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New Study Documents Yale's Anti-Semitism

by Eric R. Alterman
The Globe

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — While nearly everyone connected with Yale agrees that institutional anti-Semitism at the university is a thing of the past, a recent book that details the uneasy history of Jews at Yale has stirred considerable interest within the campus community.

The book, "Joining the Club: A History of Jews at Yale" by Dan A. Oren, was published last month by Yale University Press. The idea for the book came during Oren's sophomore year at Yale, when he was taking a seminar in American Jewish history and read a paragraph in his textbook that shocked and disturbed him.

During the 1920s and 1930s, the book noted, Jewish boys were routinely rejected from memberships in Yale fraternities and secret societies. Oren had never experienced any anti-Semitism since coming to New Haven and found it difficult to imagine that his alma mater — "my Yale" — had allowed systematic discrimination to take place against Jewish students.

Oren became fascinated by the history of Jews and anti-Semitism at Yale and wrote his class term paper on the subject, later expanding that inquiry into a 100-page senior essay. Now, 10 years older and graduated from Yale Medical School, Oren is the author of the first systematic study of anti-Semitism at an Ivy League school.

Judaic Studies Long A Mainstay

Ironically, Yale's ties to Jews and Judaism go back very nearly to the university's founding by its Congregationalist forefathers. The Yale College seal, on which is written in prominent Hebrew letters, *Ur in and Thummim* (light and truth), first appeared to Oren's research, on Oct. 17, 1722, when the college was just 21-years-old and the colonial General Assembly voted to grant it a seal.

In 1778, biblical scholar Ezra Styles became president of the college and himself taught a

mandatory Hebrew course to all Yale freshmen. Twelve years later, Styles consented to make the course an elective, bowing to what Oren calls "student resentment."

While Judaic studies continued to form an important part of the school's program of biblical education, it was not until 1825 that a Jewish student actually enrolled in the college. Judah P. Benjamin was the youngest member of the Yale class of 1829. During his brief tenure as a student, he garnered the highest grade-point average in the class, won numerous academic awards and was elected to the notably proslavery, Southern-dominated Caliopean society. In September 1827, however, Benjamin disappeared from campus, apparently for financial reasons. He then returned home to his native city of Charleston, S.C. (with the help of a collection on the part of his wealthier classmates), where he went on to become a United States senator and, later, secretary of war for the Confederacy.

In Oren's view, Yale, for much of its history, was seen by its administration and alumni as not just a school where learning took place, but also a "gentlemen's club" where "character" was molded and social grace was imparted. "At Yale," he says, "social qualities defined success almost as much as talent."

Jews, Oren observes, were perceived by Yale's Protestant elders and campus leaders to be overly concerned with academics at the expense of athletics and other nonintellectual pursuits. Thus an informal quota system was put in place by the Yale admissions committee from the turn of the century through the mid- to late 1950s whereby Jewish Yalies — like Jews at Harvard — were generally limited to not more than 10 percent of each entering class. "The Jewish Problem" was a frequent subject within administration circles during this period as well.

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Rabbis Franklin & Leibovitz Return From Israel Tourism Mission

by Robert Israel

Rabbi Wayne Franklin of Temple Emanu-El in Providence, and Rabbi Richard Leibovitz of Temple Am David in Warwick, returned on February 28 from an eight day mission to Israel. The rabbis joined 200 other rabbis representing more than 50 Jewish

Cabinet. Part of Israel Bond's "Operation Independence", it was designed to acquaint participating rabbis with the problems that Israel is facing with tourism and how they, as spiritual leaders of congregations, can motivate people to visit Israel.

Tourism Is Down

"Tourism is down 40%," Rabbi Franklin said in an interview earlier this week. "And the Israeli government is concerned. Last year was a banner year for tourism — over a million and a half in currency generated from tourism — but this year people have been cancelling trips. The government is deeply concerned about the financial situation. Obviously, one of the motivating factors for trips to Israel being cancelled is the terrorist attacks on the Achille Lauro and at the El Al airlines ticket counters in Rome and Vienna."

The mission, partially underwritten by the participating agencies which included the Ministry of Tourism, El Al Israel Airlines and the Ministry of Finance, brought the rabbis to Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. They attended conferences, toured the Old City and visited with Israeli President Herzog and other Israeli officials. They even found time to take a taxi to Stern Street, where the Hassenfeld Community

Center is located in an area of Jerusalem that was once a slum but has now been rejuvenated through the financial assistance of Rhode Island Jews.

"I was impressed by the human progress and development in the Stern Street area," Rabbi Leibovitz said. "Seven years ago I



Rabbi Wayne Franklin

communities in the United States and Canada on a mission designed to promote tourism. Also accompanying them was Rabbi William Kaufman of Temple Beth-El in Fall River, Mass.

The conference, called on short notice, was under the auspices of the Israel Bond National Rabbinc



Rabbi Richard Leibovitz

worked as a tutor on Stern Street before Rhode Islanders became involved in Project Renewal. I remember the kids that hung around there had no focus and had drifted into drug and alcohol abuse. But that has changed. The community center is a facility that

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Planned Parenthood: New Initiatives And Renewed Commitment To Families

by Susan Bostian

Mary Ann Sorrentino, Executive Director of Planned Parenthood, called for a more vigorous response to the militancy of the opposition, a reexamination of her group's goals and a renewed commitment to them at the 54th Annual Meeting last Tuesday afternoon at Richmond Square in Providence.

"We can no longer tolerate an opposition whose respect for life begins at conception and ends at birth," Sorrentino told the crowded room filled with supporters. "Historically, harassment of Planned Parenthood began back in 1931, the first day we quietly opened the doors on North Main Street to the Rhode Island community. We have remained typically low key and polite towards these dissenters."

Sorrentino drew a knowing laugh from the crowd when she exclaimed, "But given the nature of our opposition, I have never understood that posture." More solemnly she added, "We are dealing with people who throw bombs into our clinics filled with human beings who are doing their jobs. Our opposition consists of fundamentalists, misguided souls, zealots of every kind who are opposed to abortion, sex education in our schools, artificial methods of birth control, human rights, civil rights and others who lack compassion towards our already born children."



Sorrentino said she was not suggesting retaliation or reciprocating the violence of the opposition, only new initiatives to confront old problems. "Our challenge in 1986 is to be stronger, more creative and dedicated than ever. We must never be complacent," she stressed. "Abortion is the watershed and if you lose this, you lose contraception, education and the freedom to control your own body. We cannot let the government put us in a position of forced pregnancy."

Citing the current administrations drift away from human services, the petite woman who could barely see over the

podium asserted, "The government is denying contraceptive care and education to the very population in this country that most needs these services." She quoted from a recent paper noting the demise of the last manufacturer of the IUD leaves women with one less birth control option.

"The author of this humane treatise pointed out the ironical policy of our government who labels tobacco a poison yet invests over 500 million dollars a year in price supports for the tobacco industry. It is time to stop using public money to subsidize the growing of poison and invest in strengthening the ability of millions of families to enter and stay in the social and economic mainstream by being able to more perfectly manage their fertility. We can put people on the moon but we still don't have a good method of birth control."

A closer examination of the historic perspective of Margaret Sanger, a heroine in the fight for women's rights, reveals atrocious conditions for women. Sanger saw women dying from self induced abortions, she saw women dying from botched home deliveries of their 15th or 20th child. She was appalled at the number of children dying from abuse and decided as a health worker and moral human being she had to take some action. Her dream was to make

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A radiant Elaine Strajcher, left, and Claudia Akerstein, right, beam happiness over the successful 1920's Jazz Cabaret Dinner held in the Korn Auditorium of the Providence Hebrew Day School last Saturday evening. Both Elaine and Claudia were on the arrangements committee. (See Around Town, page 8). (Photo by Dorothen Snyder)

Local News

Torat Yisrael To Travel To Israel

Rabbi David Rosen and Temple Torat Yisrael are happy to announce that plans are actively proceeding for the Temple's Family Pilgrimage to Israel, to depart Rhode Island June 29 and return July 14.

The trip will be led by Rabbi Rosen, who lived in Israel for two years as a seminary student, and who will bring to the trip his own impressions and innovations.

The itinerary has been designed to appeal to first-time visitors to Israel, as well as those who have been before. Some of the more unusual stops included: a visit to Stern Street (in Jerusalem) which will include visiting with a Sephardic family; a visit to Kibbutz Hannaton, the new settlement established by the Conservative Movement; a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee; a stop at the magnificent Avshalom's Caves, only recently unearthed; a visit to Kefar Chabad, a village run and exclusively inhabited by Lubavitcher Chasidim; tea and singing with Bedouins.

Copies of the complete itinerary are available without obligation by calling the Torat Yisrael Office (785-1800). Transportation will be via El Al Israel Airlines.

Dr. Tabori To Speak

Dr. Mala Tabori will be the guest speaker at a noon luncheon, Tuesday, March 18, at Zionist House, 17 Commonwealth Ave., Back Bay, Boston. Her newsworthy topic will be "Egyptian Israeli Relations — Taba and Other Matters."

Dr. Tabori of the Tel Aviv University Law School is a Ph.D. from the Hebrew University, an accomplished Israeli author and teacher, and the associate editor since 1979 of *The Israel Yearbook on Human Rights*. She is also a young mother of two, religious, and made aliyah after graduating with honors from Barnard College, Columbia University.

It is free and open to the public.

For further information or to reserve lunch, please call 267-3600 or 782-5966.

Naiomi Chazan To Speak

Dr. Naomi Chazan, a professor at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Israel, will speak on the phenomenon of Rabbi Meir Kahane on Tuesday, March 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the Galanti lounge at the University of R.I., Kingston campus. The community is welcome to attend her presentation.

Scouts Honored At Temple Shalom

The annual Scout Sabbath of Temple Shalom took place on Friday, March 7, at 7 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary. Rabbi Marc S. Jagoliner conducted the worship and paid tribute to the scouts. Assisting the Rabbi were the following young men and women who were involved in the various scouting movements: Sarah Jagoliner, Keith Mayes, Karyn Pimental, Danielle Sarao, Matthew Schneller, Adam Kaminitz, Jason Bean, Jeffrey Schneller and Susan Hicks. Congregational President Robert A. Hicks brought greetings to the scouts.

