

Report That The USSR Will Soon Allow More Jews To Leave Stirs Hope And Fear

by David A. Harris

It is a widely held view that the fate of Soviet Jewry is, to a considerable degree, linked to the state of Soviet-American bilateral relations. While other factors may play a significant role, specifically Soviet domestic considerations — ideological, economic, national (ethnic) — and, to a potentially very important extent, the Kremlin's Middle East policy, it has always been in the realm of the superpower relationship that our greatest hopes for the redemption of hundreds of thousands of Soviet Jews seeking to emigrate to Israel and to reunite with their families have rested.

If, indeed, Jewish emigration is linked to the ebb and flow of Soviet-American relations, this certainly helps explain the precipitous decline in the average monthly rate of departures from more than 4,000 in 1979 to less than 100 in 1985. Relations plummeted for reasons that are by now well-known: Soviet proxy expansion in Africa and elsewhere in the Third World, the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, repression in Poland, and, from the Soviet viewpoint, the Senate refusal to ratify the SALT-II Treaty, the granting of most-favored-nation trade status to China but not to the U.S.S.R., the imposition of sanctions, the anti-Soviet rhetoric of President Reagan, etc. Were Soviet Jews made hostages to that superpower relationship, rendered pawns in a ruthless Soviet geopolitical strategy? A very good case can certainly be made for it.

Does it necessarily follow, however, that in a period of ascending, or improving bilateral ties the condition of Soviet Jewry will ease and the rate of emigration increase? It is a difficult question to answer, but one we can ill afford to ignore.

What was all but missing in the early 80's was a proper framework for regular high-level dialogue between Washington and Moscow. Meetings between the American secretary of state and Soviet foreign minister were held infrequently and against a backdrop of mutual suspicion and distrust. Today, though, one of the critical ingredients in any likely formula for success, namely, a process for regular, high-level meetings, is in place. This will include, of course, at least two additional summits and, of necessity, dozens of other meetings of officials both to plan the summits themselves and to focus on the various regional, economic, bilateral, in addition to ongoing strategic, issues facing our two countries. Such dialogue is a necessary, though insufficient, condition for resolution of the Soviet Jewry problem; it must, at the very least, be seen as a significant step forward, hence an important opportunity for us all.

At the recently concluded Summit in Geneva, President Reagan did address at considerable length Soviet human rights issues, including, specifically, emigration, in his one-on-one meetings with General Secretary Gorbachev, doing so in a low-keyed manner to convey to the Soviets a sense of the seriousness of purpose of the American position. And, Secretary of State Shultz has also lost no opportunity to convey to his Soviet counterpart the depth and breadth of American feeling, across religious, racial and political lines, on the subject of Soviet Jewry. His personal commitment to this issue, is, like President Reagan's, unquestionable. In this respect, there is much to be proud of, for it clearly demonstrates how far we have come in the

last 40 years since a time when our government showed considerably less concern for the fate of endangered Jews.

But what now? The dialogue has begun, the statements have been made and the concern expressed, and the Soviets have been told that a significant improvement in "atmospherics" would ensue from a more liberal emigration policy, beginning with the release of Prisoners of Conscience and former POCs and long-term refuseniks. The American Jewish community has hinted rather unambiguously that it would be prepared to endorse flexibility in the interpretation of existing American trade laws were the Soviets to be forthcoming. Moscow has surely not missed these signals, yet has chosen to ignore them, at least for now. Is the Kremlin hoping that, by waiting, it will be able to extract an ever higher price from the U.S.? Is the Gorbachev regime not yet in a position to act decisively on such a difficult, and reportedly controversial, issue among Soviet decision-making factions in the leadership? Does it seriously believe its ludicrous assertions that Soviet Jews are so well off that, by deduction, they could not possibly want to leave?

Whatever the cause of Moscow's intractability on the emigration question, the momentum of improved relations in other areas is beginning to build. A 400-person U.S. business delegation has just visited Moscow, cultural and consular exchange agreements are being finalized, U.S. banks are showing interest in extending loans to a low-risk debtor nation that pays back on time, and, doubtless, this process will continue to grow in the current atmosphere. If the Kremlin understands that it can reach these agreements without being compelled to make a major gesture on Soviet Jewry, why, from its viewpoint, should it? And if the Kremlin believes that, as in the case of the U.S. farm lobby which brought about a lifting of the grain embargo in early 1981 without there being any change in the Afghan situation (the reason for which President Carter first imposed the embargo) and in 1983 led the successful drive for a long-term grain agreement with the U.S.S.R. without any political conditions attached, why should the Soviets not let American interest groups pursue their own self-interest? At the same time, the Kremlin may be counting on the notoriously short memory of the American public to increase domestic pressures here for further trade, commerce and exchanges. Why then yield in any but the smallest concessionary way (i.e., the release of a refusenik every now and then, perhaps) on the Soviet Jewry issue? In fact, those who hoped that in the weeks prior to the Summit the Kremlin would at least make a gesture or two on Soviet Jewry were sorely disappointed. The few moves made were with respect to the courageous Yelena Bonner, wife of Nobel Laureate Andrei Sakharov, to one-third of the divided bi-national marriage cases group, and to the release of a dissident and her family. In sum, nothing positive on the Soviet Jewry front happened, as important as these other cases are.

Will the Soviet Jewry movement soon be seen as an obstacle to improving relations not just for the Soviets but also for increasing numbers of Americans seeking to engage in trade, investment, academic and cultural exchange, and the

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Behind The Headlines A Debilitating 'Jewish Disease'

by Judith Kohn

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Thousands of Jews throughout the world are afflicted with a debilitating genetic disorder that, although the most prevalent of "Jewish diseases," remains virtually unknown to its potential victims.

Discovered by a Frenchman named Phillippe Gaucher (pronounced Goshay) in 1882, the disorder — Gaucher's disease — affects mostly Ashkenazic Jews, of whom one out of 12 is a potential carrier, according to the recently established National Gaucher Foundation, which supports research on the disease as well as assorted programs to help those who suffer from it.

With 20,000 diagnosed cases in the U.S. alone — 80 percent of them Jewish — Gaucher's Disease is twice as common among Ashkenazic Jews as the better-known Tay-Sachs, a fatal genetic disorder which, like Gaucher's, is caused by the absence of a certain enzyme.

Estimates point to one in 40,000 as potential victims of the disease among babies born into the general population. Of those born to Jews, the figure is one in 600.

Nature Of The Disease

Scientists have attributed Gaucher's to

the absence of the enzyme glucocerebrosidase — a deficiency which causes the body to store abnormal quantities of fatty materials, called lipids, in the liver, spleen and bone marrow.

The disease, which can be diagnosed at any age, frequently causes an enlargement of the spleen or liver, or both, as well as chronic anemia, bleeding and painful bone inflammation, which sometimes requires hip and other bone replacements. Its victims often develop an abnormally distended abdomen, which brings extreme discomfort and listlessness.

"Children who have the disease look like they're pregnant with triplets," Jill Talisman, who was recently appointed the National Gaucher Foundation's executive director, said in a telephone interview. Talisman said she initially became interested in Gaucher's Disease through her acquaintance with a couple whose two children had acquired it.

Perhaps the most disturbing feature of Gaucher's is its continued success in eluding the attention of those mostly likely to be affected. Even physicians frequently misdiagnose the disorder — not uncommonly as leukemia — and once they detect

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Charlotte Jacobson — An Extraordinary Woman



Charlotte Jacobson (center), outgoing president of the Jewish National Fund of America, was recently presented with a prized JNF stamp collection by Moshe Rivlin (right), JNF world chairman, at the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations in Israel. To the left is Kenneth Bialkin, conference chairman. In presenting the gift, which contains JNF's first Zionist stamp, issued in 1902, Rivlin expressed "our deep appreciation of your unsurpassed devotion to the JNF and enormous Zionist activities."

Moscow, Nairobi, Israel, Canada, Egypt, Australia, and, in between, dozens of conferences and visits to communities throughout the United States. A whirlwind of fact-finding missions and briefings with top government officials, lay leaders, professionals and contributors. A hectic schedule that leaves little time to catch one's breath.

For Charlotte Jacobson, long regarded as one of the most distinguished leaders of American Zionism, this is a way of life. A woman of extraordinary energy, commitment and ability, she has travelled throughout the globe immersing herself in issues of concern to world Jewry.

Recently, Jacobson stepped down from four years of service as president of the

Jewish National Fund of America, the first woman to serve that office in the organization's 84-year history. But for Jacobson, the place will not slacken. Unanimously elected by JNF's board to the post of treasurer, she will continue to lend her exceptional leadership to JNF and to a multitude of Jewish causes she has served during her lifetime.

When asked what motivates her to sustain a schedule that would exhaust persons half her age, Jacobson replies: "I'm aided by my Zionist philosophy, and the belief in the unity of the Jewish people. Therefore I have a desire to visit various parts of the world and see what is going on and how I can be helpful."

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Providence Hebrew Day School News



Gladys Sollosy, President of Providence Hebrew Day School. Her daughter will be among the many PHDS alumni now living in Israel who will meet with the high school students who are on a six-week trip to Israel.

Gladys Sollosy, President of Providence Hebrew Day School, in addressing parents about the high school division's six-week

National Council Of Senior Citizens

President, Dr. Mary Mulvey has called for a meeting of the Rhode Island State Council of Senior Citizens, to be held at the Providence City Hall Council Chambers, on Friday, January 10.

The general public and council members may come to the meeting at 11 a.m. and coffee and pastries will be available.

At 10 a.m. before the regular meeting there will be an executive board meeting and all executive members should be present.

The Council business meeting will convene at 12 noon.

A speaker from the Social Security Office will discuss all aspects of the program.

Paul F. McCarthy, a consultant to Organized Labor, will address the assembly on "Workers Concerns."

Education For First-Time Fathers

"Fathering for the First Time," a five-session FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION workshop offered by Jewish Family Service, will begin on Wednesday evening, January 15 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The workshop deals with the overwhelming experience, the increased responsibilities and unexpected changes in marital relationships surrounding the birth of a first child.

Designed to help new fathers during this stressful time of their lives, the series brings men together to share feelings related to their new role as father. The sessions will explore a couple's decision to have a child, the birth experience for the father, the realities of being first-time parents and the impacted relationship between husband and wife.

The sessions will take place at Jewish Family Service, 229 Waterman Street in Providence. They will be led by Rob Goldberg, Executive Director of Temple Beth-El, and Rob Whitman-Raymond, student intern at Jewish Family Service.

The class is open to both expectant fathers and those men with one child no older than three years of age. The fee for the workshop is \$25. Preregistration is required. For further information call JFS at 331-1244.

"Israeli Experience," pointed out that the students will be meeting many PHDS alumni while abroad. "Probably one of the biggest surprises in store for the PHDS students will be the warm welcome they will receive from the PHDS alumni now living in Israel. This will be a connection they will never forget," she said.

The alumni living in Israel, many of whom will meet the Day School students during their stay, are: David Bellin, Steven Bellin, Sara (Berman) Rosendorff, Shaya and Miriam (Myrna Shapiro) Cohen, Rhea Diwinsky, Abby (Elkin) Richter, Sandy (Garber) Afsai, Les Krieger, Shevach (Steven) Pepper, Chaya Rachel (Susan Pepper) Blatt, Chaya (Vicki Schwartz) Mendelkorn, Debbie (Shapiro) Kramer, Malka (Paula Shapiro) Schpock, Harriet (Sollosy) Slatin, Judy (Weinberg) Eisenstock, and Shira (Weinberg) Shreier. Also, alumni Reuben Beiser and Larry Shein, who are visiting in Israel, have greeted the students.

