it be "Hanukkah?"

Parents are faced with a difficult situation as the December holiday approaches. With Christmas carols and decorations in abundance, with specials about Santa Claus filling television screens, with emphasis on lavish gifts and Christmas cards deluging the media, where does Hanukkah and the Jewish child fit in?

For the second year, Jewish Family Service and the Bureau of Jewish Education will hold a three-session workshop to help parents develop workable strategies for coping with the "December Dilemma." Led by Paul Sega, Executive Director of Jewish Family Service, and Carol Ingall, Associate Executive Director of the Bureau of Jewish Education, the workshop will be held on three consecutive Monday evenings beginning December 2 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The first and third sessions will take place at Jewish Family Service, 229 Waterman St. in Providence. The second session will be held at the Bureau of Jewish Education, 130 Sessions St. in Providence.

The workshop will show parents how to engage their children in meaningful dialogue about Hanukkah and Christmas. It will deal with the minor Jewish holiday of Hanukkah juxtaposed to the major Christian holiday of Christmas and it will strengthen Jewish identity.

Preregistration is required. For information call Jewish Family Service at 331-1244. The fee for the workshop is $15 per person.

"Living With Teenagers" At JFS

Teenage years can be difficult for parents and teens alike. They can also be very satisfying.

A three-session workshop entitled "Living with Teenage Children" will be offered by Jewish Family Service as part of its Family Life Education series. The workshops will be held on Thursday evenings, December 5, 12 and 19 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Jewish Family Service's Southern Area Office, Cowesett Hills Office Park, 3657 Post Road in Warwick.

Cosponsored by the West Bay Jewish Community Center, the workshops will be led by Ellen Steingold, ACSW, of Jewish Family Service.

The workshops will be geared to parents whose children are entering adolescence as well as to those with older teenagers. The goal of the workshops is to examine the positive aspects of teenage parenting while at the same time dealing with the serious responsibilities of raising a teenager in the 80s.

Session one is entitled "Accepting Teenage Rebellion." The topic of the second session is "Communicating with Teenagers." "You Are Somebody" is the topic of session three.

The fee for the workshop is $15 per person. Preregistration is required. Call Jewish Family Service at 331-1244 for further information.

Jeanette Resnick To Speak

Jeanette Resnick, substituting for a previously announced speaker who is unable to attend the meeting, will speak to the Congregation Mishkon Tfiloh Sisterhood on Monday, November 25, 1985, at 1:30 p.m. The topic of her speech will be "Permissable Hearsay Evidence."

Interfaith Thanksgiving At Temple Shalom

The tenth annual Interfaith Community Wide Thanksgiving Eve Service of Newport County will take place on Wednesday evening, November 27 at 7 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary of Temple Sholom, Valley Road, Middletown. This yearly gathering of Christians and Jews from Aquidneck Island is a highlight of the Thanksgiving holiday observance and is eagerly anticipated by many as a wonderful experience to express thanksgiving in a wonderful and meaningful way, united as one.

Participating in this year's service will be one of the originators of this observance, Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer of Temple Shalom. Bringing greetings from the Temple will be Robert A. Hicks, President. Also taking part will be The Reverend David A. Ripley of St. Paul's United Methodist Church; The Reverend Eugene McKenna of St. Lucy's Roman Catholic Church; The Reverend Tom Daigle of Middletown Baptist Church; The Reverend Robert Mitchell of the United Congregational Church; The Reverend Dr. L. Edgar Stone, Jr., United Baptist Church; Chaplain A. Wayne Riggs, Naval Chaplains School; The Reverend Frank Carpenter, Channing Memorial Church; The Reverend Donald Hastings, St. George's Episcopal Church; The Reverend Robert L. Williams, Community Baptist Church; The Reverend F. Richard Garland, Portsmouth Methodist Church; The Reverend Joseph DeGroote, Armed Services YMCA; Chaplain Lee B. Madinger, Naval Hospital. Organist for the service will be Mr. Allen Manuel of St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

A collation will follow the service, graciously arranged by the members of Temple Shalom.

The entire community is cordially invited to attend.

BBYO News

The B'nai B'rith Youth Organization will be holding their Winter Convention from January 10-12, 1986 in Auburn, Maine.

The Carnival will be hosted by Central Maine B.B.Y.O. Programing will consist of downhill and cross-country skiing, kosher meals, and exciting other programs.

Bus transportation will be provided. This exciting weekend is available to all B.B.Y.O. members. Any Jewish youth between the ages of 12-18 and would like further information, please call David Hochman at 467-2296 or our Regional office at 1-617-566-2067.

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The B'nai B'rith Youth Organization will be starting its Basketball season on December 22, 1985.

If you are between the ages of 13 to 18 and interested in joining the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, please call David Hochman, Rhode Island State Coordinator at (401) 467-BBYO or our Regional office at (617) 566-2067.

Steve Yoken To Perform At Emanu-El

Steve Yoken, master of ceremonies and disc-jockey, has been selected for the third year in a row as entertainer for the annual turkey dance. The date is November 27 at Temple Emanu-El in Providence, R.I. For more information call 617-679-1545.

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Seminary Breakfast At Emanu-El

On Sunday, November 24, 1985 at 9:30 a.m., Temple Emanu-El will host its annual Seminary Breakfast benefitting the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Mr. Manfred Weil, Trustee of the Seminary, has announced that this year's Seminary Breakfast Committee will be co-chaired by Rosalind and Mervin Bolusky and the honorees will be Evelyn and Sam Bresnick.

The Seminary Breakfast assists the Jewish Theological Seminary of America which is the academic and spiritual center of Conservative Judaism. The Seminary currently has 750 students studying in the Rabbinical School, the Graduate School, the Seminary College of Jewish studies and the Cantors' Institute. In addition, the library is a repository of over 250,000 items including fragments from the Cairo Genizah.

The speaker at this year's Seminary Breakfast will be Leonid Feldman, an immigrant from the Soviet Union who will be the first Russian student to graduate from the Rabbinical School of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. While in the U.S.S.R., Mr. Feldman was a teacher of scientific Atheism. In the United States, Mr. Feldman has spoken on human rights violations in the U.S.S.R., Soviet Jewry and United States — Soviet Union relations.

Ms. Competition Announced

The Association of Jewish Libraries announces the Sydney Taylor Manuscript Competition for aspiring authors of children's books. A cash award of $1,000 will be given for the best fiction manuscript appropriate for readers aged 8 to 12 written by an unpublished author. The story should have universal appeal, yet include positive elements and activities of Judaism. For entry forms and rules please contact Ms. Lillian Schwartz, Secretary of AJL, 15 Goldsmith St., Providence, R.I. 02906. Deadline for submission of manuscripts is December 10, 1985.

Temple Habonim "Holiday Happening"

Temple Habonim will be hosting its annual "Holiday Happening" on Tuesday, December 3 and Wednesday, December 4 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The "Holiday Happening" is a two day shopping extravaganza of new merchandise at greatly reduced prices. A brief list of available merchandise is men's, women's and children's clothing, jewelry, toys and giftwares. There's also a bake shoppe where cakes, cookies and pastry will also be on sale.

Temple Habonim is located at 165 New Meadow Road in Barrington and there is ample parking on the premises.

For further information call 245-6536.

United Hebrew School Participates In Event

The students of the United Hebrew School participated in a program this past Monday marking the Summit Meeting between President Ronald Reagan and Soviet Leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer, School Principal addressed the students about the meeting and the plight of the Soviet Jews. He told those assembled that this meeting was a wonderful opportunity for the two leaders to speak about the Soviet Jews and to bring about some assistance on their behalf.

Mrs. Dale Blumen, a teacher dialogued with the young people about anti-Jewish feelings which they have experienced here and compared them to the terrible treatment of the Soviet Jews. Rabbi Jagolinzer and Mrs. Judith Cohen read a dramatic presentation about the plight of the Jews of Russia.

A choral presentation was offered by the members of Grade 5; Joshua Blumen, Jeremy Nichols, Rebecca Woytahler and Daniel Laska. A single candle was then lit to signify the hope that the talks would be successful and that the treatment of the Soviet Jews would improve. The program ended with the singing of Oseh Shalom and a prayer.

Historical Assoc. Meeting

The Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association will hold its winter meeting on Sunday, December 1, 1985, at 2:30 p.m. in the Jewish Community Center Senior Adult Lounge, 401 Elmgrove Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island. Dr. David Sorkin, Assistant Professor of Judaic Studies at Brown University, will speak on, "What German Jews brought to this country. Their intellectual and social baggage."

Dr. Sorkin received his Ph.D. at the University of California, Berkeley in History. He has taught in the areas of Modern Jewish History, Modern European Intellectual History, General History and General Jewish History. He is the author of several articles in his field of expertise.

A social hour will follow the meeting. The public is invited to attend.