An Oneg Shabbat followed the service, graciously sponsored by Dr. and Mrs. Alan Feinberg.

Majestic Senior Guild

The first regular meeting for the Majestic Senior Guild will be held March 18 at 12:30 p.m. at Temple Torat Yisrael, Park Avenue, Cranston.

All monies for the show 42nd St. for May 10 must be in for this meeting.

The Pines trip in the Catskills is scheduled for seven nights and eight days on June 8. Deposits accepted at this meeting.

A trip to Whites at Westport is scheduled for May 15.

Brown Students Rally For Soviet Jews

by Suzannah E. Challis
"We were exercising our rights and privileges as American citizens to champion our cause," said Heather Harris, a sophomore at Brown University, of the lobby for Soviet Jewry that took place in Washington, D.C. on Feb. 26-27.

Harris and Norri Katzin, also a Brown University sophomore, organized the 33 people from Brown who attended this lobby. It was the tenth annual lobby for Soviet Jewry, attended primarily by students of northeastern colleges, although some people came from colleges as far away as Michigan. Nearly every state was represented, as students were to see congressmen and representatives of their home states.

At Capitol Hill, the lobbyists broke up into state caucuses to discuss strategies for speaking to their legislators.

"We reasserted the need to release people in the Soviet Union," said Harris, "even though Anatoly Scharansky has been released. Four hundred thousand people have begun the application process for visas... but there are 35 steps to completing the application to get out of the Soviet Union." Some of these steps require a person to get letters of recommendation or permission to leave from his place of employment, his parents, and even a divorced spouse. These people could be in danger of government harassment for supplying the applicant with such letters. Fifteen thousand Jews have completed this paperwork, but have been refused permission to leave.

"We stressed the individuality of these 15,000 people," said Harris. "They're not just a number — they have names, faces, needs."

Harris, who is from California, went to see the representative from that state, Congressman Edward Zschau. She and others met with his aide, Bob Jackson. "Congressmen must take action to support the cause of Soviet Jewry in Congress," she said. "We asked that Zschau do specific things." They asked that he support Bill HR-4186, which would give a gold

medal to Anatoly Scharansky and his wife. He was asked to participate in a "call to conscience" sponsored by the National Council for Soviet Jewry, where congressmen take turns entering cases of different refuseniks into the Congressional Record. He was asked to write a letter of support to Vladimir Lipschitz, a refusenik in the Soviet Union who was recently arrested for passing anti-Soviet propaganda when he lent a copy of the book, *Exodus*, to a friend. Lipschitz's trial is to begin shortly, and such a letter could lend support to his cause, and even afford him some protection. Finally, Zschau was asked to continue supporting the Jackson-Vanik amendment, which was passed in 1974 as part of a trade agreement; it links preferred trade status for the Soviet Union with permitting free immigration. This amendment is now up for reassessment.

Norri Katzin, who is from Texas, led that state's caucus. One of Texas' senators, Phil Gramm, had brought up the issue of Soviet Jewry with President Reagan before the first summit in Geneva, before Scharansky was released. Representative Bill Archer, a strong supporter of the issue, has been to the Soviet Union personally and has helped refuseniks to leave.

President Reagan personally wrote a letter to the student coalition for Soviet Jewry, and it was read at a rally of the lobbyists. "Our entire delegation was commended by him and Nancy," said Katzin. There were speakers as well, among them Glenn Richter, the National Director of the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry, and Leonid Feldman, a former refusenik. Feldman told of his own struggle to emigrate, and of how he sees the issue of Soviet Jewry as one of human rights, and not just a Jewish or religious concern.

"A lobby is more effective than a rally or a vigil," said Katzin. "It educates Congress on the issue. It can affect Soviet Jewry in a first-hand way. All of us who attended this lobby left feeling good about it — it was a success."

N.E. Students Attend AIPAC Conference

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Three hundred and seventy students from throughout lower New England stood, applauding the message: "You are the future Jewish leadership. Don't let me down and don't ever let your people down."

The three-minute ovation was for David Wyman, author of *The Abandonment of the Jews*. Wyman was encouraging the assembled students to involve themselves in political action, to ensure that never again would the American Jewish community be as powerless as it was in the 1930's and 1940's.

The students, from 21 campuses in six states, had gathered at Yale to discuss pro-Israel political involvement. Their day-long seminar was sponsored by the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), Yale Student Friends of Israel, and the local B'nai B'rith Hillel foundation. The students engaged in workshops on pro-Israel political activism and received a congressional perspective on lobbying from Rep. Bruce Morrison (D-CT).

The Congressman echoed Wyman's keynote theme: "In my opinion, it is grass-roots political involvement that is key to what kind of policies we pursue... You need to remind the American people and decision-makers in Washington of how critical Israel is to what we believe in."

Students involved themselves in discussions of issues before Congress, political campaigns, responses to anti-Israel

propaganda, and building coalitions with Christians.

Pro-Israel students are making an increasing impact on political decisions, according to Jonathan Kessler, head of AIPAC's Political Leadership Development Program. "Students are an extremely important segment of the political community. Pro-Israel students in particular have taken the lead in developing effective vehicles to get their message from campus to congress."

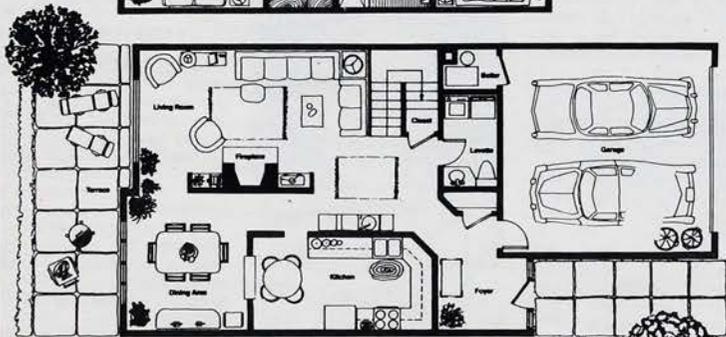
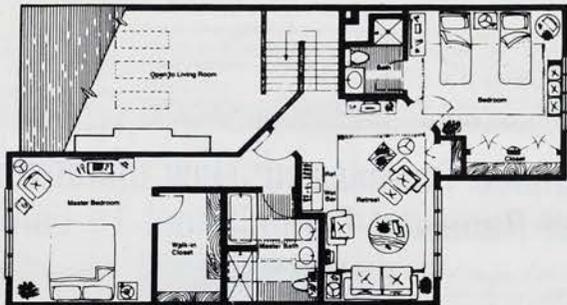
Some of the students, like Yale's Robert Lederman, the principle organizer of the event, have been politically involved for years. For others, like Mitchell Broder of Rutgers, the AIPAC seminar was their first exposure to political action. "Now I feel that I have the tools to make a difference," said Broder.

"Each time you attend a workshop, you feel energized by the enthusiasm," said Lederman, who said he has attended several previous AIPAC workshops.

Enthusiastic involvement is essential, according to author Wyman. "Apathy is the frontier, the barrier, that has to be broken down."

The Political Leadership Development Program was established by AIPAC to involve and educate pro-Israel students in the American political process, and to build a coordinated network of informed, articulate, and politically astute pro-Israel activists nationwide. Since its inception in 1979, this program has affiliated nearly 5,000 students, from 350 campuses in all 50 states.

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At Temple Beth-El

On Sunday, April 6, the Social Action Committee of Temple Beth-El in conjunction with the Temple's Brotherhood and Sisterhood will sponsor a forum on Adult Functional Illiteracy. The purpose of the program is to inform the community about the causes, consequences, and potential solutions to the growing problem of adult functional illiteracy and to provide concrete information about the local social action opportunities in the field of adult illiteracy.

Speakers include: Scott Wolf, Chairman of the Social Action Committee; Kathleen Hayes, Director, Rhode Island College's Adult Academy; and Mary Riley, Director of Dorcas Place.

The program is open to the community and begins with breakfast at 9:30 a.m. in the Temple's Meeting Hall, 70 Orchard Ave. on the East Side. For more information, call 331-6070.

On Sunday evening, April 13, Temple Beth-El will honor Seymour Krieger, Educational Director Emeritus of the Temple.

Mr. Krieger began his long and fruitful affiliation with the Temple in the religious school 31 years ago when he was serving as chief counseling psychologist at the Providence Veterans Administration Hospital. Five years later he was chosen Temple Beth-El's full-time director of education, a position he held for 26 years.

Carol Ingall, Director-designate of the Bureau of Jewish Education and long-time associate of Mr. Krieger, will be the guest-speaker at the event. Members of the community may inquire about reservations by calling the Temple office at 331-6070.

David Hollander At Chabad

In the world of the Jewish activist, one man has spent more than thirty years fighting for Jewish rights and tradition. That man is Rabbi David B. Hollander.

In 1956 — during the Cold War years, David Hollander became the first American Rabbi to visit Russia in order to promote the Jewish Way of Life to the citizens of the Soviet Union. As President of the Rabbinical Council of America, Rabbi Hollander spoke out against those who would weaken Israel and the traditions that guide her. And as a prolific author, outspoken lecturer and witty raconteur, Rabbi Hollander has entertained and informed audiences on five different continents.

Chabad Lubavitch of Southeastern New England is privileged to bring Rabbi Hollander to Rhode Island for a weekend of thought-provoking discussions and dialogue on the vital issues facing the Jewish community today.

Rabbi Hollander will begin by speaking on "Male and Female in Jewish Law and Mysticism," an eye-opening look at what Judaism really has to say about men and women; Friday, March 14, 9 p.m., at the Chabad House, 360 Hope St., in Providence.

On Shabbos, March 15, Rabbi Hollander will be participating in services at Chabad starting at 9:30 a.m., and will address the congregation before the Musaph Service.