The entire high school division, the New England Academy of Torah (NEAT), is travelling throughout Israel and is participating in an intensive study program. Part of the extracurricular program will include a visitation and in-service field work at Stern Street in Jerusalem, which is the Renewal Project of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. The NEAT students left Providence on November 26 are scheduled to return on January 7.

Cong. Ohawe Sholam

Kiddush will be sponsored by Rabbi and Mrs. Jacobs this Shabbat in Honor of their tenth anniversary. Kiddush is preceded by services which begin at 9 a.m.

Rabbi Jacobs will give a class on the portion of the week at 3:15 p.m. followed by Mincha and the third Sabbath meal. The whole Jewish community is invited.

Other adult education classes are as follows:

Monday 8 p.m. - Torah class (analysis of certain major portions of Torah)

Wednesday 7:30 p.m. - Talmud class

The Junior N.C.S.Y. will have an important planning meeting Sunday afternoon January 5 4:45 p.m.-6 p.m. all interested children from 5-8 grade are invited to attend. They are planning a Shabbaton, game nite among other activities.

Temple Beth-El News



On Friday evening, January 10, 1986 at 8:15 p.m. in the Temple Beth-El Chapel, Temple President Melvin Zurier will be the guest speaker. His topic will be "The Profession of Law from a Jewish Perspective." Mr. Zurier, a local attorney, is the Temple's 28th president.

On January 17, 1986, Rabbi Lawrence Silverman, Associate Rabbi and Director of Education at Temple Beth-El, will address the Congregation on: "A Tree Grows in Czechoslovakia: A Living Remnant of the Precious Legacy." An Oneg Shabbat will follow both services. The community is welcome.

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Rabbi Kahane Prepares For Providence Visit

by Meir Kahane

In January I am coming to Providence to speak to the Jewish community. I think that it is important that people know why, for this is more than the story of Meir Kahane. It is, rather, the outline of a dangerous illness within the Jewish community of this city (and others) which threatens its soul and, ultimately, its very physical survival.

The fact is that, after years of requests to the synagogues of this community, to its Jewish organizations and to its Hillel campus groups, there has been a decade of almost total refusal to grant me a forum. Not only have the rabbis of this community adamantly barred me from speaking to their congregants and not only has every major local Jewish organization followed suit, but in the case of the Hillels — supposedly set up to serve the Jewish student body on campuses that are bastions of academic freedom — there is an official policy statement barring me and any Jewish Defense League speaker from appearing.

This is the result of a directive from the financial source of the Hillels, the B'nai B'rith. Thus, on August 11, 1981, the B'nai B'rith Board of Governors, meeting at Grossinger's Hotel in New York State, issued the following summary of its resolutions:

"Tuesday, August 11: Harry Berneck reiterating the B'nai B'rith policy that we do not provide platforms for the Jewish Defense League or Rabbi Meyer (sic) Kahane, asked that this policy be shared (sic) with the Hillel Directors. . . . Indeed, the liberal is very liberal until his own ox is gored. . . .

This same policy is shared by every major national Jewish group and your local branches, thereof: American Jewish Congress, Jewish War Veterans, American Jewish Committee, Hadassa and, of course, the local Jewish Federation and Community Relations Council. The main result is that a handful of wealthy, entrenched people are able to decide for themselves whom the Jew of the community can hear, what views will be exposed to public airing. Needless to say, the overwhelming percentage of the "permitted" views are liberal left and doveish. More to the point — the permitted views are "safe" ones that do not threaten either the leadership or the peace of mind of the community.

It appears to me that this alone, regardless of my specific views, should alarm the Jews of this community and lead to deep introspection.

The question arises: Why am I so anxious to speak here? Quite frankly, because I am frightened. Very much so. I am frightened for what I believe are awesome physical and spiritual threats to the Jewish community in the United States and to the State of Israel. I believe that there exist issues which go to the very lives of Jews and which are either denied, deprecated or ignored by Jewish leaders in this community and every other Jewish one. Indeed, all the dangers facing Jews become incred-

ibly magnified by a Jewish leadership, locally and nationally, that is composed of people lacking in vision and in Jewish content, people chosen — not for their scholarship and depth, but — for their wealth and connections.

I want to speak to the Jew of this community about such things as:

— The very real danger of Jew-hatred erupting in this country and leading to a physical holocaust in the wake of a social-economic collapse. The urgent need, because of this, of emergency Jewish emigration to Israel.

— The awesome spiritual destruction of American Jews, especially the young through assimilation, inter-marriage and alienation, a condition brought about directly through the policies of the Jewish leadership here and elsewhere — their "melting pot," their "interfaith" programs, their tactics aimed at breaking down social barriers between Jew and non-Jew. The consequent need to choose leaders grounded in commitment to Jewish uniqueness and separation.

— The absurdity of believing that it is parts of territories that are the obstacle to peace in Israel or that the Arabs want peace. The Arabs see the very existence of a Jewish state as illegal and look upon it as a robber-country that stole their land. Justice, ethics and sanity demand that the assertion of the Jewish claim to the Land of Israel be ratified by annexing the liberated lands and allowing unlimited Jewish settlement in every part therein.

— The very real contradiction between a Jewish state — which, by definition, presupposes a Jewish majority — western democracy which allows for the right of the Arabs to become a majority if their numbers so warrant, and then to transform the country into an ARAB state, democratically. And understanding this contradiction, the need to choose a Jewish state over any other kind and the assertion that neither Arab bullets nor babies will put an end to the sovereign state of the Jews. Hence, the beginning of a comprehensive plan to remove the Arabs of Israel from the country, to their own lands, with compensation.

— The courage to look at an Israel that, in spiritual terms, has lost its distinctive Jewish soul and turned into a Hebrew-speaking Mediterranean state that would dearly love to become a Hebrew-speaking America. Understanding that a secular Zionism is an empty, vapid, irrelevant thing that has led to tragedy.

— And finally, the understanding that only the acceptance of the yoke of heaven, the Almighty and His Torah, will lead to the salvation of the Jew in this community, in the Exile and in Israel from terrible tragedy. That very little time remains to cast off the gentitized, foreign concepts that have enveloped Jews and to return to a separate, holy, special nation in its own land.

These are the issues I want to discuss. These are the issues that I have a right to raise and discuss. These are the issues that every Jew in this community has a right to ponder and decide. I may be wrong or worse, but that is for every Jew to decide for himself or herself. It is not the province of a synagogue rabbi, an organizational president or a Hillel director to decide whom the Jews of this city may or may not hear.

And so I will be coming to Rhode Island. Hopefully through invitation, but invitation or not, the Jews of this community will have an opportunity to hear the other Jewish voice.

Israel's Economy In 1986

by Elmer L. Winter

What will Israel's economy be like in 1986?

Before giving my forecast, let me cite some of the significant developments of the year just ended. During 1985, Israel's austerity program moved the country's economy onto the right track. Exports for the first nine months of the year increased by more than 6 percent, while imports decreased by almost 5 percent. Together this means that Israel's trade deficit declined by \$620 million for the period.

The inflation rate has been dropping dramatically: it was 4.7 percent in October and 0.5 percent in November. (In 1984, by comparison, the inflation rate was a whopping 400 percent.) High interest rates continue to discourage consumer spending.

The government has cut \$600 million from the budget and has benefited from the \$1.5 billion emergency grant from the United States.

Not unexpectedly, the austerity program — with its elimination or reduction of subsidies on a wide range of basic goods and services — has brought down the standard of living of Israelis by 25 percent. In addition, major layoffs in both the private and public sectors have caused unemployment to jump from 5 percent to more than 8 percent; 115,000 Israelis are now out of work.

As to the year ahead, here are my predictions. They are based on a close and continuing analysis of Israel's economic programs and political realities, as well as my periodic meetings with business leaders and government officials in Israel.

The austerity program will be extended and will remain in force during most, if not all, of 1986. This means an extension of price and wage controls, with real wages and the standard of living both dropping.

As a result of the continuing freeze, prices will remain steady. Inflation will hover around 4 percent or less per month.

Additional layoffs will occur in government employment, and the out-of-work rate is apt to reach 10 percent — a bitter pill to swallow.

Indexing — linking wage increases to the cost of living — may be eliminated. This would be a positive step indeed, since indexing has escalated inflation.

Emphasis will continue to be placed on exports, particularly high-tech products. Helping in this effort will be the Free Trade Agreement between the U.S. and Israel. Also, as U.S. companies begin to take advantage of the FTA, we will see an increase in the number of American firms

that manufacture products in Israel, and which can then be sold duty-free to the European Economic Community. In addition, a growing number of Israeli companies will open new markets abroad as the market for their products in Israel shrinks. Overall, I anticipate a rise in exports of 10 percent and a 5 percent drop in imports. If these figures are achieved, it would mean a substantial reduction in the negative balance of payments.

Two major markets — Japan and China — will offer new opportunities for Israeli entrepreneurs to sell their goods and services.

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We can expect the U.S. to continue to provide funds to bolster Israel's economy through grants, rather than through loans, as was usually the case in the past.

A number of Israeli manufacturers will suffer from the slowdown in their local market, and some of them may close down. There will be a drive to convert at least some of these plants into producers of high-tech products.

Through the work of Operation Independence — a group of top Jewish business leaders from around the world — and the increasing involvement of Jewish federations, synagogues and other organizations throughout the U.S., tourism to Israel will increase, expanding revenues and jobs derived from this critically important industry.

In sum, I believe that unless untoward military or political events occur, the adjustments and sacrifices Israelis are making under their belt-tightening program will result in further improvement in the economic situation in 1986, as Israel and its people move toward the goal of economic independence.

Elmer L. Winter, a co-founder and longtime president of Manpower, Inc., is a former president of the American Jewish Committee. For information about the nonprofit Committee for Economic Growth of Israel, write to him at 5301 North Ironwood Road, Milwaukee, WI 53217.

Letters To The Editor

To The Editor:

While it might not be unIsraeli to attract support for Rabbi Meir Kahane, it certainly is very Jewish to support him. Since what Kahane believes and says is Halacha (Jewish Law). Unfortunately many Jews wouldn't know a Jewish concept if they tripped over it, which is why they've labeled his religious fervor as Kahanism. Kahanism is Judaism, the Judaism that our major Jewish organization leaders reject. It's time that we chose leaders on the basis of what knowledge they have about Judaism and what they do to spread that knowledge rather than how big their bank accounts are.

Kahane is indeed a threat to Israeli democracy since it is with a democracy that the Arabs can become the majority and vote for an Arab State rather than a Jewish State.

It's a Jewish State that Rabbi Kahane vies for, one based on Jewish Law.

While Smeling, playing the role of Uncle Tom, rather Uncle Ahmed, never called the Rabbi by his worthy title, which is symbolic of his lack of respect for the Jewish religion and the rabbinic council of the Mirror Yeshiva where Kahane received smicha. (rabbinic ordination)

Most importantly, Smeling emphasized the tendencies of a government played by economic, political and social problems, occupied with the desire to bar Kach from future elections, demonstrating against Kach rallies and educational programs in schools, army and media against Kahane.