Yiddish Film In Hartford

"Green Fields," a Yiddish film with English subtitles, will be presented by the University of Hartford's Maurice Greenberg Center for Jewish Studies Sunday, Nov. 24, at 3 p.m. in the Community Building on the West Hartford campus. Admission is free and a reception will follow. For information, call (203) 243-4963.

Shabbaton At Beth Sholom

Congregation Beth Sholom, located at 275 Camp Street, will be holding a Family Shabbaton on the weekend of November 22 and 23 in conjunction with the Synagogue Service Division of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America. The Family Shabbaton is an experience in Torah living and learning for the participants in a pleasant setting. The theme of the weekend will be "How Are We Doing? A Look At Key Issues Facing Orthodox Judaism in the 80's."

The Scholar-in-Residence for the weekend will be Rabbi Aryeh Spero of Canton, Ohio. Rabbi Spero is spiritual leader of the Young Israel Agudas Achim congregation in Canton and rabbinic supervisor of kosher food plants for the Orthodox Rabbinic Kashruth Commission of the Orthodox Union, (U), and has lectured at national and regional conventions and Torah retreats.

Book Fair

This Sunday, November 24, the Providence Hebrew Day School will hold its annual book fair "People of the Book." Hours for the fair are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the school's Korn Auditorium, 450 Elmgrove Avenue. A wide variety of gift books, Chanukah selections, kosher cookbooks, and fiction and non-fiction works related to Jewish themes, will be offered.

The book fair is sponsored by the Parents, Teachers and Friends organization of Providence Hebrew Day School and is open to the public without charge. An added feature this year will be the availability of free gift wrapping.

Michael Bresler To Perform At SMU

The one-man show, called "YANKEL DOODLE DANDY" with Michael (Fishel) Bresler, will start at 7:30 p.m. in the recital Hall of the College of Visual and Performing Arts (Group VI) Building.

Amnon Ben-Tor To Speak In W. Hartford

Dr. Amnon Ben-Tor, professor of archaeology at Hebrew University, Jerusalem, will deliver an illustrated lecture, "Recent Archaeological Discoveries and their Relationship to Biblical Text," at the University of Hartford on December 3.

The lecture, which will be free and open to the public, will be held in the great room of the University's Community Building on the 3rd, a Tuesday.

A member of the faculty of Hebrew University's Institute of Archaeology since 1968, Ben-Tor currently is visiting professor in the department of Near Eastern languages and literature at Yale University. He is a Jacob Perlow Fellow in Judaic Studies and the Humanities.

Chanukah At Learning Connection

The tradition of Chanukah is symbolized by the menorah and potato latkes. Why not come join the Learning Connection in this session to learn about the special foods of this lovely holiday.

The teacher, Peppy Fuerst, has taught ethnic and gourmet cooking for five years, the last three for the Learning Connection and Warwick Recreation Department. She offers her own family recipes for latkes and other Jewish delicacies in this class. Also included are demonstration, hands-on cooking and tasting!

Chanukah starts the eve of December 7. The class meets in Warwick on Sunday afternoon, November 17, and the course fee is a low $16.

For registration and information, call the Learning Connection today at 274-9330.

Emanu-El Garden Club

Thursday, December 12, will fete Garden Club's own talented, Sybil Lesselbaum, master flower show judge, who will speak on "Silk Flower Arrangements." Mrs. Lesselbaum has exhibited and won many blue ribbons for her arrangements.

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From The Editor

by Robert Israel

Deliberate Encounters

If a journalist relies on press releases, which often arrive late in the mail or not at all, it would be difficult if not impossible to get a paper published.

The amount of mail that greets me when I arrive to the *Herald* office daily can be overwhelming. I am on every mailing list imaginable, for local, national and international news. Jewish newspapers from Florida, Illinois, Washington, D.C., and New York are in one pile next to my typewriter. Another pile of news releases is from Israel. A third pile of envelopes are daily notices, JTA bulletins and reminders. And buried within that pile of envelopes are important notices that hopefully will find their way to the local news pages of this newspaper every week. It would be a great help for people who are sending these notices to earmark them for local news and if special coverage is requested, to telephone to make sure we've received the notices.

Being a small staff, we rely on the cooperation of the community. And that cooperation is something that cannot be taken for granted. This is why I continually embark on a face to face approach with the readers of this newspaper. I want to know what you are thinking. I want to know what events are coming up that deserve special attention. Accessibility is the key to a successful newspaper writer.

This is why I scheduled two speaking engagements last week, one at my home town library in Narragansett Pier, the other at Temple Shalom in Middletown. They were both interesting, deliberate encounters with people who are concerned with what goes on in the community and what goes into this community newspaper.

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At the Narragansett Pier library last Thursday night, I was invited to speak about my trip to Israel this summer. I did not have slides to show to provide a visual picture of the country, so while rain fell on the dark street outside the library, inside I described the many sunny places I visited in Israel, that were reported on in detail in the *Herald* and in the *Sunday Journal* magazine.

After my talk I met a neighbor of mine who has a son living in Haifa. During the question and answer session that followed my presentation, she described some of her favorite places in Israel and some of the changes she has noticed over the years. She has visited Israel 20 times or more and had a lot to contribute to an overall understanding of the country.

Before my speech ended, she commented that she thought my "Reporter's Notebook," written for the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in Jerusalem and later published in the *Herald*, was "too harsh." Readers will recall that I spent time describing some unpleasant incidents that occurred in Israel while I was traveling there. "I don't think you tempered it enough," she said, meaning the report came off too negative.

This was a comment that came out in another public appearance I made earlier last month, in Cranston. Why did I report on crime in Israel, for example, a reader asked me at that appearance. Isn't there crime in South Providence?

Oh, yes, there is lots of crime in South Providence. But that wasn't the purpose of my talk, or my report. To compare South Providence with Jerusalem is to compare apples with oranges.

My purpose in the "Reporter's Notebook in Israel" series was to show that Israel, like all countries, has modern day problems it has to face. This is a substantially different approach to reporting about Jewish life in Israel than you will read in the monthly *Federation Voice*. And that is what makes this publication, which strives to present a full range of unbiased journalism, different from the *Voice*, which presents only the opinions of those working in the Jewish Federation and interrelated agencies.

If I was harsh, it was simply to tell the truth. Life in Israel is difficult. There is crime there. Yes, it is a beautiful country, a country that is changing every day, growing, thriving, full of inspiration. It is a country that deserves our support. It is a country that needs our understanding. But it has inner turmoil. There is no other way to temper that reality other than to say it straight and honestly.

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In Middletown last Friday night, I spoke about the difference of reporting for a newspaper like the *Herald* versus writing for a house organ like the *Voice*. The theme of the evening was Jewish Book Month. I stressed the importance of opening one's mind, turning off the television or the VCR and reading, critically, exploring what you read, questioning what you read, comparing and contrasting.

Temple Shalom President Bob Hicks later summed up what I said and put it succinctly, I think, and so I quote him:

"I'd like to urge everyone to get into the physical fitness craze and exercise the muscle between their ears and read," Bob Hicks told the congregation.

The theme of Jewish Book Month should be renamed Jewish Reading Month, encouraging us to not only read books but newspapers and magazines as well, with the important distinction being that we read them critically, with an open, questioning mind.

When you confront writing in this way, you are becoming an enlightened consumer. I'm sure you'll find it more satisfying. And when a writer like myself comes knocking on your synagogue or community library door, you'll be ready for him and have questions to ask him that will make him accountable for the work he has written.

Candlelighting

November 22, 1985

4:02 p.m.

Marriage That Caused Dissension

by Isaac Klausner

A conflict, unexpected and unwarranted, erupted this summer in the Jewish community in France. The French media had a topic: Jews fighting Jews.

It all started when Baron Eric de Rothschild, of the famous family of bankers and philanthropists (do you remember Sholem Aleichem and his story "If I Were Rothschild?") decided to marry the non-Jewish aristocratic Beatrice Caraciolo di Florino.

Eric is the son of Baron Alain de Rothschild whose great contribution to French Judaism is well known. Eric himself, 45 years old, is active on the board of the "Consistoire Central" which is the official representative body of the Jews in France.

Beatrice, Eric's bride, expressed her desire to convert to Judaism. She studied with a Rabbi for over a year. However, Rabbi Rene Samuel Sirat, the Chief Rabbi of France, found the conversion not according to Halacha (legislative part of the Talmud) and refused to officiate at the wedding. The Rabbinical Court (Bet Din) agreed with the decision of Rabbi Sirat.

Rabbi Sirat was named Chief Rabbi in 1980 after the retirement of Rabbi Jacob Kaplan. We met Rabbi Sirat in 1981 during a conference in Menton, France. He is a University man; he is not a great speaker; he had no prior experience as administrator, and he is not "a political type." If politics were Euclidian, his arguments might be persuasive. In reality, this is not always true. Rabbi Sirat is devoted mainly to Jewish education, where he achieved great success.