Saturday there will be a special Melave Malka, at which Rabbi Hollander will address the issue, "Where is God when You Need Him? The Problem of Evil in Jewish Thought." How does a rational being handle what appears to be an irrational Universe? Find out Saturday 9 p.m.

N.E. BBW Holds Board Meeting

The New England Regional Board of B'nai B'rith Women recently met at the Newton Marriott Hotel. Leadership from the various chapters and units in the New England area attended a luncheon followed by keynote speaker, Norma Shapiro, League of Women Voters of Massachusetts, who discussed Discrimination in Insurance Coverage. Ms. Shapiro gave a most informative session regarding the current status of women relative to insurance sex discrimination in Massachusetts. She explained that if women gain insurance equality with men it will mean: \$4 million per year in increased annuities paid to retired women; \$5 million per year in increased life insurance savings paid out to older women, equaling what men get with the same policies; 450,000 women charged tens to hundreds of dollars less per year for medical expense insurance, with pregnancy covered as fully as any other expense; and 150 women charged tens to hundreds of dollars less per year for disability insurance.

Analysis shows that there is no such thing as "fair" sex discrimination. Insurers use it to manipulate prices and inflate profits at the expense of women. Sex discrimination in insurance is a civil rights abuse, measured by the economic harm it inflicts on women.

The women attending were encouraged to contact their State Representatives and State Senators and urge them to support bills in favor of unisex insurance rates and benefits and to end sex discrimination.

At Temple Emanu-El

Friday, March 14, Rev. Dr. Virgil A. Wood, Pastor of the Pond Street Baptist Church will speak to us on "How He Sees Black America."

Following services, we will have an opportunity to further discuss this most timely subject with Rev. Dr. Wood. The Oneg Shabbat that evening will be sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Kaplan in honor of the Newman Family.

On March 16, our Men's Club Minyanaire Lecture Series continues and this week's speaker is Dr. Michael A. Ingall, speaking on "Our Sons: The Doctors."

Dr. Ingall is a psychiatrist who is Chief of the Department of Counseling at the Rhode Island Group Health Association (RIGHA) in Warwick, and Clinical Associate Professor of Psychiatry at Brown University Medical School. A graduate of Harvard College and the Chicago Medical School, he did his medical internship and psychiatric residency at Boston University Medical Center. He attended the Hebrew College in Boston, and is on the faculty at the Harry Elkin Midrasa. He is a member of Physicians for Social Responsibility and the Narragansett Bay Wheelmen.

Dr. Rivkin In Residence At Temple Sinai

"Jews, Judaism and a World in Crisis" will be the central theme of a scholar-in residence weekend at Temple Sinai, Cranston, April 11-13.

Dr. Ellis Rivkin, Adolph S. Ochs Professor of Jewish History at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Cincinnati, O., will be the speaker at a series of programs scheduled for that weekend. A leading historian and member of a number of honorary and professional associations, Dr. Rivkin will speak after the Friday Sabbath service, April 11, and will lead discussions after the Saturday morning Sabbath service, April 12, and again on Sunday morning, April 13.

Torat Yisrael To Honor Students

Torat Yisrael students who traveled to Washington, D.C., as part of a Harry Elkin Midrasa contingent to protest treatment of Soviet Jews, will be honored at a special service Friday, March 14, 8 p.m.

Leading and speaking at the Shabbat service will be Sandra Prosnitz, Sari Ryvicker, Carolyn Schatz, Ben Schneider, Jerry Schneider and Jesse Schneider.

In addition, students from other temples will be invited to join in leading the congregation in "Leaving Mother Russia" at the end of the service.

The community is invited.

Purim Baskets Available

Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer, Director of Chabad Lubavitch of Southeastern New England, has announced that UPS will once again be delivering specially prepared Mishloach Monos Purim baskets this year.

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Anyone wishing to place an order for UPS Purim baskets or Hamentashen U.S.A. should contact Chabad at 273-7238 or 272-6772.

Purim Party At Beth David

On Saturday, March 22, at 8:00 p.m., a Purim party will be held at Temple Beth David, Kingstown Road, Narragansett. Klezmer music will be led by Michael Bresler. Israeli folk dancing will be led by Karen Stein. Costumes are suggested and requested. All are welcome to attend. Tickets are \$10.00 each (to benefit Temple Beth David) and may be obtained by sending a check to Eve Wise, 190 Plum Beach Rd., Saundertown, R.I., 02874, or at the door. Wine and homantashen will be served.

U. Mass.-Amherst Acquires Yiddish Books

The University of Massachusetts at Amherst has announced the acquisition by purchase of a 500 volume collection from the National Yiddish Book Center in Amherst as a library resource for undergraduates in Jewish and Yiddish studies.

It is the first of a series of such collections that the center hopes to establish at selected university libraries across the country. The UMass collection, which includes a rare 1799 volume donated to the University by the center, is a memorial to the late Dean Joseph S. Marcus, a former president of the book center who was an engineering teacher and administrator at UMass for 35 years.

The National Yiddish Book Center was founded six years ago by Aaron Lansky, then a recent graduate of Hampshire College, and a group mainly from the Five Colleges, which beside UMass and Hampshire, include Amherst, Mount Holyoke and Smith Colleges. The center uses networks

JCC To Discuss Life's Choices

The Jewish Community Center will be sponsoring an in-depth look at choices women must make in life. The eight-session workshop will deal with patterns in life, networking, and the support of friends in times of choice. The book, *Women Who Love Too Much*, by Robin Norwood will be the text for the sessions.

The seminar will be held on Monday from 7:30-9 p.m. beginning March 17 at the Center, 401 Elm Grove Avenue, Providence. The fee is \$15 for members, \$20 for nonmembers.

of volunteers to retrieve Yiddish books headed for discard, and now has a professional staff, libraries at Amherst and Holyoke, and a total of 400,000 Yiddish volumes which include many duplicates. The center draws on these for university collections and has prepared a special bibliography — "Yiddish Literature: Suggestions for a University Collection." — as a guide to libraries.

At UMass, the 500 volumes are designed to serve as a core collection to which further Yiddish acquisitions can be added. A permanent fund for the Marcus collection has been established for this purpose. The volumes were selected by Hannah Kliger of the UMass Judaic Studies faculty and represent Yiddish prose poetry and drama, plus essential titles in history, criticism, social theory, Israel and Zionism, Hasidism, Yiddish language and linguistics and allied areas. Dedication of the collection was at a February 27 ceremony at the University's Memorial Hall, attended by 250.

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What's at stake is not only the freedom and the hope of the refuseniks and other dissidents. Our honor is also at stake.

Elie Wiesel, professor in the humanities at Boston University, published "The Jews of Silence," a first-hand report on Soviet Jewry, in 1966. Reprinted from N.Y. Times.

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Letters To The Editor

To The Editor:

The February 28 issue of *The R.I. Herald* ran a story regarding the first grade at the Providence Hebrew Day School learning about famous people born in February. In addition, the children are making a book to honor these famous Americans. Among the children's favorites are George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. The list also includes "Lucky Lindy" Lindbergh.

Charles A. "Lucky Lindy" Lindbergh was a pro-Nazi and a vicious anti-Semite. Some 45 years ago, just prior to this country's entry into WW II, I heard him, in a nationwide radio address blaming the "Jews, the British and the Administration" for the war in Europe. He was also a charter member of the insidious Cliveden set, headed by the American born Lady Astor. While in England, just prior to the invasion of the continent, I read in British newspapers, that were it not for the superhuman efforts in struggling with the war, the Cliveden set would have been charged with sedition and treason. Colonial Lindbergh, who spent many weekends in England at the time, was quoted as saying it was a pleasure and privilege to breathe the air of the Cliveden set.

Should the very young in a Hebrew parochial school be made to honor this individual?

Some time ago, I attended a concert of classical music at a Temple within the boundaries of Southern New England, sponsored

jointly by the Sisterhood and the Brotherhood. When, as a part of their program, the orchestra played a piece by Richard Wagner, I was pleased to note that some dozen people, as well as myself, got up and quietly left. Richard Wagner, the revered idol of Adolph Hitler was so anti-Semitic, he was actually semi-hysterical in his hatred for Our People and his desire to obliterate them. Is his music absolutely necessary in our Temples, or do we desecrate the Holy Sanctuary?

Shortly before WW II, Hitler bestowed the name upon the most popular automobile manufactured in that country. During the war, the auto plant was converted to ovens to fry the Jews at several concentration camps. After the war, the plant was again converted to the manufacture of automobiles, millions sold in this country. Too, too many were bought by Jews who did not realize or want to realize that the same presses that punched out the ovens, were now used to manufacture the bodies of these cars.

In a recent issue of an English-Jewish newspaper of another city, unbelievable but true, the Mayor of a town in West Germany told the Town Council's Budget Committee that a few rich Jews should be slain in order to get the budget balanced. He added that talk of killing rich Jews was widely used in the past when discussing financial matters. Earlier, another city official stated that Jews who seek reparations

from German firms who used them as slave labor during WW II created the impression that "Jews are quick to show up when money jingles in German cashboxes."

Chancellor Kohl, who forced a not too wise American president to lay a wreath at the graves of Gestapo members, says quite calmly that these remarks are not anti-Semitic and reflects the attitude of most Germans. Yet, so many of our Jews tragically purchase German cars for status purposes or for the economy of gasoline usage. Also, many run to West Germany as tourists, to the enrichment of the prosperity of that country.

One final item — Rabbi Meir Kahane. I am not an admirer of the Rabbi and am sometimes greatly disturbed by his actions. Yet I would never, as does Koch of New York, several high ranking officials of B'nai B'rith, local educators and other notables, refer to Rabbi Kahane as a Hitler, an Arafat and a Farrakan. The major newspaper in this state delights in quoting Jews as referring to another Jew as a Nazi.

I also do not condone the actions of the local Rabbinate and the Jewish Federation in denying him a forum, whether or not we agree with his views. I have not yet read of any of the above answering his important question — What happens when the Arab population becomes greater than the Jewish population in Israel? Will there be a situation as is now in South Africa?