What most American Jews don't know

about the present Israeli government is their suicidal tendency to promote intermarriage through forced social meetings between Jews and Arabs in their school setting. Indeed their is a phenomenal amount of intermarriage between Jews and Arabs in Israel. Each day their is another tragedy in Israel, either a bomb is planted on a bus, at a bus stop, rocks are thrown at Jewish drivers, or a soldier or civilian is terrorized by none other than an Arab living in Israel.

Sure there are simple answers, Kahane has them all, ideas and ways to implement them by Jewish law only. The present government rather than cure the real ills would rather use extreme ways of causing it's own demise.

Lovers of Judaism and Israel unite against this tragic state of affairs!

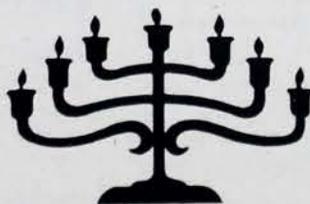
Karen Dub Providence, R.I.

The author of this article has recently returned from living in Israel for over a year.

To The Editor:

We, the members of Local 1199 who work at the Jewish Home for the Aged, wish to thank William A. Edelstein, the Executive Director. He sponsored a "Holiday Brunch" which was served to us and the rest of the staff on December 20, 1985.

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Devar Torah

Rabbi Wayne M. Franklin
Temple Emanu-El

Hanukkah, 5746, has come and gone, and it was a beautiful, joyous holiday in Jewish homes and synagogues around our community. This festival had been anticipated for many months. Rabbinic and lay leaders in the community had discussed what the community's position should be with regard to public displays of religious symbols, Jewish and non-Jewish. The R.I. Board of Rabbis agreed that all of its members would avoid any involvement in candle lighting ceremonies in public places, particularly governmental buildings.

There is room for disagreement among reasonable people. The differences among members of the Board were resolved through extensive discussions over the course of many months, and there was a sense of unanimity in adopting the policy to avoid participation in candle lighting ceremonies in or on governmental buildings or public property.

It came as quite a surprise that some who had not participated in the organized Jewish community's discussions of these issues suddenly appeared in the State House lighting a menorah to celebrate Jewish freedom, and simultaneously to arrogate their own private wisdom over that of the recognized Jewish community leadership.

One could ask, "Who appointed them as deciders of Jewish practice?" But the answer is clear: "The members of the local synagogues have elected fitting leadership for their congregations." And as duly elected leaders, they have engaged, for several months, in delicate discussions with sympathetic, like-minded non-Jewish religious leaders in attempting to achieve unity, harmony, and understanding throughout the state. Those efforts are dashed when one of our own goes out on a limb on his own, marching to the tune of a different drummer. Few non-Jews can understand how the majority within the Jewish community can attempt to defuse confrontation, when another Jew goes and does what he good and well pleases.

Brit Milah: Fact & Fiction

by Burt E. Minaker, M.D.

As a physician, I am often surprised at the misconceptions and odd attitudes I encounter with regard to the medical procedure and ritual of circumcision.

Many people are convinced that circumcision of newborn boys is an operation clearly warranted by hygienic considerations. While there has been speculation in the past about possible health benefits from circumcision, even to the point of considering it as the possible determinant of the low incidence of cervical cancer noted among Jewish women, the medical literature provides no real evidence for any such benefits.

It is my own considered opinion that even if some minor health benefits were afforded by circumcision, as a medical procedure it would still not warrant the discomfort caused the child. For, even though a young baby's neural system can hardly be considered fully developed, and is hence unlikely to feel pain with the sensitivity of an older person, and even though the surgery is quick and not traumatic, there is nevertheless some pain associated with circumcision and its aftermath, as with any minor surgery. Most babies cry during the procedure, especially (and ironically) during the preparatory stage, before the actual surgery. So even if some minor health benefit were indeed afforded, I for one, from the medical standpoint, would rather simply forgo the circumcision and spare the child the few days of pain and discomfort.

Which leaves circumcision as ritual.

For that is, of course, the essence of circumcision, whether we choose to think of it so or not.

I am a pediatrician and therefore my prime concern is for the welfare of children. As regards the spiritual welfare of Jewish boys, I am wholly convinced of the necessity of circumcision, in spite of the lack of medical justification, despite the

Some will accuse the Board of Rabbis of relinquishing hard-won privileges, presuming that the right to kindle a menorah on public property, in a manner equivalent to the Christian community's placing a creche on public property, is a great achievement. These critics will charge that the established Jewish leadership acquiesces in second-class citizenship for Jews. L'havdil (On the contrary)! Those who feel the need to compete in the arena claimed by the less tolerant among the non-Jews only foster the self-aggrandizing impulses of all those who want to prove their legitimacy by posturing in places of government. The self-perceived need for such approbation bespeaks more of a feeling of inferiority than does the self-confident disavowal of such meaningless theatrics. What the recognized leadership has tried to do is avoid the staging of these events and symbols so no one is seen to enjoy primacy. Proud secure Jews are able to light Hanukkah menorahs in Jewish places, which is what the Maccabees were fighting for. They wanted to be allowed to worship as they wished in their place of worship and to practice in their homes without interference. They never imagined a desire to sacrifice to the God of Israel in the temples or palaces of the Syrians. It's not because they were ashamed. It's just that this was irrelevant.

The blessing of American pluralism, which neither all Jews nor all non-Jews appreciate, is that it allows all citizens to be equal in stature, without competing for official endorsements. We do not need the imprimatur of the President, the governor, mayor or a judge to prove the worth of Judaism. This does not mean that we prefer an America free from religion. It simply means that we are secure enough to stand tall and exercise our rights as citizens without confusing these rights with triumphalist media events. Let us pray for the day when our community can function with unity, with no self-appointed "spokesmen" sending confusing signals about the community's integrity.

discomfort to the child. For there are things more transcendent than medicine, and, furthermore, being Jewish is not a state of health.

There is, as there has been for 3,000 years, a body of Jewish religious law, known as *halacha*. It is not based of medical hygiene, although it plays an important role in many of its laws. It is beyond specific concerns for it surpasses them. It is all-encompassing, though often inscrutable. For it is God's law, a gift to our people.

A fundamental precept of that law is the unknowable mystery, but spiritual necessity, of circumcision, or *milah*, for the Jewish male child on no earlier than the eighth day of life. The details of the law, which includes hygienic consideration, are many and they are complicated, but of all the Torah's laws, it alone is bestowed with the title "the covenant of Abraham".

It is therefore imperative that this ritual be done properly, with proper hygiene, care and meticulous observance of the holy character of its essence.

What disturbs me so about the attitude of so many Jewish parents today is their assumption about the purpose of this divine commandment. They assume it to be a mere custom or minor medical procedure, which it clearly is not, and hence they consider a doctor, any doctor, to be the most qualified *mohel*, or ritual circumcisor. As they want the child to be spared unnecessary pain they have the circumcision done at birth (an invalid *milah*), or, sadly not at all. They further trust the procedure to "mohelim" who are not qualified by Jewish law to perform *milah*, and allow them, ironically, to use procedures which are not only unacceptable to the very law mandating circumcision in the first place, but which cause the child needless pain, itself a violation of Jewish law as well as unconscionable.

There are, unfortunately, "mohelim" to-

day who use various surgical instruments (such as the Gomco clamp, the Mogen clamp, and the Plastibell) which not only add to the pain and danger of circumcision, but are unacceptable to *halacha*, which, or course, subverts the entire reason for circumcision in the first place. There are even "mohelim," often the same ones, who are themselves not observant of Jewish religious law in their personal lives, hence certainly not qualified to execute the exacting religious duty of circumcision with the care it needs.

In my own experience, as well as in that of other professional men of medicine with whom I have spoken, the most devout *mohelim* are, almost invariably, the most considerate, the most knowledgeable, and the most careful practitioners of *milah*. I have seen men whose main occupation is something unrelated, perform circumcision "on the side", with temple affiliation their only

"qualification", and do so with remarkable ineptitude, resulting in great pain and even danger to the child with whom they had been entrusted.

Parents should, therefore, take the time to acquaint themselves with the ritual of circumcision and especially with the *homel* himself, choosing him carefully, demanding competence, observance of Jewish law, and knowledge in him.

An excellent guide to the background, procedure and intricacies of the ritual, from the perspective of a medical doctor who specializes in *milah* is, *Bris Milah*, by Henry C. Romberg, M.D. (Philipp Feldheim Inc. 96 E. Broadway, N.Y. 10002).

It is my sincere and heartfelt prayer that the wonderful Jewish community enjoy the benefits of physical and spiritual health forever.

Dr. Minaker lives and writes in Providence.

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Social Events

Elisabeth Rosenberg Wed To Michael Newman



Elisabeth Gayle Rosenberg of Quincy, Massachusetts, daughter of Jill and Ronald Rosenberg of Roslyn, New York married Michael Andrew Newman of Providence, Rhode Island at 7 p.m., November 23, 1985. The groom is the son of Nina and David Newman of Providence, Rhode Island.

Rabbi Richard Yellin officiated and Carroll Hassmann was organist. The wedding took place at Congregation Mishkah Tefilah in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts and was immediately followed by a reception at the same location. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

The bride wore a white satin chapel

length gown with a pearl and sequined bodice and scalloped-edge. She carried a cascade of roses and lilies. Marquita Lister was maid of honor. She wore a mauve satin gown with a Queen Anne neckline. She carried a bouquet of mauve and pink roses and baby's breath.

The bride was also attended by Elizabeth Senick, Christine Delaney, Marian Boynton, and June Newman. The attendants wore pink satin gowns and carried pink roses and baby's breath. Jeffrey Shapiro was best man. Carl Capozza, Andrew Mantel, Gary Friedman and A. Leonard Newman were ushers.

After a wedding trip to Acapulco the couple will reside in Providence.

World Marriage Day

On Sunday February 9, 1986 at 3 p.m. the churches of Rhode Island will be celebrating World Marriage Day at Temple Emanu-El on Taft Avenue in Providence. All married couples of all faiths are invited to join in this wonderful celebration.

World Marriage Day is a day set aside to celebrate marriage, just as we have days to celebrate Fathers, Mothers, Grandparents, and Secretaries. This day will be a celebration of love and commitment of married couples. It is time to acknowledge support for the marriages of other people, to recognize their endurance through the trials and changes, and the ups and downs of life; to celebrate the fact that we are all in this together and that it is working.

In a time when the image of marriage needs a facelift, when soap operas portray marriage as a joke or a burden, and when the marriages of newly married couples fail within the first two years, there is a need to start rebuilding what we value. This day, will set an example for other married couples, for newly marrieds, engaged couples and children, that marriage is worth celebrating. Together, couples in Rhode Island, can make a difference.

Children are welcome and please join in 'wedding reception' that follows. For more information call 467-7200.

Youth Interfaith Day At JCC

On January 19 from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m., Jewish teenagers at the Jewish Community Center will have the opportunity to learn more about the Jewish way of life. A session entitled "Youth Innerfaith Day," led by Rabbi Avi Shafran and Leibel Estrin, will encourage its participants to meet, study with and enjoy Jews from different backgrounds.

The group will meet at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elmgrove Avenue. Registration is required by January 13. Call Mimi Jefferson at 861-8800.

Masseuse At JCC

A licensed massage therapist will be available for female members of the Jewish Community Center's Health Club during the months of January and February.

Donna Pierotti will offer a forty-five minute massage for \$15. To make an appointment, call the Center's Health Club Monday-Friday between 10 and 12 a.m. at 861-8800.