After the verdict of Rabbi Sirat, Eric and Beatrice turned to Rabbi Jacob Kaplan, a friend of the Rothschilds. Rabbi Kaplan is now Honorary Chief Rabbi of France and Honorary Chief Rabbi of the Consistoire. He is also a member of the Academie Francaise and of the Institut de France. He is considered the most honorable and prestigious Jew in France.

Rabbi Kaplan knew, of course, that the Rothschilds very often married Christians, setting a bad example to the Jews in France. In the case of Beatrice, who earnestly wanted to become Jewish, Rabbi Kaplan decided not to reject but to help. He advised Beatrice to convert in Rabat, Morocco, by his friend the Chief Rabbi of Morocco. Beatrice followed his advice and became Jewish.

However, the validity of the conversion was not recognized by Rabbi Sirat and he refused to perform the wedding ceremony.

The wedding did take place on July 3 in the Great Synagogue of Paris with Rabbi Kaplan himself officiating. Present at the ceremony were Jean Paul Alkan, president of the Consistoire Central, Emile Touati, president of its Paris affiliate (he is known as a pious Jew) and a great number of distinguished members of the Jewish community.

Rabbi Sirat became unhappy and publicly accused the Consistoire of interfering in religious matter and undercutting the authority of the Rabbis. He also blamed Rabbi Kaplan for his part in the wedding.

A few days after the wedding, a shameful act, never recorded before in France, happened: the Mezuzah attached to the front door of Rabbi Kaplan's house, was torn down.

Rabbi Kaplan could not keep silent anymore. He vehemently denounced the act of vandals. He declared that the marriage was fully in accordance with Halacha, that he prefers Hillel's approach of tolerance when human lives are involved, and that he acted in the best interests of the Jewish community.

The presidents of the Consistoire, Alkan and Touati, declared that Rabbi Sirat does not understand the dilemma and the reality of French Jewry, that the rate of intermarriage is frightening in France, and that any person who sincerely wants to convert to Judaism must be encouraged and helped.

Le Monde, the liberal and influential French newspaper, published an interview with Teo Klein, a prominent Jewish lawyer, who stated that it is probably better for Judaism to have a mixed marriage where Jewishness is observed, than to have a home with no Judaism.

Much speculation was expressed on the real reasons of the fighting between Jews. Many thought that it was a power struggle between the Ashkenazim, European Jews, and the Sephardim, the immigrants who came to France after the decolonization of Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia, and are now the majority.

Rabbi Kaplan wants to put an end to the quarrels and proposed a special meeting of all Rabbis in France, and his proposal was accepted. Everyone is now waiting for a happy ending.

Isaac Klausner lives and writes in Cranston.

Michael Ingall To Speak At Town Meeting

Five days after the start of meetings in Geneva with U.S. and Soviet heads of state, local citizens in a New England village will debate some of the same issues and goals. On Sunday afternoon, November 24, people will gather in Rhode Island's village of Kingston, an historic center of activity and buildings.

Prominent Rhode Islanders, including elected officials, will meet local citizens from the "South County" area. State Senate leader William O'Neil (D) and State Representative Gilbert Indeglia (R) will be key participants in the "Town Meeting" discussion of the global summit issues. Professor Gerry Tyler, of the University of Rhode Island Political Science Department will be the moderator. The feature speaker Michael Ingall, MD, of the *Physicians for Social Responsibility* has been an active member of the Physicians group that was recently awarded an International Nobel Peace Prize.

The unique "Town Meeting" approach to world affairs issues was developed recently in Kingston and the surrounding towns of South Kingstown and Narragansett. During the previous state-wide vote on the nuclear freeze, the local towns debated and passed resolutions supporting bilateral, verifiable nuclear weapons moratorium. More recently at the same Kingston "Town Meeting" location, U.S. Senator Claiborne Pell led a panel of elected officials debating the role of public responsibility in dealing with the possibility of nuclear warfare. That earlier meeting was covered by all three network television Stations in Rhode Island.

John Grifalconi of Kingston, one of the organizers of this month's public meeting, called the November 24 event "the unique result of widespread public concern locally from all age groups, the religious community and area leaders who are worried about prospects of war." Simon Pressman, an active Senior Citizen leader in the area is also part of the ad hoc group at URI, where students, instructors and the college chaplains helped to initiate a peace curriculum that has attracted scholars and community people.

An additional feature of the Kingston meeting will be cooking and serving of famed Johnny Cakes prepared by Kenyon Corn Meal Mill of nearby Usquepaugh. New England Clam Chowder will also be served hot at the Sunday session to start at 3 p.m. at the Kingston Congregational Church, located across from Kingston Free Library, former historic Statehouse of early years in Rhode Island.

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Odyssey Of Truth

by Baruch Korff

My forbears taught me that *Truth* is the seal of the Almighty. Another lesson I culled from my progenitors is that before you utter a word you are its master; once you utter it, the word becomes your master. If it's true, say it! If it's the truth, tell it!

Mine is the odyssey of *Truth* in a climate of calumny and betrayal masked with pristine indifference and pious pronouncements. If you don't believe me, go to the John Hay Library and see for yourself. It's all laid out for you in shiny glass coffins.

Time and time again attempts are made in mini ways to obfuscate the truth, but the truth persists — vivisected perhaps, but coming together. My truth was throttled during its incumbency and for a long time was shrouded in involuntary exile. Taught to have been buried by those who would amputate history not to their liking, the truth emerged unscathed and unbowed.

Shielded by *In Deo Speramus*, Brown University offered sanctuary to the fugitive truth, the truth of a time that caused God to renounce His creation of Man.

A child who attended the burial of his grandfather heard a rabbi speak of the Holocaust for the first time and asked his father, "How long does it take to bury six million dead people?" "Oh God," said the father, "how long does it take to forget?" Better to say it never happened and be done with it or say nothing, like our idols of silver and gold: mouths that speak not, eyes that see not, and ears that hear not.

Some forty-two years ago Breckenridge Long of the State Department turned on me in exasperation, saying: "I don't like you; you give me nightmares. The other Jews who come here are more civilized." I was ecstatic: at long last I was making inroads. The conventional leaders would end their visits with U.S. officials on a note of niceties and in a blaze of publicity. As Edward Cambion Acheson, brother of Dean Acheson, confided: "Their vanity was gorged with hospitality . . ."

I consciously determined that my only recourse was *not* to be liked, an unlikely course for a rabbi. Official Washington, particularly top echelons, had no intention of reversing their policy — foreclosure of all hope for victims of Nazi barbarism and Western collusion. Mine was *Chutzpa* in pursuit of Justice. I wouldn't shake hands with piranhas. Mark Brown, the curator of John Hay Library who has been working on the Archives for the past twenty months, recently observed, "If your aim was to be disliked, you succeeded . . ."

I distinctly recall a number of crucial crossroads during which I demanded from my sponsors, the *Vaad haHatzala*, complete autonomy so that I might confront the councils of power without jeopardy to the rescue agency. I didn't think at the time that the antagonism would overlap into sectarian circles, among Breckenridge Long's "civilized" Jews. Fueled by its own power it made my tasks that much more difficult. While I take some comfort in the lives we have saved, I mourn, forever, the millions we were unable to save.

The exhibit features some two hundred documents, but thousands of others have yet to be sorted and cataloged. Crucial segments have been confiscated by the Justice Department as being "too sensitive." It is to be hoped that these will be restored to their new owner, Brown University. Other documents have passed into the hands of the State and Defense Departments during the Holocaust and the events leading up to the independence of Israel. These too will eventually be located and restored to the collection at Brown.

In closing this commentary I propose that you visit the exhibit, examine the documents, conduct your own autopsy, and help determine the course of future history.

The Rabbi Baruch Korff Archives are now on exhibition at the John Hay Library, Brown University.

Pulitzer Prize Winning Poet At PC

Pulitzer Prize winning novelist and short story writer John Updike, whose latest novel *The Witches of Eastwick* is set in Rhode Island, will deliver the second Mellon Lecture on Wednesday, December 4, at 7 p.m. in the RISD Auditorium, 2 Canal Street, Providence. Admission is free and open to the public.

Updike will give a poetry reading from his latest book of poems, *Facing Nature* (1985) and from five previous collections: *The Carpeted Hen* (1958), Telephone *Poles* (1963), *A Child's Calendar* (1965), *Midpoint* (1969), and *Tossing and Turning* (1977).

Updike is best known for his "Rabbit" novel series. *Rabbit Run* (1960), *Rabbit Redux* (1971), and *Rabbit is Rich* (1981) tell the story of Harry "Rabbit" Angstrom, a character who partially reflects Updike's own personality. In these three novels, Rabbit has been buffeted by the events of the 1950's, 60's and 70's. In 1982, *Rabbit is Rich* received the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, the American Book Award for Fiction, and the National Book Critics Circle Award.