While my feelings are quite apparent by the tone of this letter, the items touched upon are simply a series of true facts. Perhaps we are in need of the services of the Biblical Sages of old, in an attempt to resolve these problems.

Harry J. Kolodney

To the Editor:

We are dismayed by reports that Kurt Waldheim served in a German army unit that engaged in mass deportations of Greek Jews. We find it difficult to believe that he was not aware that thousands of Jews were being sent to their deaths. This is not the first time that Mr. Waldheim has been charged with past Nazi associations, which he has repeatedly denied. But if there is any truth to these charges, Mr. Waldheim has borne a heavy burden. We hope, in that case, that Mr. Waldheim has viewed his long years of service to the world as

U.N. Secretary General as one avenue for atonement.

The Waldheim charges bring to mind the case of Hermann Klenner, a Nazi party member during World War II, who was recently elected as vice president of the United Nations Human Rights Commission in Geneva. It is important that in the future, the United Nations, as well as other international and national government agencies, carefully check the background of prospective officials and employees.

Abraham Foxman

NCJW March For Rights To Choose

Tens-of-thousands of women demonstrated their support for pro-choice on March 9 in Washington, D.C. On March 16 in Los Angeles, Calif. they will march again. The National March for Women's Lives, co-sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW), is particularly aimed at expressing the feelings of the majority of American women who support safe and legal abortion and birth control.

An 11 a.m. step-off took place. NCJW members assembled at the Freer Art Gallery, between 7th and 14th Streets, N.W., and then marched on Pennsylvania Avenue past the White House to a rally on the west steps of the Capitol Building. Participants wore white clothing in the tradition of the Suffragists.

Under its Women's Issues Priority, the National Council of Jewish Women has a history of advocacy to protect women's rights to reproductive freedom. In its National Resolutions, the basis of the organization's principles and goals, it is stated that: "The National Council of Jewish Women believes that individual liberties and rights guaranteed by the Constitution are keystones of a free society. Inherent in these rights is our responsibility to protect them. We therefore endorse and resolve to work for... the protection of every woman's

right to choose abortion, and elimination of obstacles that limit reproductive freedom."

During the past three years, NCJW has published *IMPACT* (Impact Materials for Pro-Choice Advocacy, Community Services and Training), a program which includes information and training on reproductive freedom, the *Family Life Education Guide*, a unique program which addresses the needs of contemporary families in all stages of life, and has held a conference which included medical and legal experts on the impact of new medical technology on abortions.

National Coordinator of the National March for Women's Lives is the National Organization for Women (NOW). Co-sponsors include the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights (RCAR), as well as NCJW.

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

Making Rain Clouds Over Israel

Israel's celebrated rainmaker, Prof. Avraham Gagin of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, has perfected a method for enlarging rain clouds, thereby as much as doubling the rainfall which those clouds would normally produce.

Prof. Gagin hopes in this way to substantially increase the rainfall in parts of Israel by well over his earlier 18 to 25 percent increases.

Prof. Gagin, of the Hebrew University's Department of Atmospheric Sciences, heads the Israel Rainfall Enhancement Project, which is internationally recognized as being the only such project whose claimed achievements on enhancing rain are both physically plausible and statistically significant.

Prof. Gagin said that the new cloud enlargement technique is aimed at boosting annual rainfall in target areas such as Lake Kinneret, Israel's main water reservoir, beyond that which has been achieved until now through cloud-seeding efforts. He explained that rain clouds in Israeli skies are on average no larger vertically than 6-9 kilometers and contain up to half a million cubic meters of water. The project's staff has developed a technique for increasing the height of such rain clouds by about 1.5-2 kilometers, hence increasing their volume and doubling their rainfall yield. Such bigger clouds can hold more than a million cubic meters of water.

Prof. Gagin says that, when the weather radar at the Israel Rain Enhancement Project's base at Ben-Gurion Airport reveals rain clouds approaching Israel from over the Mediterranean, an airplane is rapidly sent up to inject into them, at the right time, measured dosages of silver iodide or dry ice from above. These ice-forming substances freeze the supercooled water in the clouds. This freezing process releases latent heat, which causes the clouds to expand and to absorb

and condense much more water vapor from the surrounding air. Thus an ordinary Mediterranean cloud is transformed into a much larger cloud containing enormous amounts of water which can be precipitated as rain.

Although this technique was not invented by Prof. Gagin (American scientists had tried then abandoned it because it gave them no results), Prof. Gagin and his colleagues at the Rain Enhancement Project found the critical moments and the precise quantity of dry-ice or silver iodide particles needed to trigger the cloud-inflating and rainmaking process. They found that there were a critical five minutes during which a particular quantity of material had to be seeded into the clouds. This refinement of the new technique has doubled the earlier results.

Most of the cloud seeding is carried out over the north of Israel where the clouds are larger and the climate more suitable for rain enhancement efforts.

This winter has been dryish and there have been few clouds to seed. However, under such conditions, treatment of the fewer existing clouds results in a much more economically significant contribution.

Since wind and rain know no political borders, Israel's neighbors also benefit from Prof. Gagin's successes. Parts of the Kingdom of Jordan downwind from Israel have enjoyed heavier rainfall, though less than that obtained in Israel, as a result of Israel's rainmaking.

As a consequence of Prof. Gagin's successful application of the cloud enlargement method, American interest in it has reawakened, and U.S. scientists have invited him to participate in two trials to be held in the U.S. this year.

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Social Events

JoAnne Kantorowitz To Wed Rabbi Friedman



Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Shaffer announce the engagement of their daughter, Jo Ann Kantorowitz, to Rabbi Mark David Friedman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Friedman and the late Beatrice Friedman. Miss Kantorowitz is also the daughter of the late Dr. Leo Kantorowitz, and the granddaughter of Mrs. David A. Goldberg, Goldberg.

The bride-elect is a graduate of the Wheeler School and Wellesley College. She received a Master's degree from Harvard University, and the J.D. degree from Northeastern University School of

Law. She is Acting Executive Director of the American Society of Law and Medicine and a member of the Massachusetts and Washington, D.C. Bars.

Rabbi Friedman, associate rabbi of Temple Emanuel in Newton, Mass., is a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa in his junior year. He also received a Master's degree from Berkeley and an M.A. and ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary.

A July wedding is planned.

Novicks Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Novick of Gaithersburg, Md. would like to announce that Eli Jay has a little brother, Robert Louis, born December 17.

They are the grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Weintraub of

Cranston, R.I., and of Mrs. Earl Novick of Silver Spring, Md., formerly of Warwick, R.I., and the late Earl Novick; and the great-grandchildren of Etta Nager of Malden, Mass.

Finkelmans Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Finkelman of Cranston, Rhode Island are pleased to announce the birth of their second child and second son, Alex Seth, on February 13, 1986.

Mr. and Mrs. Banice C. Bazar of Cranston, Rhode Island are the maternal grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald C. Finkelman of Providence, Rhode Island are the paternal grandparents.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lester Emers, Mrs. Eva Finkelman, and Mrs. Henrietta Wishevski.

Ovorah - Dayan To Meet

The next meeting of the Dvorah-Dayan Club of Na'Amat/USA will be at the home of Lorraine Ageloff, 4 Nottingham Way, Pawtucket, on Monday, March 17 at 7:45 p.m.

Guest will be Mrs. Eve Sapolsky who will present a book review of *The Parnas* by Silvano Arieti.

Our Club will have a theatre party on the evening of Saturday, April 19, at Rhode Island College's presentation of *Guys and Dolls*. Tickets for this event can be purchased from Ceil Krieger by calling 351-2139, or any Club member.

Plans will be discussed for a yard sale to be conducted on June 7. Members and friends are asked to gather household articles — jewelry, linens, dishes, etc., or any other items that you no longer find useful and call Ruth Garber at 751-6656.

Workshop At BJE

The Bureau of Jewish Education is offering a hands-on workshop on the Teaching of Passover: Bulletin Boards, Games, and Craft Ideas, led by Minna Ellison on Tuesday from 7:30-9 p.m., March 18, at the Bureau of Jewish Education, 130 Sessions St., Providence. Pre-registration is required since enrollment is limited to 15. For further information, call the Bureau of Jewish Education at 331-0956.

South African Speaker At Temple Sinai

Temple Sinai of Cranston will be the host of Rabbi Norman Mendel from Temple Emanuel of Johannesburg, South Africa on Tuesday, March 25. Rabbi Mendel's topic for the evening will be "The Jewish Community in the South African Crisis." The program, sponsored by the Temple Sinai Social Action Committee, will begin at 8 p.m.

Please call for reservations: Temple Sinai, 942-8350 days; 942-0938 evenings.

Am-David Sisterhood

The Sisterhood of Temple Am David will hold their Annual Torah Fund Supperette on Wednesday, March 19, at 6:30 p.m. at the Temple, 40 Gardiner Street, Warwick.

The evening will feature a fashion show by "Piccadilly Street" of East Greenwich. A door prize will be awarded, and there is a special reduced admission charge for Senior Citizens.

Chairpersons for the event are Suzanne Gluckman and Toby Horowitz. Fashion show co-ordinator is Bleama Forman. For reservations, please call Pearl Scherer at 463-8325.

Miriam Volunteer Honored

Bertha Small, a volunteer at The Miriam Hospital for 23 years, recently celebrated her 80th birthday with a group of friends and co-workers.

Bertha was surprised to find a birthday cake, poster, and her friends gathered around to wish her well.

When asked if she would continue to do volunteer work at The Miriam, she most definitely said "yes." She works three days a week and is stationed in various departments throughout the hospital. She looks forward to her work and has an opportunity to meet new people while working in different departments.

When asked how her husband felt about her volunteering, Bertha replied, "my husband is a volunteer, also."

Aging Parents Aren't Children

The tendency of some people to view their dependent, aging parents as "childlike" can result in an "emotional somersault" harmful to both generations. This usually occurs at a time when the adult child still is trying to manage his/her own children, own life and career, as well as care for the aging parent.

Norma Cohen, Director of Social Services, at the Jewish Home, is keenly aware of this "emotional somersault." To educate the relatives of the residents of The Home, and the general public, the Social Services Department, in conjunction with National Social Work Month, is sponsoring a discussion group.