Social Seniors Of Warwick

The Social Seniors of Warwick will hold a business meeting, Wednesday, January 8, at 1 p.m. at Temple Am David. On Wednesday, January 22, a social meeting will be held at 1 p.m. Bring your cards as games and Mah Jongg will be played.

Any one interested in going to Navalle in May should contact Sally Goldman, Estelle Miller or Ethel Troberiman. Sara Greene is taking deposits for the trip and refreshments will be served.

JCC Welcomes Newcomers To Brunch

A "Bagels and . . ." will be offered to anyone who has joined the Jewish Community Center in the past six months or has recently moved to the Rhode Island area and is interested in the Center and its activities. The light brunch will be held on Sunday morning, January 12 at 10:30 a.m. at the Center in Providence. The Center staff will be available to answer questions and greet the newcomers.

The fee is \$1.50 per person (no charge for children under 5). For reservations, call Ann Miller at 861-8800.

Dinner With Shalom Singles

Do you enjoy elegant dining, theatre and good company? Meet Shalom Singles (40-55) of the South Area Jewish Community Center for "Dinner at Sherwoods," 49 Monk Street, Stoughton on Saturday, January 25 at 6:30 p.m. It will be a fabulous evening with a delicious full-course meal (a la carte, \$8.95-\$16.95) and great entertainment, featuring a Rogers & Hammerstein variety show, skits featuring "Gypsy" and a terrific Rock 'n Roll Show.

You must pre-register for this event by no later than Thursday, January 23, by calling the Center, (617) 821-0030 or (617) 341-2016. Walk-ins cannot be guaranteed seating without pre-registration. (All payments will be made at Sherwoods.)

Line Dancing At SAJCC

Are you looking for kicks? Join Shalom Singles (40-55) of the South Area Jewish Community Center for an evening of "Line Dancing" at the Center, 1044 Central Street, Stoughton, January 18 at 8 p.m. One of the South Shore's favorite teachers, Arline Davis, welcomes beginners as well as advanced dancers. Come to dance or to enjoy the music, socializing and refreshments.

The cost is \$2 for members and \$3 for non-members. You must pre-register by Wednesday, January 15 by mailing a check, payable to SAJCC to the Center.

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

Pawt. Arts Council

The Pawtucket Arts Council is sponsoring an exhibit of art work by ten of its member artists. Sixteen paintings in watercolor, collage, oil, acrylic and pastel are on display at the Council gallery in Pawtucket City Hall through February 28, 1986. The exhibit area is found on the first and second floors of Pawtucket City Hall.

The ten artists include Leone Cargill, Sally Caswell-Linhares, George Costa, Rosamond Elliott, Dorothy Goodwin McGee, Janet Judge, Linda King, Laurie Lynn Lawton, Karen Prosper and Gail Rose.

The public is invited to view this exhibit Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information concerning this exhibit or other Arts Council events, call 725-1151.



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SAJCC Massage Workshop

Are you stressed, tense and overworked? Then the South Area Jewish Community Center's Shalom Singles (40-55) has an answer for you! Sign up for a "Massage Workshop" at the Center, 1044 Central Street, Stoughton to be held Monday, January 20 from 7:30-9 p.m.

Karen Black will teach self-help techniques of relaxation through therapeutic touch. Special attention will be given to head, neck, back, feet and arms. Participants are requested to wear loose clothing and bring a large towel.

The cost is \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members. You must pre-register by Wednesday, January 15 by mailing a check, payable to SAJCC, to the Center.

Recreation For Visually Impaired

The next meeting for people who are interested in recreational activities will take place on January 18, 1986 from 12 noon - 2:30 p.m. at Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired, 46 Aborn Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903. Activities will be games, United States Association for Blind Athletes, dues, bicycling, etc. For more information, contact Bernard Selby at 421-1561.

Wilderness Weekend

The Environmental Education Center at the W. Alton Jones Campus of The University of Rhode Island will offer a Women's Wilderness Weekend January 11-12, 1986. The program, which begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday and ends at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, will include cross country skiing, winter ecology walks, ice skating, snowshoeing, fireside workshops, pioneer crafts workshops, maple sugaring activities, music, and entertainment.

The fee for the weekend is \$50 and includes all meals, lodging, and programs. Accommodations are rustic, heated, well-lit, group cabins complete with bathrooms and showers. Meals will be served cafeteria-style in the main lodge. For those participants who wish to arrive Friday evening, lodging can be provided for an additional \$5. Preregistration is necessary and all payments are non-refundable. A second winter weekend will be held March 1-2. Anyone registering for both weekends may do so at a total cost of \$90.

For additional information, please contact Robin Haskell McBee, coordinator, Environmental Education Center, W. Alton Jones Campus, RR 2, Box 1355L, West Greenwich, R.I. 02816 or call (401) 397-3304.

Shalom Singles Dieters Delight

Are you tired of losing weight, only to regain it? Join "Dieter's Delight," sponsored by Shalom Singles (40-55) of the South Area Jewish Community Center. This newly forming 4-week support/discussion group will meet 4 consecutive Wednesdays at the Center, 1044 Central St., Stoughton, beginning Wednesday, January 8 from 7:30-9 p.m.

The group's facilitator will teach participants how to lose weight and keep it off, and provide encouragement in the process.

The cost per session is \$3 for members (\$12 for 4 weeks) and \$5 for non-members (\$20 for 4 weeks). You must pre-register by mailing a check, payable to SAJCC, to the Center no later than Monday, January 6.

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

R.I. Women In The Arts

Women in Television presents its January feature, "Rhode Island Women in the Arts." Produced by Nancy Wunderler, the show focuses on three women who have established themselves as creative members of the Rhode Island and New England Artistic community.

The three women featured are Marlene Malik, a sculptor whose work has been shown in New York and New England; Poppy Champlin, whose hilarious impersonations of well-known people have labeled her as a new and talented comedian; and Beryl Powers, a jazz, blues, and pop singer who has performed at numerous clubs and theatres throughout Rhode Island and New England.

"Rhode Island Women in the Arts" continues WTV's commitment to producing cable access programs by women about topics which are of interest and concern to women.

"Rhode Island Women in the Arts" will be shown on public access television at the following locations and times: Every Tuesday at 2 p.m. and Thursday at 8:30 p.m.

Providence, Dimension, Channel 11 — Cranston, Cox, Channel 51 — Warwick, Times-Mirror, Channel 49 — Pawtucket, Dimension, Channel 11 — Lincoln, So. County, Northern R.I., Rollins, Channel 03.

East Providence — Channel 3, the first two weeks of each month, on Monday and Tuesday, at 12 noon and 8:30 p.m.

Bristol — Full Channel, Channel 13, the last two weeks of each month, on Wednesday at 11 a.m. and 8:30 p.m., and on Thursday, 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Creative Writing Classes

The fourth semester of the popular Creative Writing Class will resume on Wednesday morning from 10:30 a.m. to noon on January 15 at the Neighborhood Guild, Columbia St., Peace Dale. Members of the fall class need not preregister, but newcomers are requested to call the Guild at 789-9301 to register for the ongoing course and are welcome.

The class features exercises in short story, opinion essays and poetry plus an informal critique by the peer group after each writing is presented orally. Members are asked to present a paper every other

week in whatever style they like to work with.

The class which began in the fall of 1984 has printed a publication of members articles and reached a total of 30 members. There are now several openings for newcomers and attendance will be limited.

Both novices and accomplished writers are welcome to attend and there is no charge for Senior Citizens to join.

The class is conducted by Simon Pressman, a free lance writer and a teacher of other courses in the area. Anyone interested in more information about the group may call him at 783-8054.

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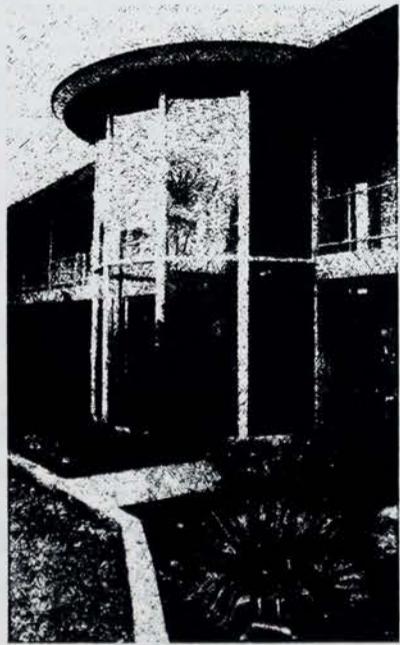


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Bus Rides

by Lilah Tov

While bus service in Israel is excellent, a bus ride can often turn into an adventure. On French Hill, in Jerusalem, the buses arrive with frequency. Traveling intra city is effortless — if one doesn't have a stroller and a heavy baby.

The bus stops, referred to as bus stations, often have a long wooden bench, sheltered by a tin roof overhead to protect would be passengers from the pulsating sun in the summer or the thrashing rains in the winter. Each bus stop usually has a receptacle for trash, which is frequently used because almost everyone snacks while waiting for the bus to pull up. Numbers 9 and 4 and 28 used to service French Hill. The bus would stop and the passengers would climb aboard — but one had to be quick. The bus would engulf only those passengers that had been patiently waiting for its arrival. Anyone who hurried toward that bus from a distance and attempted to dash to it was doomed for disappointment. Even if a would be passenger bounded to the door — and pounded on it, the door remained closed. I've seen some pretty fast runners, older men, too, sprint next to the bus, waving and calling, but rarely to any avail. Women with baby carriages have a slightly better chance, but not often.

Generally, the bus moves forward at a fast clip. If one can be seated, the ride takes on the characteristics of a ride at the amusement park. Fast turns, quick starts and sudden stops can be fun as long as one is not in that group of standing passengers lurching and tossing at the driver's whim. Many a passenger standing or sitting has emerged at his destination in a dazed and breathless condition.

Buses were an integral part of my life. In the mornings, I would ascend the bus, stroller under one arm, Benji under the other, give the ticket to the conductor, and maybe find a seat. We would disembark in the vicinity of the Wizo Gan (daycare center). From there I would wheel Benji to Gan. Very often on this walk I would be ambushed by a little old lady in a brown woolen overcoat and plaid blue silk babushka, brandishing a sewing needle 'twixt thumb and forefinger. "Gaveret" (Lady) "can you thread my needle, I can't see very well." Of course I would stop, thread her needle — and proceed in a dead run towards the Gan because if I didn't I would miss the next bus connection that would take me to work.



On the way home from work I would take bus 28. Bus 28 had one driver who always kept a pot of flowers in full bloom at his window. He was extremely courteous, and careful how he stopped and started, especially when there were old people on the bus. He himself was a robust curly haired man of around 35. On one of

the bus trips home with Benji, this particular bus driver took Benji from my arms and placed him on his lap. "A nice baby" he said smiling to me. He drove in

that manner until we reached our stop on French Hill.

When a seat couldn't be found on the crowded bus, I would open up the stroller, as every other mother did, and place Benji in it. On one such occasion, Benji was in his stroller while I was trying to maintain my balance on the careening bus. When it jolted to a halt, the stout lady with hamlike claws lost her equilibrium and toppled backwards on top of Benjamin. Ben started crying. The woman was flustered. Both were unhurt — but now I was upset at what I regarded as flagrant carelessness on the part of the bus driver. As he started on his way the word "Hamor" (donkey!) escaped from my lips. Hebrew is a very polite language. There are no foul words in the vocabulary. Also, negative thoughts are seldom expressed. The Talmudic adage of keeping far from evil — by avoiding improper languages — seems to be woven into the supra structure of the language. Therefore the smallest word of insult has the maximum impact on the receiver. "What?" called the bus driver in disbelief. "Who called me 'Hamor'?" "I did!" I cried, still trying to comfort a yowling Benjamin. My bus stop was the last stop. When we had descended, the bus driver approached me. "You called me 'Hamor.' You American! Go back to America!" "And you," I replied, "with your careless driving almost caused two people to be badly hurt. And look, my baby is still crying. You can go back to Russia!" "American!" he called after me as we walked away.