Updike has over 25 titles to his credit, including novels, collections of short stories, and poems. In 1984, his collection *Hugging the Shore* won the National Book Critics Circle Award for criticism. His 1959 novel *The Poorhouse Fair* won the Rosenthal Award in 1960, and his 1963 novel *The Centaur* won the National Book Award for Fiction.

Born in Shillington, Pennsylvania in 1932, Updike is a 1954 graduate of Harvard University (summa cum laude) and the Ruskin School of Drawing and Fine Arts in Oxford, England. He writes frequently for *The New Yorker* and lives in Beverly, Massachusetts.

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Book Review: "Tale of the Ring"

by Michael Fink

I never find the memoirs of Holocaust survivors repetitious, and always find them instructive and profound.

The most recent to arrive at *Herald* headquarters, *The Tale of the Ring: A Kaddish*, by Frank (or Franek) Stiffel, has a poetic symbol — a cameo ring — and a romantic ending. But it is a harrowing tale and an antidote to our cultural complacency.

Stiffel experienced the Warsaw Ghetto, Treblinka, Auschwitz, and a depressing displaced-person odyssey back and forth across postwar Eastern Europe. He is deeply disillusioned with everything — even with "my brothers, the Zionist Movement, and God Himself." But throughout his adventures, his witnessings of degradation and heroism, unselfishness and meanness, suffering and trascendance, one feels keenly his quest to maintain dignity.

Some wonderful phrases, some surprising insights, and several disturbing reminders of Jewish problems I for one have not really explored before.

The Hungarian Jewish resentment of the Polish Jews. The division between the Jewish "left" and the Jewish "right" in the immediate postwar. The absolute solitude of each survivor. Sex and love among the survivors. Auschwitz *after* the war.

An event like the Holocaust tends to drift into a series of generalizations and categorizations. But if you read the direct account of a survivor, you glimpse the specifics of this landscape in its Existential agony and absurdity. Warehouses of luxuries while the Jews starved. Red Cross volunteers stealing from survivors. A Jewish hangman who tries to rescue the victim in the noose.

A book you will read with fresh astonishment in each sentence. I read these books with a sense of purpose. While I can never "understand" the event, I become familiar with some of its outlines, and I marvel continually at the miracle of the survivors and the gift of their testimony.

Michael Fink is an associate professor of liberal arts at the R.I. School of Design.

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Social Events

Betty Sugerman And Alan Weintraub Marry

Betty Carla Sugerman of Branford, Connecticut, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel H. Sugerman of Cranston, Rhode Island was married to Dr. Alan Curtis Weintraub also of Branford, on October 26, 1985. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey J. Weintraub of Livingston, New Jersey.

Rabbi Leslie Y. Gutterman officated at the ceremony held at Temple Beth El in Providence, Rhode Island. A reception was held immediately following the 7 p.m. ceremony The bride was given in marriage by her father, Mr. Nathaniel H. Sugerman.

The bride wore an off the shoulder floor length white silk taffeta gown with a shirred bodice. She carried a bouquet of white and lavender roses, yellow and white freesia and baby's breath.

Claudia Akerstein, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. She was attended by another sister, Ruth Ann Sugerman, and Ernestine Fryburg. Ilana Akerstein, niece of the bride, was a flower girl.

Dr. Steven J. Weintraub, brother of the groom, was best man. Ushers included Richard Sugerman, brother of the bride, Dr. Mitch Collman, Dr. Ronald Hirschl. Ari and Eli Akerstein were ring bearers.

After a wedding trip to Maui and Seattle the couple will make their home in Branford, Connecticut.

Traugotts Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Traugott of Sylvania, Ohio announce the birth of Jay Ryan's sister, Kari Paula, on November 10.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Cohen of Newcastle, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Traugott of Providence are the paternal grandparents and Mrs. Bianca Traugott of Providence is the paternal great-grandmother.

Leslie Zimmerman Engaged To Thomas Cleaver

Mr. and Mrs. Ira R. Zimmerman of Miami, Florida are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Leslie Hope Zimmerman to Thomas Cleaver of Tampa, Florida. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Cleaver of Tampa, Florida.

The bride is also the grandaughter of Mrs. Coleman Zimmerman of Cranston, and the late Coleman Zimmerman.

The bride-to-be graduated from Cranston West High. The bride and groom-to-be both graduated from University of South Florida.

The wedding date has been set for March 15, 1986.

Nava Hamamy Wed To Shmuel Goldman

Shmuel Goldman, son of Rosalie Goldman of Newport, R.I., and Harvey Goldman of Warwick, R.I., was married to Nava Hamamy, daughter of Rabbi and Mrs. Yosef Chaim Hamamy of Jerusalem, Israel.

The wedding took place October 13, 1985, at the Lubavitch Synagogue in Brooklyn, N.Y., followed by a reception at Bais Rivkah.

The bride is a graduate of Bais Rivka Teacher's College, K'far Chabad, Israel. The groom is a graduate of The Rabbinical College of America, Morristown, N.J., and Brooklyn Law School, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Gilsteins Announce Birth

Sharon and Andy Gilstein of Warwick, are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Amy Elizabeth on October 24, 1985. Amy's maternal grandparents are Earl and Gilda Resnick of Cranston. Paternal grandparents are Ben and Lillian Gilstein of Cranston.

Dining And Dancing At Temple Emanu-El

Temple Emanu-El and its Sisterhood on November 23 will sponsor a musical evening featuring Debbie Waldman, an exciting versatile singer-actress and Dr. Mayer Levitt, a multi-talented prominent Providence dentist. Chairing this event are Susan and Edward Odessa. The committee for the evening includes Ruth and Howard Schachter, Buddy and Ellie Frank, Bob and Joyce Starr, Jill Robinson, Murray Kaplan, Bernard Lightman, Mrs. Reuben Cohen, Mrs. Nathan Barmak, Mrs. Abe Gurwitz and the Temple Emanu-El Garden Club.

Providence Hadassah Meeting

An Israeli brunch is planned by the Providence Chapter of Hadassah for its annual paid-up membership event. It will be held on Monday, November 25 at 11:30 a.m. in the Meeting House of Temple Emanu-El.

The program will feature guest speaker Fran Robins-Liben, an associate member of the law firm of Tillinghast, Collins and Graham. Her topic will be "Women and Jewish Law."

This annual event, which honors all paid-up members, is held as a special tribute to new members. This year Providence Chapter boasts 60 new annual members and 25 new life members. Chartered in November, 1923, it is one of the oldest chapters in the United States.

Ruth Goldstein, Vice President in charge of Membership, will be Chairman of the Day. She will be assisted by Shirley Chernick, Hospitality Chairman, and her committee including Catherine Abrams, Roberta Blum, Selma Halpern, Rita Millen, Jeannette Resnik, Florence Silver, Selma Souza and Beatrice Udin. Also involved are Herta Hoffman, Life Membership Chairman; Doris McGarry, Program Chairman; Grace Alpert, Publicity Chairman; and Claire Bell, ex-officio.

All paid-up members for the current year are invited to attend. As a convenience, dues may be paid at the door.

Pawtucket Hadassah Meeting

Pawtucket Hadassah will hold its Paid Up Membership Meeting, Monday, November 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, Elmgrove Avenue, Providence.

Varda Lev and Hadassah Stein, accompanied by Karen Chapple, violinist with the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra, will present a unique and exciting program. They will present dramatic readings from an original manuscript of memoirs of an early 19th century European Zionist. Early Zionist songs of Europe and settlers in Palestine will complete the program.

Homemade desserts will be served. Esther Alter, Membership Chairperson, will serve as Hospitality Chairperson for this event.

Temple Beth-El

On Sunday, December 8, the Young Families Committee of Temple Beth-El will sponsor its annual Chanukah Celebration. Beginning at 5:45 p.m. Congregants and their children will gather to kindle the Temple's outdoor menorah. At 6 p.m., grade 5 of the Temple's Religious School will present a Chanukah play entitled *Alice in Chanukahland* directed by Marian Strauss. Following the play, the Religious School's Junior Choir will lead the children and their parents in holiday songs.

The program is chaired by Mandy Katz with assistance from Ardean Botvin and Joanne Summer of the Temple Sisterhood. For more information on this Chanukah Celebration, call 331-6070.

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Alzheimer's Night At Temple Am David

The Sisterhood of Temple Am David will hold a Community Awareness Program on Alzheimer's Disease, at the Temple, 40 Gardiner St., Warwick, on Monday, November 25, 1985, at 8 p.m.

A panel of experts headed by Dr. Mario Mendes, Neurologist, Assistant Professor at Brown University and a staff member at the Miriam Hospital, and including Mr. William Edelstein, Executive Director of the Jewish Home for the Aged in Providence; Ruth Silverman, ACSW at the Jewish Family Service; Sheila Webster, ACSW at the Miriam Hospital; and Jack Smith, former Cantor at Temple Torat Yisrael, will each give a short summary of their impact on the Alzheimer's program.