This program, "You, Your Roles, and Your Aging Parent," will be held on March 23, 1986, at 10 a.m. in the Chase Auditorium at The Home. The guest speaker and discussion leader will be Dr. Belle Evans, Associate Professor in the Graduate Program of Social Work at Rhode Island College.

To attend this discussion, which is open to the public, simply call The Home at 351-4750 to reserve your place.

Federation Women's Group

Women's Division of the Jewish Federation of R.I. is holding its annual Education Day on Friday, March 21, at Temple Emanuel-El, Providence. Coffee and registration will be at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. The cost is \$5.00.

Speaker for the day is Professor David S. Wyman of the Department of History at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. He is the author of the current best seller *The Abandonment of the Jews: America and the Holocaust 1941-1945*.

Professor Wyman, the grandson of two Protestant ministers, teaches Judaic studies, and was chairman of Judaic Studies program at the University of Massachusetts 1977-78, 1982-84. He is a special advisor to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, and is a member of the Academic Advisory Board of Simon Wiesenthal Center.

The meeting is open to the public. For more information please call Federation Office 421-4111.



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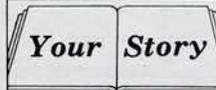
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Touro Honors Past Chairman

Touro Fraternal Association, one of the area's largest Jewish fraternal associations, held a special board meeting on Wed., March 5, at Camille's Roman Garden Restaurant. Brother Joseph Engle, past chairman of the board for 13 years, was honored on his upcoming 89th birthday. He was introduced to the current members of the board by the present chairman, Dr. Marshall K. Bornstein.

Mr. Engle is one of the oldest members of the association, which was founded on March 10, 1918.

It was also announced that new memberships are now being accepted and people looking to join may call Mr. Charles Coken, secretary at 944-4412 for information.

Gala Art Auction

A chance to bid on art by Agam, Dali, Miro, Chagall, Calder, Rockwell and Delacroix — to name just a few — will be yours when you attend the Jewish Community Center's gala Art Exhibit and Auction, to be held on Saturday evening, March 15 at the Center, 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence.

At 7:30 p.m. there will be an opportunity to preview the large collection that will be auctioned at 8:30 p.m. During the preview, wine and cheese will be served.

Join art lovers from all over the state and enjoy an evening of fun and excitement. Donations for the evening are \$5.00 per person or \$18 for patrons. Proceeds will benefit the Jewish Community Center.

For further information call Judith Jaffe at 861-8800.

Women In Religion

On Saturday, April 5, Rhode Island College will be the site of an all-day conference entitled, "Women in Religion: Contemporary Issues." Topics to be discussed include: "Political Ministry," "Women, Spirituality, & Healing," "Minority Women and Their Religion," "Ethical Dilemmas," and "Developing the Feminine in One's Spirituality."

Cost is \$15.00 and includes a full lunch; a reduced fee of \$11.00 is available for students and others who cannot pay the full price. Without lunch, cost is \$10.00. Deadline to register for lunch is March 20. You may register up until the morning of the conference, if you do not wish to reserve a lunch. Morning registration begins at 8 a.m.; the conference begins at 9 a.m. Contact the RIC Women's Center at 456-8474 for more information or to register. Our address is 600 Mount Pleasant Ave., Providence, R.I. 02908.

Beth Sholom Youth Group

Congregation Beth Sholom will be sponsoring a bowling afternoon for its youth group on Sunday, March 16. The group will meet at the synagogue at 1:30 p.m. and be driven to Lang's Bowlerama in Cranston. They will then return to the synagogue by 4:30 p.m. when refreshments will be served. Pick-up by parents is scheduled for 4:45 p.m. All Jewish children from the fifth to eighth grades are eligible to attend. The fee will be \$5.00, which includes rental of bowling shoes.

Susan Adler is group advisor and can be contacted through the synagogue office.

Storyteller Appeals To JCC Pre-School

Bernice "Bunny" Bronson, who claims that she has always been a storyteller, will perform at the Jewish Community Center's Preschool Entertainment Series, to be held at the Center, 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence, on Sunday March 16 at 1:30 p.m.

Ms. Bronson, who was artistic director of Looking Glass Theatre for many years, has delighted young audiences with her renditions of "Peter and the Wolf," folk and fairy tales, myths and classics.

Martha Smith To Address Beth-El

On Sunday, March 23, Martha Smith, special writer for the Providence Journal Bulletin, and nationally syndicated columnist, will speak before the Temple Beth-El Brotherhood. The program begins at 10 a.m., followed by a breakfast. The community is welcome.

Smith, the author of Single Smith, a twice weekly humor column offering a combined formula, commentary, guide-book, and advice column on living the single life, began her career in journalism at age 16. Having paid her journalistic dues "chasing fire trucks and covering sewer committee meetings"; her Single Smith column is reprinted in tabloids from the Baltimore Sun to the San Francisco Examiner.

For more information on the breakfast, call 331-6070.

March Vacation Camp

A fun-filled two week vacation camp is being offered to children of all ages at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence, from March 17-28.

A wide range of activities are planned, including field trips, special guests, parties, movies, swimming and much more, all sponsored by the Center's Children's Department.

The camp will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with early drop-off and late pick-up available. The cost is \$12 per day for Center members and \$24 per day for nonmembers, with additional charge for extra hours.

Ilene Gross Engaged To Mark Goldberg



Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Gross of Rocky Hill, Connecticut, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Ilene Lori Gross of Wethersfield, Connecticut, to Mark Goldberg. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Goldberg of Newtown, Connecticut.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Golden of Cranston, Rhode Island, are the

maternal grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Gross, also of Cranston, are the paternal grandparents.

The bride-to-be graduated from Cromwell High School and the Computer Processing Institute. The groom-to-be graduated from Newtown High School.

The wedding is planned for September 28, 1986.

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A puff of smoke rises a second after Beverly Sugerman blows out the candles on her birthday cake surprise by daughter Claudia Akerstein. (Photos by Dorothea Snyder)



Celebrating a special birthday was Sheldon Sollosy. His wife Gladys, who is president of the Providence Hebrew Day School, looks on.



Guests at the dinner included Professor Edward Beiser, Zeld Beiser, Grace Beiser and Jani Rosen, all from left.



Before dashing off to get dinner rolling, Dr. Shari Mandel, Esther Gottlieb and Lilliana Fijman of the arrangements committee pose.

The Twenties Come To PHDS

Rainbow prisms bouncing off a strobe light enhanced the art deco setting for a 1920's Jazz Cabaret Dinner, sponsored by parents, teachers and friends of Providence Hebrew Day School in the Korn Auditorium last Saturday evening.

Music for the evening's festivities was presented by Mayer Levitt and his Band.

An hors d'oeuvres table filled with crudites, strawberry and garlic cheese spreads, assorted crackers and punch was the first introduction to a gourmet feast prepared by Elaine Strajcher, Claudia Akerstein, Dr. Shari Mandel, Lilliana Fijman, Virginia Baron and Esther Gottlieb.

Jazz cabaret guests, seated around lacy-clothed tables, dined on waldorf salad, salmon wellington, string beans with shallots, glazed Belgium carrots, oven new potatoes and home-made rolls.

Dessert was a walk away to a divine Viennese table cascaded with black forest cake, punchim, lemon mousse, strawberry mousse, cheese cakes and fresh fruit platters. Coffee was stationed at a separate table with dishes of dried apricots, grapes and pineapple.

The evening's proceeds will benefit student trips, computer programs and equipment.



Dinner was served at an easy pace by the high school students. Clustering together are from left, Shaari Pal, Amy Cortell, Stacey Wilson, Rochel Miller, Sarah Dena Strajcher, Lori Leopold, Audrey Morse. Diagonally right from the rear are Cynthia Franklin, Marsha Brown and Naomi Padolsky.



Among the dinner guests were Bella Adler, David Adler, Lenore Behar, Dan Shimshak, from left.



Stacking plates for dessert at the acclaimed Viennese table are Elaine Strajcher and Virginia Baron, from left.

Planned Parenthood: New Initiatives And Renewed Commitment To Families

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contraception a household word. "No woman can really be free until she has control of her reproductive freedom," Sanger said way back in 1920.

Sorrentino's dream is simple, she wants to make Sanger's dream a reality. "We have the support of the majority in this country and in the world of every faith and the majority support our beliefs," she says. "One hundred thousand people marched in the streets in Washington, D.C. last weekend. We are not alone. But we must present a united voice to tell this administration we demand the right to control our own bodies."

Reassessing the identity of Planned Parenthood is a primary goal of the organization, according to Sorrentino. "We must remain a strong advocate of contraception, education and abortion rights to guarantee their availability to those who are critically in need of these services. Planned Parenthood is not just an abortion clinic," Sorrentino said assertively. "That would be too easy."

Instead, she listed the many classes and outreach programs the organization provides. "We counsel individuals on Premenstrual Syndrome, herpes, endometriosis, child rearing, and conduct intimacy classes for men who want to be more responsible partners. We educate people in prisons, in schools and we provide services for non-English speaking populations. We are doing all the difficult things that are demanded of us to make people responsible, sexual human beings. We are a

whole package."

In April, Planned Parenthood will offer its first childbirth classes. "That's what freedom of choice is all about," said Sorrentino. "We are there for people who are planning to be parents as well as for those who are trying to creatively avoid parenthood."

Sorrentino feels the reticent image of the organization must be revised. "Several banks of Rhode Island have told us they can not give Planned Parenthood a gift because three anti-choice individuals with \$5000 checking accounts made threatening noises. Those of you with ample checking accounts should speak up and use them," she told the group. "We have clout on our side and we have let them wrestle it away from us. Now is the time to take it back."

Supporters can maintain their low keyness and politeness and still make subtle but clear statements. "Direct your dollars to places where they will do what you want them to," Sorrentino stated. "If a politician asks you for a contribution and he has not voted appropriately on family issues, tell him why he is not getting your money until he changes his vote. We must watch our local politicians as well as our national leaders."