The next day, because I was late I found myself making a futile dash for the bus. But the bus, instead of pulling away, backed up towards me. The bus stopped. The bus driver alighted, and lifted the stroller on to the bus. The driver waited until I had arranged myself. Then I handed him my ticket to be punched. There we were, looking into each other's face. I saw the bus driver of yesterday, who wanted to send me back to America. "Galveret?" he said courteously. "Adoni" (my lord) I answered him. We smiled at each other. He waited 'til I was seated and then proceeded gently on his way.

Lilah Tov is an artist and freelance writer who contributes frequently to the Herald.

Peres At Freij's Christmas Reception Speaks Of 'Air Of Peace'

BETHLEHEM (JTA) — Premier Shimon Peres and several Cabinet ministers attended the annual Christmas Eve reception given by Mayor Elias Freij of Bethlehem. It was the second such gathering attended by Peres since he became Prime Minister and was free of the tension that often marks meetings between Israeli officials and West Bank Palestinian dignitaries.

Peres spoke optimistically of the "air of peace" blowing in the region and expressed hope that direct negotiations will be achieved in the coming year between Israel and moderate Palestinians. He also saw improved relations with Egypt and a settlement of the Taba border dispute.

Peres was accompanied by Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Police Minister Haim Barley, Communications Minister Amnon Rubinstein and Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem. There were Israeli

army officers and foreign diplomats present, mingling with West Bank leaders ranging from moderates like Freij and pro-Jordanians to acknowledged backers of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The guests included Hanna Seniora, editor of the East Jerusalem Arabic daily Al Fajr, who has been mentioned as a possible Palestinian member of a joint Jordanian-Palestinian peace delegation; U.S. Ambassador Thomas Pickering; and Wat Claverius, the U.S. Consul General in East Jerusalem, soon to be the Reagan Administration's special envoy to the Middle East.

Hopes For The New Year

Mayor Kollek and Peres both expressed hope that the festive occasion in "the city of peace" would mark the beginning of a peaceful year. Peres noted that since the Christmas reception last year, the Middle East has seen the end of one war, the

war in Lebanon. Now there is a chance to complete an agreement with Egypt over Taba "and a possible bridge to solve the conflict with both Jordan and the Palestinians," Peres said.

The annual pilgrimage to Bethlehem was as colorful as ever. But there was a sharp drop in the number of visitors. Israeli officials said tourism was off 20 percent from last year, possibly because of fear of terrorist acts since the Achille Lauro hijacking in October.

Security was tight. Israeli soldiers and border police, armed with submachine-guns, patrolled the streets and alleyways of the ancient city and kept vigil from rooftops. Manger Square, where Roman Catholics celebrated mass at St. Catherine's Basilica and Greek Orthodox celebrants attended the Church of the Nativity, was cordoned off by troops who required all people entering to pass through metal detectors.

N.A.A.M. Plans Prealiya Seminars

N.A.A.M., The North American Aliya Movement sponsors two-week fact-finding tours to Israel for people contemplating Aliya. Each seminar includes meetings with aliya and absorption officials, who discuss housing, employment, education, medical care and other important aspects of life in Israel. Seminar participants visit absorption centers and meet with people in their respective professions. In addition, informal gatherings are held in homes of settled American olim.

The next Seminar, scheduled for February 3, 1986 is nearly booked. The cost, \$1020, includes round-trip airfare from New York via El Al Israel Airlines, accommodations in three and four star hotels, two meals a day (three on Shabbat) and all land arrangements. There is no travel on Shabbat and all meals are strictly kosher.

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Parents Plights & Rights

by Dr. Steve Imber



Dear Dr. Imber:

My husband and I are going through a divorce. My two sons, aged nine and thirteen live with me although they see their father about once per week. We are all having a tough time with the situation. My nine-year-old seems to be adjusting pretty well. It is my thirteen-year-old son that I'm concerned about. He has become moody, very quarrelsome, and at times, belligerent. Unfortunately, he does not seem to want to spend much time with his Dad whom he blames for the divorce. A good part of 1985 has been troublesome for us. I would like some advice on how 1986 can be a better year.

Troubled in '85
Hopeful in '86

Dear Hopeful in '86

A divorce is usually a painful experience for all parties. It is natural for children and adolescents to experience some feelings of guilt, frustration, anger, and helplessness. Children often blame themselves for their parents divorce. They feel that in some way, they are at least partially responsible for a marital split. Anger is often directed at both parents, but usually one parent bears the brunt of intense negative feelings. Children and adolescents may also feel very frustrated and helpless because they are experiencing a painful situation over which they feel they can exert little influence. Certainly children also experience grief over the anguish their parents suffer. The shock created by transforming a relatively secure home environment into a less stable one is significant — even if there was considerable marital conflict prior to the separation.

Your concern about your thirteen-year-old son is very understandable. Given adolescence, normal school and peer pressures, and adjustments in sibling relationships,

he is already experiencing some significant stress. A divorce can be especially painful to children in their early adolescence. Nevertheless, there are some steps you can take to strive for a more hopeful 1986.

As painful as it might be, it would be helpful if you and your husband could jointly talk with your son about the situation. Your son needs to know that you both care very much about him and will work together with him and for him to help him through the experience. If it would be very difficult for you and your husband to work directly together, you might consider working with a divorce counselor, clinical social worker, clinical psychologist or psychiatrist. Perhaps, with the assistance of a counselor, you and your husband can work through misunderstandings, problems, and solutions.

Given that the children are living with you, you will certainly bear the brunt of the moodiness, quarreling, and belligerence with you discribe. However, it is important that through the love and comfort you provide, you also maintain structure, limits, and consequences for appropriate and inappropriate behavior. You may wish to work with your husband on determining structure, limits, and consequences if he is committed to improving the situation. Given that he continues to see the children, a joint effort may provide a lot more support and structure. You may also diminish the tendency to be overly solicitous or be played "one against the other." You and your husband may feel a strong desire to have the children "take your side" in the matter of "whose right and whose wrong." While this tendency is to be expected, it is also most destructive for the child. The child is placed in the middle of the situation. While the child may experience some feelings of power, it is scary to see one's parents battling like children. To whatever degree possible, it would be far better for parents to support the relationship of their

children with each other, except under the most extreme situations. When one parent continually generates anger towards the other, the children are the real losers.

You and your husband will probably have to work much more diligently in planning activities to do with your children. It is especially important that to what degree possible, that your thirteen-year-old son be very involved in planning enjoyable activities with both you and your husband. However, it is very important to include input from your nine-year-old as well. He could become eclipsed by the degree of attention paid to your older son. There will be times that you or your husband will want to make plans which your children may wish to avoid. While your children should be given many opportunities to impact on special plans, they are still children. That is, parents have some rights, too.

It is especially important for your husband to maintain involvement with your thirteen-year-old son, no matter how difficult that may be. His son's anger may be difficult to endure; however, to give in to the situation and avoid the issues may prove very deleterious for you son in the future. It would be especially helpful for your husband to plan some special times when he can be with each of the children alone. It also may be appropriate for your husband and your older son to participate

in joint and individual counseling sessions with a focus on working toward an improved relationship. The time, energy, anguish, and expense may be considerable, but the goal is more than worth the effort.

Dr. Imber is a professor of special education at Rhode Island College, a past-president of the International Council for Children With Behavioral Disorders, and a private consultant. Questions about children with learning and behavioral problems of children and adolescents may be addressed to him at 145 Waterman Street, Providence, R.I. 02906 (401-276-5775). All communication will be held in strict confidence.

Parkinson's Patients Support

The Parkinson's Disease Referral and Information Center at The Memorial Hospital, Pawtucket, will hold a series of Satellite Group Meetings at locations throughout the state during the month of January. Parkinson's Disease patients and their families are invited to attend the group session closest to their area, including Newport, Warwick, North Providence, Woonsocket, Westerly and Pawtucket. For further information, call the Parkinson's Center at 722-6000, ext. 2802.

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Skating Party — To be announced; from 7-9 p.m. — There is nothing quite like gliding on the mirror-like surface of a frozen pond. Soft wind, a bright moon, and the hard, crisp sounds of steel gliding over ice are attractive images many have enjoyed in the past. If you would like to re-create this scene at Caratunk's Muskrat Pond, join them for this program. Contact the refuge to register and they will call you when the conditions are favorable. M/\$1.50; NM/\$2.50.

Moonlight Ski — To be announced.

From 7-9 p.m. — This moonlight ski tour will make the magic of the season come alive — silhouettes of tall creaking trees, the blue light of a winter moon, and a wealth of stars visible on a cold, clear night. Sounds of the wind and our own breathing will accompany us along the trails. This program will depend on a blanket of white snow. If you are interested, please register, and they will contact you when the conditions are right. M/\$1.50; NM/\$2.50.

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The Sullivan County Catskills is featuring winter sports packages to fit every lifestyle.

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At Grossinger's Hotel in Grossinger, winter sports packages include mid-week plans. In January and February the resort features special weekends including their Winter Carnival Jan. 24-26; Let The Good Times Roll Weekend Jan. 31 - Feb. 2; and Chocolate Weekend Feb. 7-9.

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These are just a few examples of the special winter sports packages available in the Sullivan County Catskills.

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Broadway Returns To Zeiterion Theatre

The Zeiterion Theatre who brought you Broadway's longest running musical, *A Chorus Line*, and Neil Simon's smash hit *Brighton Beach* is once again bringing a Broadway hit to New Bedford. *Noises Off*, starring Noel Harrison, plays the Zeiterion on Tuesday, January 14, for one performance at 8 p.m.

This hit comedy, written by British playwright Michael Frayn, ran for two seasons on Broadway and is currently in its third year in London. The story focuses on the comic misadventures of a flea-bitten acting troupe touring the small towns of England in a sex-farce called *Nothing On*. Noel Harrison plays the director of this rag-tag production in which everything that can go wrong, eventually does.

The son of Rex Harrison and Collette Thomas, Harrison has starred in *Joe Egg*, *Sleuth*, *The Roar of the Greasepaint* and a host of London theatrical successes. He is also an accomplished singer and songwriter, having recorded "Windmills of Your Mind" for the soundtrack of the film *The Thomas Crown Affair* in 1968 which went on to win the Oscar as Best Song of the Year.

The cast features Patricia Kilgarraff, Hugh A. Rose, Carolyn Porter, Moultrie Pattson, John Renshouse, Lydia Laurans, Mary Portser and Berry Cooper. Michael Blakemore, who directed both the London and Broadway productions, directs this National Touring Company presentation.

New York's number one critic, Frank Rich of the *New York Times*, called *Noises Off*, "The funniest show on Broadway. It couldn't have arrived in New York a moment too soon."

Tickets are on sale now and range from \$17.50 to \$22.50 and are available at the Zeiterion Box Office or by calling (617) 994-2900.