Gus Parmet, well known Broadcaster will moderate the panel and give an overall picture of the extent of Alzheimer's here, locally, and throughout the country, covering both the financial and psychological consequences of the disease.

The bulk of the evening will be devoted to an interchange with the audience. The general public is invited to attend.

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New President Of National Sisterhood Elected

Dolores Wilkenfeld of Houston was elected to a two-year term as president of the 100,000-member National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods at the organization's 35th biennial convention in Los Angeles last week. She succeeds Constance Kreshtool of Wilmington, Del.

For the past four years, Mrs. Wilkenfeld has served as first vice president of the NFTS. She has also headed the NFTS departments on the advancement of Judaism and on religion and education, and has served as recording secretary. NFTS, with 650 Sisterhoods in 16 countries, is the women's affiliate of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the central body of Reform Judaism in the United States and Canada.

A Sisterhood member for 29 years, Mrs. Wilkenfeld is a past president of the Texas-Oklahoma Federation of NFTS and of Temple Emanuel El Sisterhood in Houston. She is immediate past president of the congregation.

In Houston Mrs. Wilkenfeld is a board member of the American Jewish Committee, the community relations committee of the Jewish Federation and the Jewish National Fund. She is a former vice president of the Jewish Community Center and was a founder and co-chairwoman of the hospital visiting committee of the Jewish Community Council, now part of the Jewish Federation. She is a member of TIE, the Texas-Israel Agricultural Exchange, which is operated under the aegis of the state's Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mrs. Wilkenfeld was honored last month by the Houston chapter of the American Jewish Committee with its Max H. Nathan Human Relations Award; in 1982 she received the D.H. White Memorial Award from Houston's Jewish Community Center for "outstanding commitment to the ideals of Jewish life." In 1978 she was named "Reform Woman of the Year" by the Houston Joint Committee for Reform Judaism in Israel.

Mrs. Wilkenfeld attended the University of Texas, received a bachelor's degree from Southern Methodist University and did postgraduate work at the University of Houston, where she earned a teaching certificate in secondary education. She formerly worked as a writer and producer at a Houston advertising agency.

She and her husband, Buddy, a real estate executive, have one son, Lewis, who lives in California.

The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods was founded in 1913. Its executive director is Eleanor Schwartz and its headquarters are in New York.

B'nai B'rith Youth

Yayn V'Lechem chapter of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization which meets at Temple Agudas Achim in Attleboro, Mass., has scheduled their activities for November and December.

On November 26, a chapter meeting will be held followed by a Make Your Own Sundae starting at 7 p.m. On December 1, the chapter will be hosting a Chanukah Party with chapters from Woonsocket, Taunton and Narragansett. December 6 the chapter will be attending Friday Night Services and on December 15, the chapter will be volunteering at the Rhode Island Federation Phone-a-thon at the Marriott.

Yayn V'Lechem chapter is looking for new members. Any Jewish youth living in the Attleboro area and between the ages of 12 and 18 and would like further information, please call Darcy Clements, 617-695-6059 Chapter President or David Hochman, Rhode Island State Coordinator at 401-467-B.B.Y.O.

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Around Town

by Dorothea Snyder

The texture of a shag-rag rug is examined by Rochelle and Stanley Bleecker. Explaining how it is made by Arriba Design Works Inc. of South Portland, Maine is Suzanne Douglas at left.

Judy Rossman rests against a piece of her pottery.

Dorothy and Donald Horowitz are shown a hand-woven tie by Kathy James of Auburndale, Mass. at left and a hand-painted scarf by Pam Bracci of Haverhill, Mass. at right.

Representing Baltimore calligrapher and illustrator Avraham Cohen, Shira Sears, center, singles out this Hebrew alphabet for Naomi and Robert Halpert. The Halperts were in charge of the Sunday cafe for the crafts fair.

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Admiring glances are cast upon a platter made by potter Judy Rossman of Scituate Mass. From left, Lola Schwartz, executive director, Jewish Community Center, Charles and Ruth Samdperil.

Show of Hands co-chairwomen Robin Samdperil, left, and Cheryl Guglielmi, center, talk glass with William Riker of Providence. A glass artisan who has exhibited at the Jewish Community Center for ten years, Riker received an award for artistic excellence at the gala. (Photos by Dorothea Snyder)

Spotlight On Solomon Schechter School

"Being Jewish is Special" — says Lorraine Rappoport, Jewish Studies Teacher in the Kindergarten at Solomon Schechter School, "and we want our children to know it!" Here she helps students, and Marissa Perel decorate Kipot.

by Libby Peiser

Lorraine Rappoport, Jewish Studies Teacher, is thoroughly enjoying this year, as a new teacher at Solomon Schechter. She has been actively involved with the school as a parent over the past several years, as both of her sons are students here. Lorraine's personal feelings ring loud and strong when she speaks of her reasons for taking a position this year at the school, "I feel that Jewish education is very important for our children, for they are the future of Judaism. A Day School environment provides the optimal setting, and I am thrilled to be teaching at Solomon Schechter!"

Lorraine's background includes a B.S. degree in Elementary Education from Boston University, and a teaching position with the Quincy Public Schools. In addition, she teaches at the Sunday School in Temple Torat Israel, Cranston. Lorraine has studied at Hebrew University in Israel, and has participated in many courses at the Bureau of Jewish Education. The skills that she has developed in her 10 years as a volunteer for Haddassah (Past President of the Jerusalem Chapter, and current Leadership Development Chairman in the Western New England Regional Board), have translated well into her professional life.

Lorraine's goals for the Kindergarten are high ones! She feels that in this year, it is important to foster a positive attitude to school, as well as a positive self-image. Since this age group has natural interest in music and drama, she uses these art forms in all activities. In addition, Lorraine is teaching Hebrew through TPR, a "Total Physical Response" pilot program, being developed through a grant to Dr. Elliot Schwartz at the Bureau of Jewish Education. This program stresses that learning a second language is always better if the student first learns to comprehend it. The goal of this year is to foster a comprehensive Hebrew vocabulary of at least 500-700 words! This is accomplished through "activity, not passivity," and the children just love their total involvement in movement, crafts, games, and songs. "Hebrew" to Lorraine, "is not a separate entity. At Solomon Schechter, children are *living* Conservative Judaism, which is taught not only as a religion, but as a way of life."

Away from the school, Lorraine lives with her husband, Harvey, an optometrist, and her two sons. She loves tennis, knitting, reading, and music.

Janet Miller, General Studies Teacher in the Kindergarten at Solomon Schechter, feels that "each child is different, and should have the opportunity to reach his/her potential as an individual. Here she takes a break from her Kindergarten Class, to share her Chinese cooking talents with the seventh grade.

by Libby Peiser

Ask yourself what qualities you would most like to describe your child's Kindergarten teacher — "Energetic?", "Creative?", "Nurturing?" Janet Miller, General Studies Teacher, and Lorraine Rappoport, Jewish Studies Teacher, certainly combine all of these traits in heading this year's Kindergarten class at Solomon Schechter Day School.

Janet Miller began with Solomon Schechter as an aide eight years ago, "when there were only 10 children in the entire school!" Armed with her Bachelor's degree in Child Development, she then taught nursery school, and when an opening became available, she joined the faculty, as the Kindergarten teacher.

Janet sees Kindergarten as the year that "makes children want to go to school — the year where they begin to find out who they are." She aims for (and achieves!) a relaxed classroom atmosphere, where "learning can be fun!" And fun it is, with the many exciting ideas in her curriculum. The project that is occupying the class right now is the highly anticipated annual Thanksgiving Breakfast, where parents, grandparents, siblings, and friends are invited to sample delectables, made by their children, as well as enjoy a Pilgrim "operetta."

Janet has also been involved in developing a curriculum guide on Nutrition, which will include crafts, cooking projects, and a visit to the Food Poison Center. She and her co-writer, Mrs. Ronnie Guttin, are planning to submit this work for publication. Janet also created a pamphlet for prospective students at Solomon Schechter, "The Most Asked Questions in Kindergarten," which proved to be a highly successful addition for this year's class.

In her spare time, Janet enjoys being with her husband, Lewis, an accountant in Pawtucket, and her two daughters. She is a golf lover, walks 5 miles four times a week, and loves to cook.

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A Look Inside Israeli Sports

by Wendy Leibowitz

(JSPA) ISRAEL BUREAU — The Israeli sports scene alternated between exhilaration and frustration. Just like the political scene, with which it often overlaps.

While other sports fans can concentrate on rooting their teams to victory, Israelis must first agonize over whether Israel will be allowed to enter world competition at all. The Asian Football (soccer) Confederation expelled Israel in 1976, expressly breaking international law by doing so. Thus, in order to compete for the World Cup, Israel was incongruously classed in the "Oceania" Group (now the "Oceania/Israel Group") and is playing Taiwan, New Zealand and Australia in the opening round of the World Cup competition.