At this point, Sorrentino sighed and looked above the heads of the audience. "Millicent Foster, Executive Secretary, another Executive Director of Planned Parenthood, said something in 1939, that I have been repeating lately, because it was true then

and it's still what keeps all of us at Planned Parenthood going today. She said, 'I wish you could be there to meet and to hold the hands of the young women who come to us. I wish you could see and talk to them, to see the changes in their faces and the difference in their outlook on life, after they've been helped here. I wish everyone could see what we see.'"

Sorrentino said she felt compelled to read a letter of support she had recently received in response to her ex-communication by the Catholic Church. In a voice that grew progressively more emotional, she read its contents: "Dear Mary Ann, thank you for your dedication. Without your work, there would be many more women like myself living shattered lives. What does a fifteen-year-old girl know about being a parent? If only I had had you 20 years ago, this would not have happened to me. I found myself having not only one child I couldn't take care of, but four. After the divorce I was left completely alone. The church who told me I had no choice but to have these children wouldn't help feed them or pay for their education. They are mostly grown now, but I have no life. Most days I don't even feel like living. Please go on helping young girls so they don't end up like me."

She stopped reading and there was silence in the room. And then the crowd rose to its feet and there was vigorous applause for a long time. A sense of renewed commitment was in the air.

Israel Tourism Mission

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is being used by the people of the area and of neighboring areas."

Rabbi Franklin noted that the atmosphere in Israel is a positive one.

"I felt safe walking and taking the buses at all hours of the day and night," he said.

Rabbi Leibovitz added: "There are some places that don't look safe in Jerusalem," he said, "but that's because we think of those places as if they were lower Brooklyn because they are run down or still scared by the fighting that took place in 1967. But these places are safe and people all around were friendly, even in the Arab marketplace."

Positive Atmosphere in Israel
Rabbi Franklin said that the general feeling is more positive in Israel since the economy has improved. He was also impressed with the tour that was conducted by the El Al Israel officials in Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion airport.

"We learned that El Al has altered their routes so that they are completely out of range of Quadraff's (Libyan) jets," Rabbi Franklin said. "We even learned that the jets have been reinforced so that they won't decompress if ever attacked by mortar fire."

Rabbi Franklin and Leibovitz have since addressed their congregations about the importance of visiting Israel. (Rabbi David Rosen of Temple Torat Yisrael, who did not accompany Rabbis Franklin and Leibovitz on this tour, is planning to take a group from his congregation in Cranston to Israel this summer.)

"The other thing that was stressed," Rabbi Leibovitz said, "is to encourage other clergy to plan to take trips to Israel, too. It's important to stress that the security at El Al has been increased and that it is safe to travel to Israel for Americans."

Yale's Anti-Semitism

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While limited numbers of Jewish students may have been allowed to study at Yale, Oren emphasizes, this is not to say that they were therefore permitted to be members of "the club." The preponderance of Jews admitted came from families living in the New Haven area. They tended to continue to live at home while in college where they would be able to observe dietary laws and keep the Jewish sabbath. These "children of immigrants," Oren explains, came to Yale "pretty much for academics only and came to be viewed by their students and professors as single-minded grinds — the antithesis of the archetypal 'Yale man.'"

Faculty treatment of Jewish professors hardly provided their students with a more tolerant role model, as Jews, no matter how illustrious and celebrated professionally, were prevented from joining social and intellectual societies such as The Graduate Club or the New Haven Lawn Club. Yale College did not have a single Jewish full professor until Paul Weiss was voted tenure by the philosophy department in 1946.

Although Oren's research was initially directed toward the phenomenon of institutional prejudice at the university, the story he tells is also one rich in character and generously populated with individual triumphs. Among the heroes are two recent Yale presidents, A. Whitney Griswold and Kingman Brewster. Griswold, in 1953, told the Yale Corporation that if they rejected the nomination of Sterling Professor of Law Harry Shulman as the law school's new dean because of the man's Jewish faith, they would be minus their president as well. And it was Brewster who, upon talking over the presidency in 1963, resolved to remove the last vestiges of institutional anti-Semitism from the university once and for all.



Yale's seal

Brewster was helped in this effort, perhaps more than he would have liked, by Yale's controversial chaplain, Rev. William Sloane Coffin. Along with Rabbi Richard Israel of Yale's Hillel Foundation, Coffin endlessly prodded the president to bend the strictures of university recruitment so that more Jews would be encouraged to apply to Yale and that, once accepted, they would feel more at home on campus. Part of the problem, Coffin said recently, is that "all the recruiters were 'rah-rah-boola-boola' types: the Jews, meanwhile, were often the serious scholars who weren't interested in recruiting. That way, lots of schools with high Jewish populations were left out."

If one man can be said to be the personification of the battle for Jewish equality both within the student body and on the Yale faculty, it is no doubt Eugene Victor Rostow, former dean of Yale Law School and adviser to Presidents Lyndon Johnson and Ronald Reagan. Rostow, a Russian Jew out of New Haven High School, earned his Yale bachelor of arts degree in 1933 and his bachelor of law degree in 1937. As an undergraduate, Rostow managed to win numerous prizes, swim for the water polo team, write for The Yale Literary magazine, belong to the Elizabethan Club and Alpha Delta Phi fraternity and become editor

of the campus publication, Harkness Hood.

The Rosovsky Affair

By nearly every account, including Oren's own, officially sanctioned or encouraged anti-Semitism at Yale ended during Brewster's presidency. Yale recently completed a \$7 million fund-raising program for Judaic studies, which currently sponsors or cosponsors nearly 50 courses university-wide, according to William W. Hallo, master of Morse College and former chair of Near East Languages and Literature. According to Oren's 1970 figures, of Yale's 468 full professors, 108 were Jews. In 1969, the last year for which the figures have been released by the Yale admissions office, the Jewish student population at Yale had grown to 16.1 percent, up from just 11.8 percent four years earlier.

When A. Bartlett Giamatti assumed the Yale presidency in 1977, the problem of "joining the Club" was over. And yet, ironically, Giamatti was only offered the position by the Yale Corporation after it was turned down by Henry Rosovsky, dean of Harvard College. Rosovsky, a Polish Jew, clearly had numerous motivations for deciding to stay in Cambridge, particularly his sense of loyalty to Harvard. But the "Jewish Problem" also crept into the decision.

According to Oren's account, after one Corporation member informed Nitza Rosovsky that her husband owed it to his "humble heritage" to accept the offer, the dean felt he "represented bitter medicine to them... I didn't fit their image."

While careful to explain in a recent interview that he did not wish to imply anti-Semitism in the Yale Corporation, Rosovsky nevertheless concludes that when he turned down the offer of the Yale presidency, he did so with the belief that "I wasn't a graduate. I was a Jew. In style and appearance, I wasn't their kind of guy."

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Income & Safety: Choosing The Correct Utility Stock

by Matthew Olerio

One of the most difficult decisions you regularly have to make as an investor is whether to put money into a stock that yields more-than-average income and is also more risky, or to go with the lower yield and somewhat safer investment.

For years, the stocks of local electric utility companies have given investors the best of both worlds by providing relatively high income and relatively low risk. More recently, though, huge cost overruns on some nuclear power plants and uncertain energy prices and supplies have raised new questions about the risks of these stocks.

In fact, you can still find many low-risk utility stocks that will provide a flow of dividend income higher than that of most common stocks. Some utility issues offer the prospect of capital gains. Which type you choose will, of course, depend on your particular investment needs.

If you primarily want current income, ask your Financial Consultant about income utility stocks. These are likely to be issues of companies in areas where population and industrial growth are fairly stable. Because these utilities do not have to spend much to increase their generating capacity, they often are able to pay higher dividends. Current yields on some of these stocks are around 10%.

If you're willing to sacrifice some income now for the prospect of future capital gains, ask your Financial Consultant to identify growth utility stocks for you. These are likely to be companies serving areas where population and industrial growth are above the national average, such as parts of the Southwest.

Since these utilities need cash to build more capacity, they pay somewhat lower dividends; the current yield for such stocks is about 7½% to 8½%. But, as their capacity increases, so should their earnings per share, which could result in significant capital appreciation for an investor.

After deciding which type of utility stock — income or growth — is best for you, work with your Financial Consultant to make sure you understand the risk factors on a specific issue.

The questions to ask:
— How is the stock rated? The standard investment rating services such as Standard & Poor's and Moody's evaluate each utility stock, as does a special utility rating service, Duff & Phelps. A high rating means the financial condition of the utility — and, by implication, its dividend rate — is regarded as sound.

— Is the utility debt-heavy? If so, it will usually have a low rating. The danger to an investor in a utility with a higher-than-average heavy debt load is that cash will not be available for dividend increases.

— What is the utility's exposure on nuclear plant construction? If the company has been operating a nuclear plant for some time without problems, the risk is far less than that of a company with an unfinished nuclear plant.

— What is the utility's fuel mix? A company that uses water (hydro) or coal as its chief power source is in a strong position. More risky, because the future price and supply are uncertain, is a company that relies heavily on a natural gas or oil.

— Is the proportion of residential to industrial customers balanced? A company that relies too heavily on a few industrial customers can run into problems if a local plant closes.

Investor demand for utility stocks usually picks up as interest rates fall because interest is a major expense for almost all utility companies and current high returns offered by many utilities frequently exceed money market rates. Obviously, however, these are just some of the factors you consider if you've decided that utility stocks meet some of your investment needs.

Matthew Olerio is a financial consultant for Shearson Lehman Brothers in Providence.

by Sylvia Porter

Who will pay for your health care and medical insurance when you retire? If you don't know the answer, an even more frightening point is that your employer may not know either. The blunt fact is that American corporations are just starting to cope with the prospect that paying retiree health-care costs could spell future bankruptcy.

As a result, efforts are accelerating to deal with ways to control those costs, and find methods to fund future medical benefits — or to discard the plans completely. It's more than possible that legislation eventually will be needed to relieve the problem.