Edna Lawrence Exhibit In Warwick

In honor of the state's 350th Anniversary, Warwick Museum is presenting a major retrospective of the works of Edna Lawrence, a prominent Rhode Island artist. "Edna Lawrence: The Life of an Artist" opens at the Warwick Museum on Sunday, January 12, from 5-7 p.m. The exhibit explores the multifaceted life of Miss Lawrence, Professor Emerita of Drawing at Rhode Island School of Design. A teacher there for 54 years, Edna Lawrence founded its Nature Lab in 1937. Beginning with insects and seedpods gathered in her backyard, the collection grew until it numbered over 20,000 specimens. The collection, of a 'hands-on' type, reinforced for Miss Lawrence's students her belief that nature is the basis of art.

The work of Edna Lawrence reflects her belief and her academic training as an artist. She excelled in draftsmanship and in her ability to master the different media — pastel, crayon, oils, watercolor, scratchboard. Critics have praised her for her capacity for pattern, poetry, and handling of color. Through her work, Edna Lawrence's legacy to the art community in Rhode Island will be examined. "Edna Lawrence: The Life of an Artist" is the final in a series of shows developed by guest curator Catherine Little Bert. The exhibit will continue at Warwick Museum through February 9. A catalogue, accompanying the exhibit, will be available. Call 737-0010 for further information.

Life In The Big City

Life in the Big City, which will be on view at the Museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design from January 10 through February 16, focuses on paintings of contemporary urban life by artists who are concerned with the texture, fabric, and psychology that evoke the experience of life in the city.

Among those represented in the show are John Ahearn, Ida Applebroog, Luiz Azaceta, Robert Birmelin, Carmen Cicero, Martha Diamond, Jane Dickson, David Finn, Keith Haring, Noah Jemison, David Kapp, Les Levine, Robert Longo and Alan Sonfist, whose dramatic works respond to the vicissitudes of urban life.



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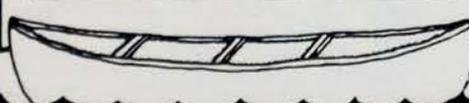
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Jews To Leave USSR (continued from page 1)

like? Does the Soviet Jewry movement simply accept the assurances of even the most sincere political leaders that Soviet Jewry will necessarily be a beneficiary of improved bilateral ties — that once relations are on a firmer footing it will somehow become easier to influence Kremlin thinking on this subject? Does the Soviet Jewry movement content itself with continuing to create optimistic scenarios and ever new target dates — the 1984 presidential elections, Gorbachev's need to "consolidate" power, the Geneva Summit meeting, the February 1986 Soviet Communist Party Congress, and so on — on which to pin its hopes for a reversal of the current plight?

These questions have no easy answers but they require our earnest consideration. We may want to avoid confrontation, or a slugging match with other constituencies in the U.S., but we must establish for ourselves a set of appropriate responses both for the possibility of improving and

deteriorating conditions for Soviet Jews and act accordingly. Just as we must be prepared to demonstrate flexibility in response to an improvement in the emigration picture, so must we also be willing to consider stepping up the pressure on both Soviet and American authorities if no serious progress occurs in the coming months leading to the next Summit meeting in June, lest the rush of events sweep by us. The precise nature of the various possible responses should be a matter of continuing review by the organized Jewish community and its friends.

If the Soviets feel they can lull us into a stupor — cause us to tire of the struggle, become frustrated at our inability to change things, exhaust our hitherto endless reserve of creative ideas to respond, or if they believe that they can divorce the issue from the current framework of Soviet-American relations, they must be proven wrong. Too many hangs in the balance.

Charlotte Jacobson (continued from page 1)

Jacobson recently returned from the annual mission to Israel of the Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, and commented on the impact of the Pollard spy affair on American-Israeli relations. "We came to Israel with a deep sense of frustration that this unfortunate incident would create a break in the warm relationship that existed between the two countries. As Americans, we were sensitive to the fact that Washington had just gone through a series of blows as far as espionage was concerned, and that this was almost the last straw." The incident, she said, was of great concern to Israelis who "are always mindful of their few friends in the world." They were extremely worried that there might be a breach in U.S.-Israeli solidarity. She noted that Israel had "bent over backwards" to cooperate with the U.S., and she expressed hope that mutual confidence would soon be restored.

How did she view the way the American news media handled the Pollard case? "As usual," she said, "they pounced on Israel, although what occurred could not compare to other leaks in recent months to the Soviet Union." "Sometimes," she noted, "I think the media reacts the way it does to Israel because they can't get any real news out of any other country in the Middle East because of the lack of press freedom."

Turning to Israeli-Egyptian relations, Jacobson said that Egypt's coolness is a major concern to Israelis in evaluating their willingness to make more concessions to another Arab leader for peace. She urged Mubarak to show that he will not be intimidated by domestic groups who disagree with his peace policy towards Israel. She pointed out that Egypt had received tremendous benefits from the U.S. as a result of its treaty with Israel, and that Egypt's current position was of great concern to the U.S. Congress.

On the subject of the recent Soviet Jewry Conference in Washington in which she participated, Jacobson observed, "We reinforced our belief that the relationship between the U.S.S.R. and the U.S. continues to be a major factor regarding Soviet Jewish emigration." She noted that the leaders came away from the conference convinced that private diplomacy is not sufficient; it must be backed up with public statements, especially between now and the June summit in Washington.

Looking back over the past four years during her presidency, Jacobson spoke of the changes she has seen in JNF's work. "One of the most exciting activities I've experienced," she said, "is the develop-

ment of the Galilee." She said that JNF is reclaiming land for communities and industry in this region vital to Israel's security. "I am proud to have participated in some small way in promoting this development." She also pointed to JNF's creation of a national park at Timna in the Negev as "history-in-the-making," noting that the park will be an economic asset to the southern economy.

What are JNF priorities today? Jacobson reported on her recent meeting with JNF World Chairman Moshe Rivlin in Jerusalem. He showed her a master plan for the development over the next few years of national parks throughout the country. Some of these, she pointed out, have been adopted by JNF, but were not yet implemented or completed. They are located in barren areas and serve settlements and development towns. JNF, she said, is increasingly being called upon to create parks in development towns and cities as well. She noted that because of Israel's economic situation, Israelis have less income and a greater need for recreation.

One of the most serious problems JNF faces today, she said, is the need for increased support from the Diaspora. But that funding is now more limited because currencies in countries with very active Jewish communities, such as Mexico, Canada, South America and South Africa, have suffered sharp devaluations in the past few years. Therefore, there is a greater pressure on the American Jewish community for increased funding.

What aspect of her term did she find most meaningful? "It's been gratifying," she said, "to see how Jewish and non-Jewish communities are renewing their admiration for and support of JNF's work. I have travelled throughout the globe and am always touched by the emotions of people, whether they are government or lay leaders, who are especially honored by the creation of a forest in their name." She added that "in this cynical world of terrorism and hostilities between nations, people experience a special sense of gratification being connected with a project that means the restoration of a nation and respect for the land."

Jacobson also points with pride to JNF's educational programs in Israel and the Diaspora, which, she says, are "one of the greatest contributions we can make to the future support of Israel. When children grow up with an understanding of the land and its challenges, we can be proud that we planted the first seeds of their attachment."

A Debilitating 'Jewish Disease'

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it through a skin biopsy do not always prove to be sufficiently informed themselves about its nature, according to Talisman.

A woman from Indiana, for example, called the Foundation recently after being diagnosed as having Gaucher's by a doctor who told her the disease was fatal. But Gaucher's is seldom fatal, Talisman said. And like Tay-Sachs, which she observed has "virtually been obliterated" thanks to research and a massive publicity campaign, it is not unavoidable.

As a genetic disease, Gaucher's can only affect children born of parents who are both carriers of the defective gene. In that case, there is a 25 percent chance the child will inherit it, according to the Foundation. As with Tay-Sachs, a blood test can establish whether prospective parents are carriers.

Although scientists have yet to find a cure for Gaucher's or a surefire treatment for its symptoms, research in the U.S., Israel, The Netherlands and elsewhere appears to be making some headway. The gene which produces the enzyme lacking to Gaucher victims has been identified and cloned.

At the National Institutes of Health in Washington, the enzyme has been success-

fully extracted from human placenta and is currently being administered to a group of afflicted children on an experimental basis.

But if a cure remains a long way off, the chances of eliminating the disease through public awareness and consequent prevention seems a good deal more promising than it must have appeared to a California man named Rubin Bakin some 15 years ago. A victim of Gaucher's Disease, Bakin placed advertisements in newspapers throughout the country, in search of others who suffered from the same disorder. As far as he knew at the time, none existed.

Mutual Help Network

Once the responses began coming in, however, it became clear that Bakin was not alone, and the basis for a loose information and mutual help network was established. Bakin, who has since died of causes unrelated to the disease, started a newsletter to keep Gaucher patients, as well as medical practitioners and organizations, informed on developments in the disease and in research to eliminate it.

Today, his newsletter, the Gaucher's Disease Registry, is distributed to 49 states and 17 countries. Prepared by a volunteer who suffers from the disorder, the bi-monthly newsletter is one of the projects founded by the National Gaucher Foundation.

Chief Rabbis Seek Admission To USSR

by Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel's two Chief Rabbis, Avraham Shapiro (Ashkenazic) and Mordechai Eliahu (Sephardic) may become the first chief rabbis of the Jewish State to visit the Soviet Union. Shapiro told *The Jerusalem Post* that they have already made tentative inquiries. He said he has discussed the proposed trip with the new Finnish Ambassador in Israel who represents Soviet interests here and plans to discuss it with other diplomats.

Many high-ranking clergymen of the Russian Orthodox Church have visited Israel and have been received here at the highest levels. Chief Rabbi Adolf Shayeivich of Moscow said on an Israel Television interview from Paris that he wanted to visit Israel and would if he was invited. According to Shayeivich, Soviet Jews who want to leave the USSR only

need patience. "In the end, all who want to come will come," he said.

Shayeivich was in Paris together with two long-time Soviet apologetes, Gen. David Dragunsky and Samuel Zivis. All three are members of the so-called "Jewish Anti-Zionist Committee of the USSR." The three had come to Paris to try to explain the official Soviet stand on Jewish issues in the aftermath of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's visit to Paris last fall and his meeting with President Reagan in Geneva last month.