While Israel's expulsion from the Asian Confederation was a diplomatic blow to politicians, it turned out to be a boon to soccer fans, as Israel fields a much better team than any of her newfound competitors. In the opening game of the World Cup, played at Ramat Gan Stadium, September 3 before a crowd of 20,000 including President Chaim Herzog, Israel blasted Taiwan 6-0, and was confidently expected to demolish the other teams in the Oceania Group. Unfortunately, Israel lost to Australia in a later match. It is hoped that the shock of unexpected defeat will fire the Israeli team to win the rematch against Australia, and the following games against Taiwan.

But even if Israel triumphs in Oceania group, their victory may be short-lived: the Oceania winner qualifies for the World Cup finals only by outscoring the runner-up of Group 7, which includes Spain, Scotland and Wales. Barring a miracle on a biblical scale — perhaps plagues of locusts suddenly descending on European soccer matches — Israelis will have to settle for being the soccer champion of the Pacific.

Israelis with Olympian aspirations lose heart at times, but never entirely abandon hope. Twice the Tel Aviv Maccabee basketball team has carried away the European Cup, and every winter season one reads of Tel Aviv's victory over Athens: "Maccabees beat Greeks at Hannukah."

This contribution to the holiday spirit does not exempt the basketball teams from conflict with Israeli religious authorities. Many players are immigrants, lured not by Zionist idealism but by a desire to play pro basketball. Americans who don't make the grade in the U.S. are welcome to play in Israel. However, not all of the immigrants were Jewish when they came to Israel, and it has been charged that they converted to Judaism only to play basketball as Israelis, not to pray as Jews. This year, perhaps as a result of this scandal, the Israeli Basketball Association announced that it was doubling the number of foreign players allowed on the team.

While Americans are in great demand on Israeli basketball teams, Israelis almost as frequently are to be found in European soccer: Avi Cohen played for English champions Liverpool before returning to Israel to compete in the World Cup wearing the blue and white; Cologne paid $105,000 for left back David Pitzani, and Moshe Sinai trained with Manchester United.

Two Israeli Arabs play on the Israeli national soccer team, proving that talent overcomes artificial obstacles in sport. Rifat (Jimmy) Turk, born in Jaffa 30 years ago, is a dashing inspiration in midfield to a generation of young Israelis, both Jewish and Arab. The Team's top scorer and one of the most popular players of all, is Zahi Armeli, who rose from impoverished beginnings in the Arab Galilee town of Shfaram to score 12 goals in his first 12 international matches. "There are people who taunt me with 'dirty Arab' and 'PLO filth,' but many more lift me shoulder high," he says when interviewed. "I feel very proud, both as an Arab and an Israeli, to wear the national colors."

World Cup matches in Israel this autumn, the issue of violence in the stands has not arisen. This is remarkable in that team loyalties run high and Middle Easterners are not renowned for their self-control or good sportsmanship. Worse, each soccer team is sponsored by a political party — HaPoel by the Labor Alignment, Maccabee by the rightist Herut Party and Betar by the tiny Liberal Party.

Fortunately, sports are not associated with getting drunk. An Israeli soccer game is a family outing; baby carriages and picnic coolers dot the bleachers. Only once did soccer fans get unruly, in last year's national semi-finals, when Betar Jerusalem (associated with the Likud) lost to Hapoel Tel Aviv (Labor) in a close match that was decided by a controversial last-minute goal by Tel Aviv. Betar fans tore the stadium apart, causing thousands of dollars worth of damage and beating up rival fans, policemen and referees. The punishment: the Jerusalem Betar team would have to pay for all damages to the arena, and would not be allowed to play a home game for three seasons. There have been no further incidents.

Despite the lack of international competition, professional teams, or even official rules, this summer the quintessential Israeli sport continued to be played on the nation's beaches: "makkote," a noisy version of netless tennis or tableless ping-pong, played with vicious force non-stop along the country's seacoast. Tock, tock, tock, the thump of the ball against the racket resounds from beach to beach. There are no rules, no winner or loser, no beginning and no end, and the game is annoying and dangerous to all in the vicinity. It's perfect for the Middle East.

Outstanding Students Sought For Scholarships

Yeshiva University is now accepting applications from outstanding students seeking entrance to its undergraduate schools as Max Stern Scholars — recipients in the largest single scholarship program at the University.

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The scholarship application and other required documents must be submitted to the Selection Committee by February 15. Applications and additional information regarding the Program may be obtained by writing the Selection Committee, Max Stern Scholars Program, Furst Hall, Suite 115, 500 West 185th Street, New York, NY 10033, or calling (212) 960-5277.

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From Hearts Of Children — World Solidarity And Peace

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meetings between the Soviet and American leaders. Hope-filled faces dotted the crowd as the children sang songs, offered prayers and chanted their pleas for human dignity. The smallest of the children carried signs and made fists as they repeated:

"One, two, three, four,
Open up the Kremlin door,
Five, six, seven, eight,
Let my people emigrate."

Barbara Lightman, Chairperson for the Soviet and International Jewry Task Force of the Community Relations Council of the JFRI, opened the event by asking the children to imagine what life would be like if they lived in Russia, under restraints and threatened with imprisonment. She concluded her remarks by saying, "The 'refusniks' need to know that our prayers are with them and that we will do all we can to break this chain of human rights violations by the Soviet Union."

Two of the children presented petitions containing the signatures of more than 700 other children in the state to Lt. Governor Licht. Svetlana Vaksberg and Ari Newman spoke on behalf of their peers and asked Licht to transmit their wish to President Reagan. "Please tell him we care about our brothers and sisters in Russia and ask him to discuss their plight with Soviet Leader Gorbachev," they said. In a very moving reading four of the older children recited:

"We are leaving Mother Russia
We have waited far too long,
We are leaving Mother Russia
When they come for us, we'll be gone."

Several other adult speakers commended the children's interest and encouraged them to remain involved and committed to seeing human rights granted to Soviet Jews. But mostly it was a day for the children to speak out. They carried paper chains with the names of more than 300 Soviet Jewish children whose families have been denied permission to leave Russia. From kindergarten to high school, faces reflected a sincere concern for the lack of freedom of their Soviet counterparts.

Rabbi Dan Liben of Temple Emanu-El led the group in prayer. He asked the children to remember that although in America they were able to "breathe the fresh air, in Russia there was only stifled air." And although they were "free to practice Judaism, their brothers and sisters in Russia were only able to do so in darkness and in the shadows."

Members of the sixth and seventh grade classes stood before the crowd and sang several choruses of *Let Them Out Tonight*, a song describing the plight of the Jews in Russia, who are singled out and discriminated by the government but who are not granted permission to leave the country.

Lila Sapinsley, representing Governor DiPrete who was unable to attend, read the proclamation he sent declaring this day International Solidarity Day. She also commended the children for their "activism" and for "demonstrating peacefully." Father Flannery, Director in the Dioceses of Providence verbalized the sentiments of the group as he led them in a prayer asking God for peace.

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Arts & Entertainment

Electricity To Perform At Torat Yisrael

Eclectricity, a musical trio that has toured with Theodore Bikel, will perform at the annual Ira and Anna Galkin Chanukah Concert on Sunday afternoon, November 24 at Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave.

The concert, which begins at 1 p.m., is open to Temple members and the general public and is offered free of charge.

Eclectricity, a group based in Indiana, will present a family oriented concert of folk and traditional Jewish, Israeli and Yiddish music.

Besides touring with Theodore Bikel, the group has appeared at numerous music festivals, at colleges, on radio and television, before numerous community and Jewish groups, and at a wide variety of well known clubs throughout the country.

Bikel said of the group: "They make music which is here and now, and yet looks back at antecedents with great respect and attention to authenticity. They are capable of skillfully blending ethnic styles with modern thought and American concepts and equally apt to render European music — especially East European — in a manner which would arouse the envy of any Hungarian, Rumanian, Serbian or Klezmer — or of any Gypsy, for that matter."

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"Biloxi Blues" Neil Simon's Finest

By Dorothea Snyder

The scene is familiar: young inductees on the monotonous train ride to a southern outpost.

In Neil Simon's latest hit *Biloxi Blues*, we empathize with that tedium and laugh with the tomfoolery of five rookies whose immediate destination is more certain than any fate that lies beyond six weeks of basic training.

We squirm in our seats from the restlessness that stirs from their apprehension, anxiety and homesickness which began at the first shove of the engine.

Biloxi Blues, playing at the Neil Simon Theatre in New York City, is the evolution of Eugene Morris Jerome from a young 14-year-old in *Brighton Beach Memoirs* to an army recruit. It is again his story to tell recorded in that famous journal which recorded all family matters and relationships.

Relationships is the stuff Neil Simon is made of. Most of his themes are universal and to what we can easily relate. Much of what he has written has been based on his own life. If indeed like Eugene, he did experience those World War II years, his impressions have created a script which is humorous yet impelling.