Many companies do fund generous health plans for retirees, including, in some cases, lifetime benefits. To illustrate, 94 percent of a group of 250 large companies provide these lifetime benefits, according to a survey by Towers, Perrin, Forster & Crosby, a benefits consulting firm.

Costs are an obvious factor in the spread of this type of insurance: Informed estimates of providing health and life insurance for retirees range from \$10,000 to \$50,000 for each individual's lifetime. And the trend is steadily upward.

The total unfunded liability may have hit \$125 billion in 1983, the Labor Department reports, and may continue to jump another \$5 billion each year. Unfunded liability means that companies have set aside no money to deal

with the expense.

A congressional study estimates that the unfunded liabilities of the Fortune 500 Industrials may exceed their assets!

Traditionally, postretirement medical benefits have been considered operating expenses in the year when benefits are paid.

This means the employer doesn't recognize any cost until the employee retires and receives benefits. Only a tiny number of companies have set aside money now to pay these future costs. In fact, only nine of 4,000 companies surveyed voluntarily funded these liabilities, reports Coopers & Lybrand, an accounting firm, in cooperation with Hewitt Associates, a benefits-consulting organization.

"In the past, employers have had a casual attitude about postretirement medical benefits," Richard Ostuw of the Cleveland office of TPF&C, told my research associate, Ellen Hermanson.

No more. Just this year, companies have been told to disclose the amounts they pay for retiree medical and life insurance and how these expenses are paid for.

Demographic pressure plus any percentage of inflation make it certain that the problem will worsen. Medical costs continue to rise. Changes in Medicare rules have effectively helped to shift costs to private individuals and health-care plans.

What's more, uncertainty persists about future allocation of Medicare dollars. The number of older workers and retirees will

continue to grow. And when employees take early retirement, the potential liability for medical bills for their employers is even greater than for those who retire at 65.

Employers in many instances now believe they must cut back on generous plans — and they cite lack of tax incentives as a key reason for not pre-funding these benefits. Current retirees, however, will be spared any of these cutbacks.

In several cases where employers have trimmed benefits, retirees have sued and the courts have upheld them. The result is a limited ability of employers to renege benefits for current employees.

More likely changes include cutbacks for future retirees. Future retirees also can expect to pay larger contributions for spouses, receive less comprehensive packages and generally meet other cost-containment measures.

Probable are cutbacks for workers in mature industries with growing ranks of retirees.

Pressure on Congress is growing from employers and employees alike to find a way to fund and vest medical benefits in a manner similar to pensions — and to help retrieve the approaching crushing financial burden.

But the outcome is vague — except to predict greater responsibility on you, an individual, for paying medical costs. List that among your priorities when next studying your retirement planning.

Economist To Speak At Brown

Economist Richard Herring will present Brown University's Fall Lecture at 4 p.m., April 2, in 102 Wilson Hall. The topic of his talk is "International Debt Crisis and the Banking System."

Herring, professor of finance at the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, has done extensive research in the area of international monetary relations and international banking. He earned his A.B. from Oberlin College in 1968 and his Ph.D. from Princeton University in 1973.

Sponsored by Citicorp bank and the University Lectureship Committee, the lecture is free and open to the public.

CJA Campaign At Brown

by Susannah E. Challis

"Tzedakah" means "charity" in Hebrew, and to educate the campus community in the obligation of "tzedakah" is the goal for this year's Campus Jewish Appeal campaign at Brown University.

CJA is a student campaign to raise money for Israel, Ethiopian Jews, and world, national, and local Jewry. Its parent organization is the United Jewish Appeal, which has a university programs division. An area representative of the UJA gives advice to students running campaigns in area colleges. "But we come up with our own ideas for programs (for our campaigns)," said Andrea Jacobs, Brown University senior and chairperson of this year's Brown CJA campaign.

The first CJA activity for the academic year was raising money through the sale of gift packages for Chanuka. Parents of students who could not return home for the holiday received letters about these "Maccabean munchie packs," and they could purchase this gift, which was then sent to the student. The packages contained menorahs, candles, games, and other gifts.

Public programs began during the second semester. There was a

talk by the Reverend John Grauel, former crewmember of the ship, *Exodus*; a panel discussion on "Why Be Jewish?"; a discussion with university chaplains on "Interdating and Inter-marriage"; and Cabaret Night, which featured Brown's "a cappella" singing groups. All events were free except for Cabaret Night, and the admission charged covered operating expenses only, according to chairperson Jacobs.

"These public programs," said Jacobs, "were to heighten public awareness of (CJA's campaign) before the actual fund-raising began."

About 60 student solicitors contacted Jewish students individually for face-to-face discussions, seeking contributions. Then CJA continued its fund-raising efforts through a telephone campaign. Currently, a mail campaign is under way.

Last year, the campaign raised over \$6,000. To date, with this year's campaign not yet completed, the total is \$4,500.

Brown University junior Andy Krantz, who recently went to Israel as a representative of CJA, is in charge of programming for this year's campaign. Marshall Salomon, a Brown sophomore, is head of fund-raising.

B'nai B'rith Women Hold Meeting

The New England Regional Board of B'nai B'rith Women recently met at the Newton Marriott Hotel. Leadership from the various chapters and units in the New England area attended a luncheon followed by keynote speaker, Norma Shapiro, League of Women Voters of Massachusetts, who discussed Discrimination in Insurance Coverage. Ms. Shapiro gave a most informative session regarding the current status of women relative to insurance sex discrimination in Massachusetts. She explained that if women gain insurance equality with men it will mean \$4 million per year in increased annuities paid to retired women; \$5 million per year in increased life insurance savings paid out to older women, equalling what men get with the same policies; 450,000 women

charged tens to hundreds of dollars less per year for medical expense insurance, with pregnancy covered as fully as any other expense; and 150 women charged tens to hundreds of dollars less per year for disability insurance.

Analysis shows that there is no such thing as "fair" sex discrimination. Insurers use it to manipulate prices and inflate profits at the expense of women. Sex discrimination in insurance is a civil rights abuse, measured by the economic harm it inflicts on women.

The women attending were encouraged to contact their State Representatives and State Senators and urge them to support bills in favor of unisex insurance rates and benefits and to end sex discrimination.

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U.S. Justice Travels To Hebrew U.

Justice Harry A. Blackmun of the U.S. Supreme Court will be among those participating in an international conference on the Role of Courts in Society to be held from March 16-18 at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

About 200 persons are expected to participate in the conference, among them Chief Judge

Constance Baker Motley of the U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York, who is well known for her many decisions regarding civil rights; Prof. Krystof Palecki of Jagellonian University, Krakow, Poland; judges of the European Community Supreme Court; attorney Milton S. Gould of the

U.S., who represented Minister Ariel Sharon in his suit against Time magazine; and numerous judges and lawyers from the U.S., Italy, Britain, West Germany, Canada, Romania, Israel and other countries.

The conference is being organized by the Harry Sacher Institute for Legislative Research

and Comparative Law of the Hebrew University Faculty of Law and the New York University School of Law in cooperation with the American Friends of the Hebrew University. Co-sponsors are the Israel Ministry of Justice, the Israel Bar Association and the International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists.

Among the topics which will be discussed at the conference, to be held at the Hebrew University Mount Scopus campus, are the roles of the judiciary in society, its role in a period of crisis, internal and external influences on judges, the appointment of judges in Israel, and the extra-judicial role of judges.

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Arts & Entertainment



Hunter Dances Present Unlikely

Paula Hunter and Dancers will perform a "college of choreography" entitled *Carpet Dance: The Combining of the Unlikely: An Evening of Absurdity* on March 16, at 8 p.m., in Rhode Island School of Design's Auditorium, 2 Canal St., Providence. Tickets will be available at the door for the price of \$2 for RISD students (with an I.D.) and \$3 for the general public. The choreography for the show was created especially for the environment and stage at RISD.

The dance presentation will be performed on a platform with carpeting that was recently installed in the RISD Auditorium. Hunter gave this concert its unusual title because the piece will be performed on an unlikely dance surface — carpet — and because it reflects a lack of formality that is usually not found in a more traditional dance concert. The dance will consist of segments of dances that are "patched together" to create a collage of what were once unrelated pieces. This piecing together of choreography will "make the concert of dance feel more like a jam session than a traditional dance concert," according to Hunter. The dancers will perform segments of the company's repertory in mixed order, at random, and they will improvise solo dances in the way that jazz musicians improvise within a structure. The Jazz band, The Connection, will play throughout the concert.

Paula Hunter and Dancers perform complex and athletic dances choreographed by Paula Hunter, the company's director.

This event is being sponsored by RISD's Student Board Entertainment Committee.

Art Of Batik

Although the technique is known elsewhere, the art of batik reached the height of creativity in the region highlighted in *Batiks from Southeast Asia*, an exhibition of 19th and 20th century textiles on view at the Rhode Island School of Design Museum of Art through May 25.

In addition to its aesthetic value, batik cloth is richly symbolic, with specific designs and colors closely connected with the region's rituals. Both at the royal court and in the rural village, batik plays an important role in ceremonial functions. The textiles created in Indonesia in particular represent one of Southeast Asia's most fascinating aesthetic achievements.

With the *Daniells in Asia*, an exhibition of sketches and topographical watercolors, opening March 21 and continuing through May 18, rounds out the trio of Asian exhibitions on view at the Museum this season. (The first, *Insect Prints and Insects*, which showcases 19th century Japanese woodblock prints and specimens from RISD's Nature Lab, continues through May 25).

With the *Daniells* takes viewers on a personalized journey through India and the Orient as it was during the latter decades of the 18th century. British painters Thomas Daniell and his nephew, William, recorded impressions of their exotic travels in what was later to be compiled into a monumental six-volume collection of aquatints. This exhibition includes representative sketches and watercolors by the Daniells, which typify the Orientalist flavor popular at the time.

Simon Kugel — Top Jewish Entertainment



The South County Jewish Music Concert Series takes pride in presenting in concert, Shimon Kugel on Sunday evening, April 6. The concert will take place at the URI Fine Arts Center Recital Hall on Upper College Road on the URI Campus in Kingston. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 general admission and \$2.50 for senior citizens and children. Students with a valid ID are admitted free.