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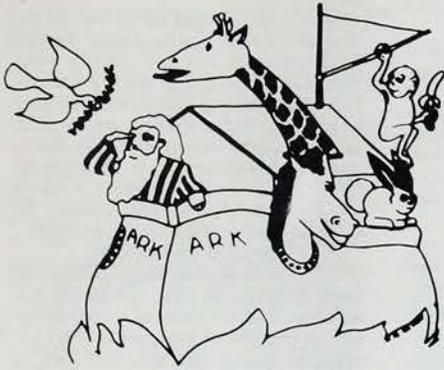
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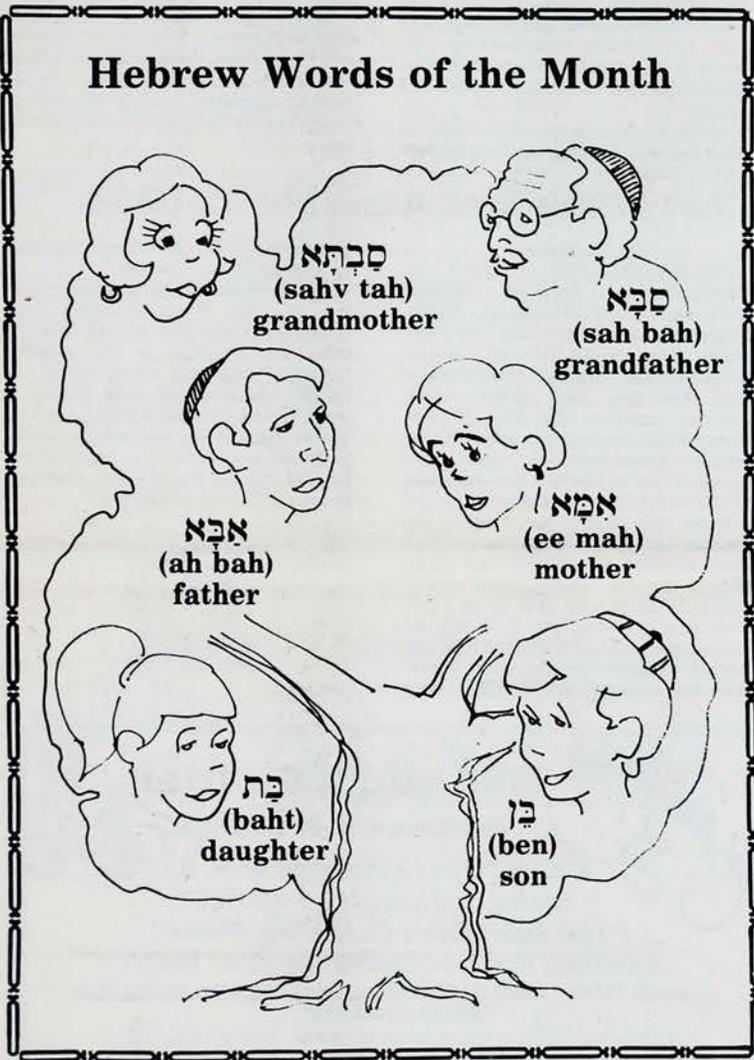
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Passover Contest

For the past few years, many families have added a new prayer to their Passover seders. The prayer is called the "Matza of Hope". The prayer asks God to help Jews who live in lands where they are not free, especially Jews who live in the Soviet Union and in Arab countries.

To enter this month's contest, write your own "Matza of Hope" prayer. Write a prayer that could be read at your own family's seder. In your own words, ask God to help Jews who are not free.

Your entry must include your prayer and your name, complete address, and age. (You must be 6-12 years old to enter.) All entries become the property of NOAH'S ARK and cannot be returned.

Send your complete entry to: NOAH'S ARK, Passover Contest, 7726 Portal, Houston, Texas 77071.

Deadline: February 10, 1986.

A Different Bar Mitzvah Gift

Steven Kustin, now an 8th grade student at Park East Day School in New York, celebrated his Bar Mitzvah last spring. The gifts he received were different than the usual ones, though. Steven received nearly 1,000 trees being planted in Israel in memory of his mother.



The idea came after Steven remembered his visit to Israel with his family five years before. He remembered how excited he felt when he planted a tree at a Jewish National Fund forest site. His tour guide, Shimon, had told him at the time, "Some day, when you are a man, you will come back to Israel and plant many trees."

Steven couldn't return to Israel at the time of his Bar Mitzvah, so he did the next best thing. He added an unusual request to his Bar Mitzvah invitation: "Steven requests that gifts be sent to the Jewish National Fund for trees to be planted in Israel in memory of his mother, Ellen Gail Kustin."

Steven hopes that his idea will be copied by other Bar and Bat Mitzvah celebrants. He hopes other youngsters will also ask friends and relatives to plant trees in Israel instead of giving gifts. "This custom would do a number of good things," Steven said. "It would help Israel and make it a little greener. It would honor our loved ones. And it would teach boys and girls that in the Jewish tradition we believe in tzedakah (charity) and in making sacrifices for our people and for Israel."

Tu B'Shvat Riddle

The ANTS on Noah's Ark have a Tu B'Shvat riddle for you. Cross out every A, N, T, and S to find the answer to the riddle.

What is green and pecks on trees?

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Woody Wood Pickle!

Name Game

How many names do you have? Jewish people living outside the land of Israel usually have two sets of names — a Hebrew name and a name in the language of the country in which they live.

Some Jews not only have English names and Hebrew names — they also have “stage names”. A “stage name” is the one actors or singers use on stage. Sometimes they change their names because their real ones are too hard to pronounce. Can you match the names of famous people listed below with the names they were given at birth?

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| _____ 1. Nathan Birnbaum | a. Robbie Benson |
| _____ 2. Howard Cohen | b. Jerry Lewis |
| _____ 3. Esther Pauline Friedman | c. George Burns |
| _____ 4. Pauline Esther Friedman | d. Harry Houdini |
| _____ 5. Melvin Kaminsky | e. Abigail Van Buren |
| _____ 6. Joseph Levitch | f. Joan Rivers |
| _____ 7. Joan Malinsky | g. Howard Cosell |
| _____ 8. Robby Segal | h. Isaac Bashevis Singer |
| _____ 9. Eric Weiss | i. Ann Landers |
| _____ 10. Isaac Sylberman | j. Mel Brooks |

For The Birds!

On Tu B'Shvat, we celebrate the birthday of the trees. We think about trees, we eat fruits grown on trees, and we plant new trees.



This year, here's something else you can do! Make a bird feeder to hang on a tree in your yard or neighborhood. You could use wood and nails, or popsicle sticks and glue, or a milk carton and scissors.

Birds have a hard time finding food in the winter. So be sure to check your bird feeder often and put in more cereal or bread crumbs whenever the food supply gets low.

Book Review

A SEDER FOR TU B'SHEVAT. By Harlene Winnick Appelman and Jane Sherwin Shapiro. Illustrated by Chari R. McLean. Kar-Ben Copies, Inc., 1985. \$2.95. All ages.

Everyone has heard about Passover seders, but have you ever heard of a seder for Tu B'Shevat? It's not a new idea. Jewish mystics created a seder to celebrate the new year for trees in the 16th century! They gathered to sing, study, sip wine, and taste fruits grown in the Holy Land.

Now you can have a Tu B'Shevat seder too! This book includes everything you need to know. And the seder can be held at school, synagogue or home!

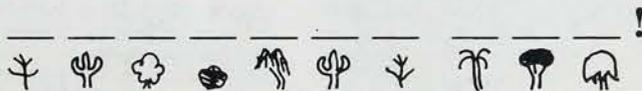
Tu B'Shvat Secret Code

What did the beaver say to the tree on Tu B'Shvat?

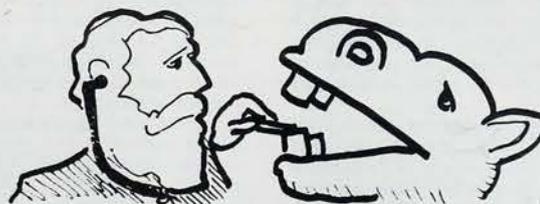


To find out, match the symbol to the letter and write the letter in the blank. When you are through, you'll know the answer to the secret code.

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| | = B | | = N | | = U |
| | = C | | = O | | = W |
| | = E | | = S | | = Y |
| | = G | | | | |



What tree is found in your mouth?



The gum tree.

Answer To Name Game

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| 10. h | 5. j |
| 9. d | 4. e |
| 8. a | 3. i |
| 7. f | 2. g |
| 6. b | 1. c |

Answer To Secret Code

It's been nice gnawing (knowing) you!



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Obituaries

BARBARA MILLER

NORTON, Mass. — A funeral was held in Providence for Barbara Miller, 44, of 285 E. Main St., who died Tuesday, December 24 in a four-car accident in Warwick, Cape Cod.

Her husband, Sherman Miller, is reported in serious condition at a Boston hospital where he was transferred from Cape Cod Hospital. The accident happened at 4:06 p.m. when a car travelling east on Route 6, slightly west of exit 11, hit head-on the car Mrs. Miller was driving, pushing her car backwards into one behind her. The car that started the collision then ricocheted off the Miller car, and hit a fourth car head-on. Mrs. Miller was taken to Cape Cod Hospital and pronounced dead. Mr. Miller was one of four persons injured.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of Harry and Celia (Marcowitz) Genter of Pawtucket. She moved from Pawtucket to Norton a year ago.

Mrs. Miller was a graduate of the University of Southern Connecticut, New Haven, and had attended the University of Massachusetts. She was a member of Temple Sinai, Sharon.

Besides her husband and parents she leaves two sons, Kenneth S. and Carl M. Dress, both of Norton, and two stepsons, Scott D. and Eric Miller, both of Northampton.

The service was held at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St. Burial was in Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon.

RHONDA B. GOLDSTEIN

CRANSTON — Rhonda Beth Goldstein, 19, of 72 Massasoit Ave., a sophomore and a trustee scholar at New York University, died Friday, December 27 at Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, after a six-week illness.

Born in Cranston, she was a daughter of Abraham and Barbara (Solomon) Goldstein of Cranston.

Miss Goldstein was a graduate of Cranston High School East, had sung in the a cappella choir, coordinated a tutorial program, performed in various school dramas and musicals, and was a member of the National and the Rhode Island Honor Societies.

She also was a graduate of Hebrew High School, Providence, and an arts and crafts counselor at Camp Jori. In 1982, she was a Gold Key winner in the high school division of the Scholastic Art Awards exhibition of outstanding art work by junior and senior high school students.

Besides her parents she leaves four brothers, Glenn Goldstein of Cranston, Brian Goldstein of Liverpool, N.Y., Stuart Goldstein of Cambridge, Mass., Neil Goldstein of Brooklyn, N.Y. and a sister, Diane Goldstein of Palo Alto, Calif.

A funeral service was held at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope

St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

SARA SHINDLER

PROVIDENCE — Sara Shindler of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., died Sunday, December 29, at the home.

Born in Massachusetts, a daughter of the late Hyman and Jennie (Goldstein) Shindler, she lived in Providence most of her life.

She leaves a brother, Samuel Shindler, and four sisters, Dora Finkler, Chandelle, Susan and Ethel Shindler, all of Providence.

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

NATHAN GOODMAN

PROVIDENCE — Nathan Goodman, 84, of 170 Benedict St., an employee of the former Goodman Jewelry Mfg. Co. for 50 years before retiring in 1965, died Sunday, December 29, at Rhode Island Hospital.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Harry and Lena (Black) Goodman. Mr. Goodman was a World War I Army veteran.

He leaves a sister, Gertrude Diamond, with whom he lived.

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

RABBI PHILIP BERNSTEIN

NEW YORK (JTA) — Rabbi Philip Bernstein, who was instrumental in aiding the resettlement of the approximately 200,000 displaced Jews from central and eastern Europe after World War II, died of heart failure December 3. He was 84 years old.

Bernstein, who served as rabbi of Temple B'rith Kodesh from 1927 to 1973, took a leave of absence during the war to serve as executive director of the Commission on Army and Navy Religious Activities (today, the Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy) of the Jewish Welfare Board. He was in charge of all the Jewish chaplains in the U.S. armed forces.

In 1946, President Truman named him special assistant to Gen. Joseph McNarney, the commander of U.S. forces in Europe. In that capacity, Bernstein urged Congress to appropriate funds to care for the refugees and to admit some to the U.S.

Bernstein was also a powerful advocate of the establishment of the State of Israel, and the author of "Rabbis at War," and the popular book "What the Jews Believe," published in 1950 and reprinted more than two dozen times.