Biloxi Blues chararacters may ring of clear stereotypes, but we expect that. A mixture of ethnicity delivers the sting of racial and religious slurs layered with homosexual accusations.

There are very strong performances. Bill Sadler is brilliant as the tough Sgt. Merwin Toomey who pounds his men with the "Yours is not to reason why, but do or die" brand of philosophy. Mark Nelson as Epstein contests Toomey with a barrage of intellectual battles, unyielding to the axiom that wits alone will not make for survival on a battlefield.

Bruce Norris, as Eugene, projects the innocence and naivete still reminiscent of his *Brighton Beach Memoirs* personality until his first sexual encounter with Rowena, convincingly portrayed by Randall Edwards, and the confrontation he has with his barrack buddies when they accidentally get ahold of his diary.

Biloxi Blues, directed by Gene Saks, is one of those rare plays that can keep its audience captive for three hours and leave you wondering where the time went.

No actor is wasted in *Biloxi Blues*. A superb cast blends with a somber set designed by David Mitchell to make you feel you're in the army now.

It's got to be Neil Simon's finest!

Nutcracker Returns As Holiday Tradition

The talented ensemble of The Festival Ballet of dancers will present a holiday favorite, *The Nutcracker*, on Friday, December 13 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, December 14 at 7:30 and 2:30 p.m. and then again on Sunday, December 15 at 2:30 p.m. at the Providence Performing Arts Center, 220 Weybosset St., Providence, R.I. Tickets are $18, $15, $12 and $6 with $2 off for children 12 and younger except loge. For more information and ticket reservations please call The Festival Ballet Box Office at 353-1129 or The Providence Performing Arts Center at 421-ARTS.

Boston Pops Holiday Concert

The Providence Civic Center will again play host this year to a special holiday appearance by the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra on Monday, December 16 at 8 p.m.

Returning to the Civic Center for the third year in a row, the Boston Pops will be celebrating not only the Christmas season, but also their centennial, as 1985 marks their 100th Anniversary.

The world-renowned Pops, a smaller entity of the Boston Symphony, have never been more popular, as their 14-city national centennial tour early this year has shown. Record numbers turned out for each of their 15 U.S. concerts, as did TV viewers for their nationally televised special on PBS.

Tickets are on sale now at the Providence Civic Center Box Office, all Ticketron locations, and the usual Civic Center outlets. Tickets can be ordered by phone using major credit cards by calling Teletron at (401) 331-0990 or 1-800-382-8080.

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Don't Miss This Beat

by Susan Bostian

Brian Jones and Susan Boyce, tap dancers extraordinaire, are hosting an unforgettable evening of song and dance, variety and enchantment, on Saturday, November 23 at the Columbus Theatre.

"Everyone who attends this one night only performance can expect to have a fabulous time," promises Brian. But that is the only expectation this 1985 song and dance team will entertain. "We have always strived to expand on what people think are the possibilities of tap dancing," Susan continues. A sample of Jones and Boyce performing new wave tap will dispel any preconceived notions and convince the most ardent disbeliever that this is a vibrant, evolving and exciting jazz form.

Fans of Brian Jones and the All Tap Revue will remember the innovative choreography that brought fruit to life, legs to fish and smiles to onlookers. Although the All Tap Revue was wildly successfully, the couple decided in the true spirit of English irreverance that it was indeed "time for something completely different." Concurrently for the past seven years, Jones and Boyce have been fusing humor, a cappella jazz vocals and joy as they perfected their version of a song and dance duo.

The unique style that ultimately emerged reflects the effervescence and finely tuned harmony between the two dancers. "Our whole goal is to spread the absolute joy of being alive," declares Brian. "That's our purpose," Susan says. "This is more than a recreation, a hobby, even a love. This is our life."

Last June, the couple made a commitment to devote themselves to pursuing their art full time. They both left their day jobs and emersed themselves into Jones and Boyce. "We don't get up and go to work," Susan says, "we are in it. We live it and breathe it 24 hours a day." "Work is no longer an exception to our real lives, it is our real lives," Brian agrees.

Jones and Boyce who call Providence their home tour extensively throughout New England and Canada. "We head out with the car loaded to the roof, with picnic baskets, costumes, and all the comforts of home we can sqeeze in," Susan laughs. "That's where we perfected our a cappella vocals," Brian discloses. "We drive thousands of miles and we sing the whole way."

The couple began this year in Maine, where they were invited to help Portland residents celebrate their first, First Night. "There we were at midnight on live television singing with the Temptations," Brian says with excitement and a bit of awe still in his voice.

The appearance turned out to be a good omen for the coming year. Jones and Boyce have recently completed their first EP of a cappella vocals, called Flip, Flop and Fly. The couple hopes to have copies available at the performance.

What else can the audience expect to see at the concert? "Well, the audience will see song and dance, but they are going to be surprised, challenged, and astonished at how much fun they can have," Brian answered. "In addition to the new wave tap dancing, we have included ballroom waltzing, good and bad, vaudeville jokes, comic radio scripts, Vegas-style production numbers and contemporary minimalist jazz." "This will also be the first time we have used a synthesizer in concert," Susan adds. "Brian has been writing music on the apple computer."

"Tap dancers ripen nicely," Brian says with a grin. "We've spent a long time developing a voice and a style, but technically we can go on dancing forever. We could eventually be like Fred and Ethel Mertz still doing the circuit. Tap will always be a language for us to express our goals."

"About a year ago we were in Paris and we entertained at a few parties and it felt really good," Susan says. "But where we are right now is great and we keep that separate from our future goals." "We incorporate our philosophy into every performance," Brian insists. "The audience is not just passing time until they get home to the babysitter. We feel that right here and now is forever."

Concert goers should plan to leave their expectations at home. Jones and Boyce have planned a delightful evening of surprises. Concert goers should also plan to shake off their little shoulderbags of worries and leave them by the Columbus Theatre door. As Brian put it, "We say, we're here, let's fill the house and have a rousing party. Let's have a great time and we'll put everything off for a while and celebrate the joy of being alive."

Tickets are $7.50 for adults, $5 for students and senior citizens. Jones and Boyce will appear at 8 p.m. for one night only at the Columbus Theatre, 270 Broadway, Providence. For tickets and further information, call 333-8702.

International String Quartet At Brown

The International String Quartet will present a concert Friday, November 22, at 8:30 p.m. in Alumnae Hall, 194 Meeting St. The group will play Schubert's Quintet in C and Brahms's Sextet in B flat, accompanied by two guest musicians, Jeffrey Irvine on the viola and Pierre Djokic on the cello.

A graduate of the Juilliard School, Djokic is currently a professor at the Munich International Chamber Music Institute and principal cellist of Symphony Nova Scotia. Irvine, who received degrees from the Philadelphia Musical Academy and the Eastman School of Music, is on the faculty of the Conservatory of Music at Oberlin College. He is a member of the Carmel Quartet and winner of the 1979 Aspen Music Festival Viola Competition.

The quartet's permanent members are violinists Chihiro Kudo and Machie Oguri-Kudo, James Van Valkenburg on the viola and Michelle Djokic (Pierre's sister) on the cello. One of the foremost chamber ensembles in America today, the group is in its sixth season in residence at Brown University.

No reservations are required. Tickets are $6 general admission, $3 with a Brown I.D. For more information, call (401) 863-3234.

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Formed in 1977, the Fibers Co-op has grown to include over 300 textile artists, who meet monthly at Slater Mill Historic Site. The organization sponsors lectures, films, workshops, craft demonstrations, fund raising activities, supply ordering discounts and a quarterly newsletter. The Fibers Co-op will be having their 8th Annual Exhibit and Sale November 24 through December 22, opened daily 1-5 p.m. The exhibition will open with a gala candle light reception on November 24, 6-8 p.m. in the Wilkinson Gallery, Slater Mill Historic Site. This show will house reasonably priced, unique, hand-crafted baskets, tapestries, weavings, silkscreened and quilted pieces, as well as, batiked and knitted wearables.

During Slater Mill's "Holiday Hearth" celebration on December 14 three works, all hand-made by members of the Fibers Co-op from this exhibition will be raffled off — a water wheel design quilt, a 100% wool Icelandic knit sweater and a large splint basket. Raffle tickets are $1 each. Don't miss a chance to win one of these items. Any one of these select pieces from the Fibers Co-op Exhibit and Sale will make wonderful gifts, too. For more information and raffle tickets call 725-8639.

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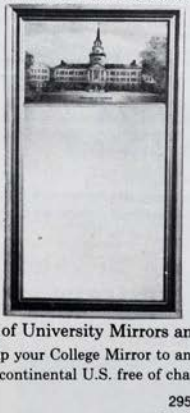

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Obituaries

HARRY GOODMAN

WARWICK — Harry Goodman, 65, of 1 Shalom Drive was struck and killed by a car while crossing Greenwich Avenue (Route 5) near the Warwick Mall about 5 p.m. Sunday, November 17.

Mr. Goodman, a resident of the Shalom Apartments, was pronounced dead at the scene by a medical examiner. Police identified the driver as Angelo A. Sinapi, 82, of 103 Wayland Ave., Cranston.

Sinapi told police he was southbound on the divided highway, and was unable to stop when Mr. Goodman appeared in front of his car.

The accident prompted Mayor Francis X. Flaherty to urge the state Department of Transportation to build a pedestrian overpass to span the highway.

"There are large housing sites for the elderly and handicapped that lie alongside Route 5," Flaherty said. "With the large number of cars using that road to get to our malls, and with the Christmas season nearly upon us, we are urging the state to take the steps necessary to prevent another tragedy from occurring."

Mr. Goodman was a roofer and sheet-metal worker for the former Goodman & Sons, Cranston, until retiring five years ago. He was a member of the Men's City Club and the Senior Citizens Guild.

Born in Providence, a son of the late George and Bessie (Zelinsky) Goodman, he moved to Warwick upon retirement.

He leaves two brothers, Karlman Goodman of Cranston; Sidney Goodman of Warwick; and three sisters, Evelyn Cedar of Cranston, Sarah Price of Warwick and Gladys Zimmerman of Taunton.

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

JACOB GELLER

PROVIDENCE — Jacob Geller, 89, of the Steere House, 807 Broad St., a salesman for Warren Jewelers for 10 years, and the former Gerber Jewelry Store for 25 years, before retiring 10 years ago, died at the Steere House Sunday, November 17. He was the husband of the late Ida (Palotnik) Geller.

Born in Russia, a son of the late Eli and Dora Geller, he lived in Providence for 77 years.

Mr. Geller was a Navy veteran of World War I. He was a member of the Rhode Island Jewish Fraternal Association, Temple Sinai and the Narragansett Pier Synagogue.

He leaves a son, Mitchell E. Geller of Cranston; a sister, Mrs. Ada Bander of Providence; four grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

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

DORA GOTTLIEB-CHAFETZ

PROVIDENCE — Dora Gottlieb-Chafetz, 85, of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., died Saturday, November 16, at Miriam Hospital. She was the widow of Isaac Chafetz. She was also the widow of Norman Gottlieb.

Born in Russia, a daughter of the late Abraham and Rose (Bobsovitz) Gabrilowitz, she lived in Providence for 45 years, previously living in New York City for 30 years.

Mrs. Chafetz was a member of Hadassah and the Pioneer Women.

She leaves three sons, Joseph Chafetz of Warwick; Sidney Chafetz of Columbus, Ohio; and Dr. Lester Chafetz of New Providence, N.J.; three sisters, Mrs. Lillian Glezkman of Warwick, Mrs. Sophie Cohen of Providence and Mrs. Fay Goodman of Dayton, Ohio; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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

DR. BENCEL L. SCHIFF

PAWTUCKET — Dr. Bencel L. Schiff of 1 Cambria Court, a dermatologist for 53 years, died Friday, November 15, at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Edith (Jagolinzer) Schiff.

Born in Lithuania, a son of the late Ber and Esther (Kwait) Schiff, he lived in Providence until 1948.

During World War II, he was a colonel and flight surgeon in the Army Air Force from 1940 to 1946, and served in the China-Burma-India Theater.

Dr. Schiff was also former chief of dermatology at the Veterans Administration Regional Medical Center for 30 years. He was a graduate of the University of Montpelier Medical School, and did his residency at Bellevue Hospital in New York City. He was a clinical professor-emeritus at the Brown University Medical School, and an associate clinical professor at Boston University Medical School.

A Fellow of the American College of Physicians, and a member of the American Academy of Dermatology, he was a past president of the New England and Rhode Island Dermatological Societies, and a member of the American Medical Association. He also was a member of Temple Beth-El, and the Roosevelt Lodge of Masons.

Besides his wife he leaves a son, Barry J. Schiff of Pawtucket; a daughter, Susan Shapiro of Marlboro, Mass., and a brother, Jack Schiff of Philadelphia.

A funeral service was held at Temple Beth-El, Orchard Avenue, Providence. Burial was in Sons of Israel & David Cemetery, Providence. Arrangements were by Max Sugarman Funeral Home.

HELENE R. HARTMAN

EAST PROVIDENCE — Helene R. Hartman, 72, of the Hattie Ide Chaffee Nursing Home, a nurse's aid at Rhode Island Hospital from 1969 until retiring in 1984, died Saturday, November 16, at the home.

Born in Oran, Algeria, a daughter of the late Solomon and Miriam R. (Albaz) Kessous, she moved from Providence to East Providence more than a year ago.

Mrs. Hartman was also a teacher's aide in the Providence school system from 1972 to 1983.

She leaves three sons, Sol J. Hartman of Lexington, Mass.; Louis Hartman of Philadelphia and Dr. Andrew N. Hartman of San Jose, Calif.; two sisters, Jeanette and Marcelle Rouah, both of Nice, France, and four grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Max Sugarman Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

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

NATHAN PERLOW

PAWTUCKET — Nathan Perlow, 84, of 91 Blasdell Avenue, husband of the late Anne (Botuin) Perlow, died Wednesday, November 13.

Mr. Perlow was owner of the Kenmore Cigarette Vending Company for 30 years, after which it merged with Rowe Vending Company. Prior to that he worked at M. Perlow & Son, a Wholesale Fruit and Produce Company, for 20 years. Mr. Perlow belonged to B'nai B'rith, the J.K. Social Club, the United Commercial Travelers and Lincoln Country Club.

Born in Providence, he was the son of the late Morris and Esther (Lewis) Perlow.

He leaves two sons, Kenneth Perlow of Framingham, Mass., and Mickey Perlow of Tampa, Fla.; and six grandchildren.

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

NORAH SOLOMON

PROVIDENCE — Norah Solomon, 81, of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., a claims examiner for the state Department of Employment Security for 19 years, retiring six years ago, died Saturday, November 16, at Miriam Hospital. She was the widow of Max S. Solomon.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late Harry and Sarah (Brenner) Cohen. Mrs. Solomon was a member of the Jewish Home for the Aged, RSVP, Temple Torat Yisrael, and in 1936, she was president of the Smith Street Elementary School PTA.

She leaves a daughter, Mrs. Barbara Goldstein of Cranston; a brother, S. Daniel Brenner of Providence; a sister, Mrs. Florence Weiss of Providence; six grandchildren.

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

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The Institute of Mental Health is looking for volunteers to donate a few hours to a worthwhile cause. Volunteers are needed to: be a friend and role model, to teach handicrafts, gardening, painting and cooking, instruct in exercise and sports activities.

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Feminist Coffeehouse At Amara's

A feminist coffeehouse, with music and poetry will be held Sunday, November 24 at 6:30 p.m. at Amaras Restaurant, 63 Warren Avenue, East Providence. This is a good chance to meet with other people who share the same concerns.

A $5 donation will cover costs of refreshments. This evening is sponsored by Feminist Resources Unlimited. For more information call 272-5341.

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Rape Crisis Center Benefit

The Rhode Island Rape Crisis Center will be sponsoring a 50's dance party on Sunday, December 1 from 2 to 7 p.m. at Sh'Na'Na's, Airport Road in Warwick. There will be Trivia and LIP Sync contests, and a live DJ, and cash bar. 50's dress is encouraged! Tickets are $10 per person and are available at the door or by calling the Rape Crisis Center at 941-2400.

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R.I. Playwrights Theatre

From December 6 through December 8 at 8 p.m. in Churchill House, 155 Angell Street, Brown University, the Rhode Island Playwrights Theatre will present a Winter Festival of three new plays-in-process.

On Friday, December 6, *For A Few Apples More* by Nelson Ritschel, a graduate of Brown University's playwriting program, will be presented. The Saturday, December 7 staged reading will be *The Quilling of Prue* by Mary Koisch, a founding member of the Playwrights Theatre. On December 8, the American premiere of Dario Fo's play, *The Naked Man and the Man in Tails,* will take place. Translated by Giuliano Hazan, and presented in association with the Trinity Repertory Conservatory, the play by the controversial Italian playwright, Dario Fo, will be the second work that the Playwrights Theatre has presented in its series of new translations of significant modern plays. The Fo play will be followed by a symposium on *Political Theatre and Censorship* with James Schevill as Moderator, Tori Haring-Smith, Milton Stanzler and George Bass. Ticket prices for each Winter Festival staged reading will be $3 General Admission and $2 for Seniors and Students.

In two years of existence, performing throughout Rhode Island, the Rhode Island Playwrights Theatre has produced five festivals with staged readings of twenty-two new plays. It has sponsored articles and discussions of these scripts by distinguished scholars and critics. Also, the Playwrights Theatre has begun to stimulate playwriting in the schools and has held a festival for young playwrights. In January the Playwrights Theatre will again solicit scripts from playwrights throughout the state for a new festival to be held in June, 1986. For further information call 421-7038.

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