Born in Rochester the son of immigrants from Lithuania, Bernstein studied at the (Reform) Jewish Institute of Reli-

gion in New York and later at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, where he enrolled in the first entering class in 1926.

Assuming the pulpit of B'rith Kodesh at the age of 25, Bernstein was active on behalf of workers' rights, low-cost housing and family planning. He became the center of local controversy in 1932 when he and the temple sisterhood invited birth control advocate Margaret Sanger to speak at the temple. The Catholic Diocese attacked Bernstein after the meeting. He was also a staunch advocate of civil rights, and denounced the South African government for using what he called "ruthless police-state methods" to oppress Blacks there.

After World War II, he became increasingly prominent in the American Jewish community, serving as president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and as chairman of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee. He was also an adviser and friend of Israeli Prime Ministers David Ben Gurion and Golda Meir.

Bernstein was active, as well, in a wide range of activities in the Rochester Jewish

community. In 1938, he helped establish the Jewish Community Council of that city, which coordinated fund-raising and other activities and helped bridge differences between the German and East European Jews who had settled in Rochester.

JFS

The Jewish Family Service has rescheduled their board meeting for Monday, January 13 at 7:45 at the agency, (the third Monday of the month falls on Martin Luther King Day, a federal and state holiday.) The agency's agenda will include the treasurer's end of the year report; the Corporations Development Committee report; Program Evaluation and Development Committee report; Family Life Education Committee report; Tay-Sachs Committee report; Adoption Committee report; Homemaker Committee report; Executive Director's report.



RAMAT GAN, Israel — Dr. Emanuel Rackman (center), president of Bar-Ilan University, presents a handwoven prayer shawl to Raphael Hadana, the chief religious leader of Israel's Ethiopian Jewish community, as his son, Yosef, looks on.

On receiving the talis, Raphael Hadana recited a century-old prayer of Ethiopian Jewry: "Not for long life or for prosperity, but to see Jerusalem and there bow to the Holy One, Blessed be He."

The presentation took place at a conference on the absorption of Ethiopian Jews held under the auspices of Bar-Ilan's School of Education and attended by more than 400 people working to help these newest immigrants to Israel.

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Preparing To Quit Smoking

by Michael G. Goldstein, M.D.
David B. Abrams, Ph.D.

for the Rhode Island Medical Society
Cigarette smoking is the largest preventable cause of cancer, heart disease, and chronic obstructive lung disease. As many as 350,000 persons in the U.S. die each year from smoking-related causes. This is the first part of a three-part series prepared by members of the Rhode Island Medical Society on "How to Quit Smoking." Today's article focuses on preparing to quit. The next two articles will discuss actual quitting, and preventing relapse.

People begin cigarette smoking for a variety of reasons. Smoking helps some to relax, others enjoy the flavor, and still others smoke because those around them smoke. Regardless of the reasons that lead a person to begin smoking, all smokers eventually become dependent on cigarettes to some extent.

Physical, psychological addiction

First of all, you can become physically addicted to nicotine. Nicotine is a powerful mood modulator with many effects on the brain. If you go without cigarettes, you may feel irritable, depressed, restless, or experience insomnia, or other symptoms. The severity of these effects varies from person to person, depending on the amount smoked and other factors.

You can also become psychologically addicted to cigarettes. Everyday habits, such as drinking a cup of coffee or talking on the phone, may trigger the habit of reaching for a cigarette. Another smoker lighting up nearby may also encourage you to start a cigarette yourself.

Some smokers may find it easier to quit than others. If you smoke very little, or smoke low-nicotine cigarettes, you'll probably have an easier time of quitting.

If you are a heavy smoker, or feel that you cannot quit smoking abruptly, you may consider utilizing a technique such as nicotine fading that helps you get over the physical addiction of nicotine. Basically this means smoking fewer cigarettes, inhaling less often, or switching to a low-nicotine brand. The gradual nicotine reduction may continue over several weeks.

How to prepare

It might seem that quitting is simple: stop buying cigarettes, and stop smoking them. But while most smokers would like to quit, few are able to do it — especially on the first try. A key element in quitting

seems to be mental preparation. You must convince yourself that you can quit. And you must take the time to understand all of the situations in which you have come to rely on cigarettes, and the types of behavior and activities accompanied by smoking.

The American Cancer Society has created a plan of action for the final few days before the actual quitting day. It stresses mental preparation and also more obvious measures, such as removing cigarettes, ash trays, and matches from the home or office.

The plan places a great deal of emphasis on mental preparation. For example, it suggests imagining how you'll resist smoking in each of your daily routines. It suggests that you plan to give yourself rewards when you reach milestones. It suggests that you think of places to go to avoid smokers.

The American Cancer Society plan is for the six days preceding the day that you'll quit. You could spread these actions out over a longer or possibly a shorter period of time.

The American Lung Association also has a self help program that helps you prepare to quit smoking.

The important point is that you do plan ahead — it takes lots of thinking and commitment to get yourself ready for the day you decide to go "smoke-free."

Gallery 401 Features Boynton

The Jewish Community Center's Gallery 401 proudly announces its January exhibition — S.L. Boynton's "Rock Formations and Sand Patterns." An opening reception will take place at the Gallery, 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence, on Monday, January 6 from 5-7:30 p.m. The exhibition will continue until January 28.

S.L. Boynton, a Rhode Island resident, studied at the Rhode Island School of Design, Philadelphia College of Art, Kirkland College, and the Boston Museum School. She has exhibited throughout Rhode Island and has competed in art shows in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and California. In 1967, she received the Scholastic Art Award, Gold Key.

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Women's Health Concerns Series

A seminar series to look at the special health concerns of women at different ages will begin in January, sponsored by the Erna Yaffe Foundation in cooperation with the Bristol Community College Foundation, Pierce Foundation, Inc., the Sophia Romero Trust, and the Southeastern Massachusetts Area Health Education Center.

Each seminar in the four-part series, "Women and the Experience of Wellness," will focus on women's health needs at a specific time of life. The first seminar on Thursday, January 9, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., is entitled "The Mature Woman (Ages 40-60)." Workshops will examine the empty nest syndrome, menopausal issues, nutrition and cancer, and substance use and abuse. Keynote speaker is Paula Gold, secretary of

consumer affairs and business regulation for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Cost is \$7.00 and includes lunch.

The second seminar, on Saturday, February 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., focuses on the young woman, ages 20-39. The keynote address will be given by Lisa Cole, director of the women's health unit for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Workshops will look at the stress of reentering work or school, childbearing, substance use and abuse, and domestic unrest. Cost is \$7.00 and includes lunch.

The third seminar, Tuesday, March 18 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., will examine health needs of the adolescent woman, ages 14-19. Keynote speaker is Jacquelyn G. Sowers, school and health education consultant from Hampton, N.H., and the program will include a respondent panel of local school and community health resources. This seminar is free, and lunch is provided.

The final seminar in the series, Thursday, April 3 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., will examine the needs of older women over age 61. The keynote address will be given by Donald Spence, Ph.D., director of the program in gerontology at the University of Rhode Island. This seminar is also free, and lunch is provided.

For more information contact Carol Bundy at (617) 678-2811, ext. 269.

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Babies, Born To Woman Without Ovaries, Thriving



JERUSALEM — Dr. Joseph Schenker, head of the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department at the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center, holds two babies born in October 1985 to women with non-functioning ovaries.

The two babies born in late October at the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem to women without ovaries or ovarian function, are thriving, happily oblivious of being medical firsts.

In fact, the only thing special about them is their conception, made possible through the sophisticated combination of ovum donations and synthetic hormonal cycle techniques developed by Dr. Joseph Schenker, head of the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center's Obstetrics and Gynecology Department.

Yet while they are pleased to shout the news to the world that it is now possible to have healthy children despite missing or damaged ovaries, both mothers are keeping the exact nature of the births private. "I don't want my child to be different," Rachel, a 37-year-old schoolteacher says. If asked on her small *moshav* (a small settlement), "I deny it for my daughter's sake. Nobody must know," she says protectively of her eight-week-old child.

Rachel was born in Yemen and is a

victim of Turner's Syndrome which is characterized in women by the absence of ovaries. "My husband and I are religious," she said. "This baby is an answer to our prayers. In fact, we call her Tehila, the Hebrew word for a Psalm, because I recited Psalms every day until she was born and now say them daily in gratitude."

Tehila, who her mother says is perfect in every way, weighs 8 lbs. and 15 ounces and is being breast-fed.

The second baby born by ovum donation was a boy who has been called Eric by his 27-year-old mother, Shirley, an economist in a large Israeli city. Shirley, who was born in Rumania and

emigrated to Israel at 16, lost the use of her one functioning ovary to disease.

"Eric weighs 10 lbs.," she says happily, "and is fine in every way. He's bottle fed, eats well, sleeps well — we're very happy. Living in a big city nobody knows that Eric comes from an ovum donation. We keep it a secret but it doesn't bother us. We just enjoy him every minute of the day."

Eighteen other test-tube babies have been born so far in the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center's *in vitro* program which currently has ten more women who are now over three months pregnant including the projected birth of triplets in two months time.

Jewish American Singles Cite Difficulties

The American Jewish Committee has reported that approximately one-fifth of adult American Jews have never married, and that there are 200,000 to 300,000 Jewish singles in the New York metropolitan area alone.

Among the other conclusions contained in *Single and Jewish: Conversations with Unaffiliated Jewish Singles*, a booklet prepared by Dr. Jan Yager, a well-known sociologist and author of *Single in America* (Atheneum, 1980) and many magazine articles, and published by the Committee's William Petschek National Jewish Family Center, are the following:

- When singles join an organization, it is generally for career advancement and self-improvement.

- Apart from work or school, their lives center on friends and "dates."

- Most hope to marry Jewish partners and raise Jewish children, expecting to return to the Jewish community at that time.

"All felt positively about their Jewishness," said Dr. Yager. "For many, this takes the form of ethnic or cultural identification unrelated to community affiliation or religious observance."

Yet, she adds, "Many had a significant measure of Jewish education, still celebrated at least the High Holy Days, and were concerned about the State of Israel."

Most of those questioned by Dr. Yager tended to explain their lack of affiliation less as a result of their own alienation than in terms of the ostracism by the community they perceived they had experienced. They found fault with Jewish institutions but they also believed

that the institutions were critical of them.

Commenting on this reaction, Dr. Yager states:

"Singles have long complained of feeling alienated from the synagogue and other Jewish communal institutions, whose activities are typically family-centered. While many Jewish singles do affiliate with synagogues and actively participate in Jewish communal life, the large number of unaffiliated Jewish singles suggests that the established institutions are not meeting the needs of a significant segment of the Jewish population."

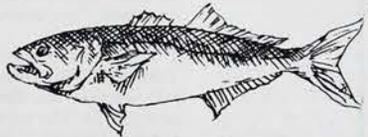
These unaffiliated singles are lost to the Jewish community, she adds, at least temporarily, and "no one is sure why."

Thirty unaffiliated Jewish singles in the New York metropolitan area — 15 men and 15 women between the ages of 24 and 43 — were interviewed. They represented a wide range of occupations, income levels and religious backgrounds.

Yehuda Rosenman, Director of the William Petschek National Jewish Family Center, is also Director of AJC's Jewish Communal Affairs Department.

Copies of the survey may be obtained for 75 cents each from the American Jewish Committee, Institute of Human Relations, 165 East 56 Street, New York 10022.

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