The concert is the conclusion to URI Hillel's 1986 Jewish Arts Festival. Following Mr. Kugel's concert, there will be a wine and cheese reception in honor of the Jewish arts.

Mr. Kugel was voted 1983 Hassidic singer of Israel's Hit Parade. He is the personification of the finest Jewish entertainment

one can find in the field today. His achievement in becoming one of today's top performers is partly the result of his declining a management offer by the late Brian Epstein, of the Beatles fame, advocating that he compromise his religious beliefs until successful.

Although he himself a cantor, he mainly travels the world as a Chassidic folk singer, with three very successful records in his pocket so far. While serving in the Israeli Army, Mr. Kugel officiated as Chief Cantor in the Israeli Air Force.

For further information, please contact the URI Hillel office at 792-2740 during normal business hours. Tickets may be purchased through the Hillel office ahead of time or may be purchased at the door.

Trinity Dinner Theatre

Trinity Rep aligns with two fine restaurants in downtown Providence to offer the public two unique dinner-theatre arrangements.

Theatregoers may enjoy a full dinner at Shepard's Restaurant before Trinity Rep's 8 p.m. curtain on Tuesday evenings. Complimentary valet parking and restaurant gratuities are included with dinner and the performance for only \$24 per person.

Seating for dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. at Shepard's, located at 80 Washington St., just a few blocks north of Trinity Rep. This offer is good for every Tuesday night performance of any show at Trinity Rep.

For Senior Citizen groups, Trinity Rep offers a "Senior Theatre-Luncheon Special" with Pub Dennis Restaurant for Wednesday and Saturday matinee performances.

Senior Citizen groups may choose from five lunch entrees at Pub Dennis and enjoy two Trinity Rep productions for only \$13.50 per person per play, restaurant gratuities included.

Senior groups may participate in the luncheon special for matinee performances of *The Tavern* and *Pasta*.

The Tavern, by George M. Cohan, is a classic American comedy-spoof of melodrama and mystery. *Pasta*, by Trinity Rep's own Tom Griffin, is an irresistible contemporary comedy that takes a funny yet touching look at the value of friendship and of laughter itself. Senior luncheon date performances are 2 p.m. on:

The Tavern — Saturday, April 5 and Wednesday, April 9.

Pasta — Saturday, April 19 and Wednesday, April 23. Saturday, May 3 and Wednesday, May 7.

Seating begins at 12 noon at Pub Dennis, located at 31 Aborn St., across the street from Trinity Rep.

For reservations and information about the Shepard's dinner-theatre package, call the Box Office at (401) 351-4242. For reservations and information about the "Senior Theatre-Luncheon Special," call the office of Group Sales at (401) 521-1100. Visa/MasterCard accepted.

Safam Group

A gala evening on March 29, 1986, at 8:15 p.m., at Congregation Mishkan Israel, 785 Ridge Road, Hamden, Connecticut. The six-man contemporary "Safam" group, from Boston, presented by Temple Beth Shalom, will capture you with their musical arrangements. Their style goes from folk-like ballads, rock and

roll, to Dixieland melodies with traditional characteristics.

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RISD Apparel Show Makes Plans

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scholarships. Tickets are \$125 per person for the champagne reception which will take place at 7 p.m. at Market Square, preceding the 8:30 p.m. showing of student-designed fashions in the RISD Auditorium. Invitations will be mailed in mid-March. For benefit ticket information, contact 331-3511, ext. 112.

Designer Alexander Julian has been invited to be a critic for the annual RISD apparel design show, which will have additional performances on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, May 14 and 15. Tickets for those performances are \$30 orchestra and \$15 mezzanine.

Jewish Humor At Singles Brunch

Dr. Burton Fischman, nationally known teacher and writer, will be the guest speaker at the Singles' brunch to be held on Sunday, March 30, at 11 a.m. Speaking about Jewish wit and

humor, Dr. Fischman's topic will be "Laugh and the World Laughs with You." The cost for the Brunch is \$3.50 for members and \$6.00 for nonmembers.

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R.I. Philharmonic Concert



The Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra will present its second pops concert of the season on Saturday evening, March 15, beginning at 8:30 p.m. in the Providence Performing Arts Center. Conducted by its Acting Music Director, George Kent, the performance will feature the Empire Brass Quintet as soloists.

The first half of the program will feature the orchestra alone performing the Overture to "Russlan and Ludmilla" by Glinka, Danzon Cubano by Copland, the Waltz from "Sleeping Beauty" by Tchaikovsky, My Funny Valentine by Rodgers and Hart, the Continental by Conrad, and the Light Cavalry Overture by von Suppe.

Following intermission, the Empire Brass Quintet will join the orchestra to present selections from Handel's Water Music, Midtown Rush from Manhattan Suite, selections from "West Side Story" by Bernstein, Le Basque by Marais, Carnival of Venice by Clarke, Black Bottom Stomp by

Jelly Roll Morton, and Ain't Misbehavin' by Fats Waller.

The Empire Brass Quintet was the first group of its kind to win the prestigious Naumberg Award and the Harvard Music Association Award. They first met in Tanglewood where they were introduced by Michael Tilson Thomas. They formed as a quintet shortly thereafter. Since then they have toured Europe five times, made over 20 record albums and commissioned over 50 new compositions. This season, the Quintet will appear in over 100 concerts throughout this country and in Japan. The members of the Quintet are Rolf Smedvig and Timothy Morrison, trumpets; David Ohanian, French Horn; Scott A. Hartman, Trombone, and Samuel Pilafian, tuba.

Tickets for this concert are priced at \$16-\$12 and \$8 for students and senior citizens. They may be ordered by calling the theater box office at 421-ARTS or by calling the Philharmonic at 831-3123.

A Little Art For Everyone

On Thursday, March 20 — Lora Urbanelli, Assistant Curator of Prints, Drawings and Photographs, leads this month's tour aimed at introducing the public to the wealth of the Museum's collections. At the Museum of Art, 224 Benefit St. noon.

Alan Plattus of Princeton University addresses "Emblems of the City" in an ongoing series sponsored by the Architecture Department. At the Bayard Ewing Building, 231 South Main St. 7:30 p.m. Free and open to the public.

Bordeaux Wines, a Continuing Education Special Event, explores the varieties of this famous wine-producing region of France, with participants encouraged to discover the nuances of wine-tasting. Limited to 18. Tuition: \$18. Time: 8-10:30 p.m. Register at 331-3511, ext. 282.

Opening reception in conjunction with an exhibition of senior thesis work in the Illustration, Painting, Photography and Textiles departments. 8:30-10 p.m. Woods-Gerry Gallery, 62 Prospect St. Free and open to the public.

On Friday, March 21 — Curator of Education David Stark continues his three-part series with "Landscape Traditions: French." Pack a lunch; coffee is available. At the Museum of Art. 12:15-1 p.m.

Robert Altman's A Wedding will be screened at 7:30 p.m., followed by Louis Bunuel's The Exterminating Angel at 9:30 p.m. RISD Auditorium. Admission \$1.

Saturday, March 22 — Staff and docents at the Museum conduct free introductory tours each Saturday at 2 p.m. Museum of Art.

Sunday, March 23 — The Lounge Lizard. \$4 with RISD I.D.; \$6 for other students; \$8 general admission. RISD Auditorium. 8 p.m.

Tuesday, March 25 — Elinor Reichlin, Librarian of the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities, speaks in conjunction with the exhibition. A Photographic Intimacy: The Portraiture of Rooms, 1865-1900. Museum of Art.

Music Hall Director To Speak

Ellen M. Schiebulhuth, promotion and publicity director for Radio Music Hall Productions, will be the guest luncheon speaker at the Rhode Island Chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators (IABC) on Wednesday, March 19, 12 Noon, at the Providence Marriott.

Registration for the program will begin at 11:30 a.m. Schiebulhuth will speak on how the Radio City Music Hall escaped the wrecking ball in 1978 and diversified to turn a profit in 1985 for the first time since 1950.

She will describe how a creative marketing strategy became the solution to an economic problem, one which closely parallels that of Rhode Island's own Providence Performing Arts Center.

As director of promotion and publicity, Schiebulhuth oversees the company's concert, special events and stage production publicity. Besides promoting shows featuring the Rockettes, she heads a publicity staff for the corporation's other businesses, including major theatricals, specially produced theater programs for corporate and industrial clients, and major projects for cable and network television.

Reservations are required and can be made by calling Maria Coppa at 278-6242 by Monday, March 17.

The program fee is \$12 for IABC/RI members and \$15 for non-members.

Festival On Ice

A lavish skating spectacular will come to Boston when "Festival on Ice" starring gold medalist Dorothy Hamill plays at the Wang Center for the Performing Arts March 18 through 23. Heading the cast with Dorothy Hamill will be champion skaters Tai Babilonia and Randy Gardner. Performances are scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m., at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday evenings, at 7 p.m. on Sunday evening, and matinees on Saturday and Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m.

In a breath-taking montage of choreography created by Sarah Kawahara, champion figure skater and gold medalist Hamill and two-time World Pair champions Babilonia and Gardner bring an almost magical sense of Broadway-on-ice to the "Festival" of music, comedy and spectacle. Neither an ice show nor a Broadway show in the strictest sense, the flashing blades, inspired special effects and a kaleidoscope of sights and sounds make this stage-show-on-ice a brilliant entertainment.

Tickets for the engagement will go on sale at the Wang Center for the Performing Arts in mid-February; details will be announced in the near future. Ticket prices will range from \$26.50 to \$17.50.

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Star Lineup For Boston Jazz Festival

BOSTON — Popular vocalist Natalie Cole has been added to the lineup for the 1986 Boston Globe Jazz and Heritage Festival, joining blues singer B.B. King for two evening performances at 7 and 10 p.m. on Saturday, March 22 at The Opera House in Boston.

The Boston Globe Jazz and Heritage Festival will be held March 13-23 and features such headliners as vocalists Nina Simone and Mel Torme, jazz pianist Keith Jarrett, the Count Basie Orchestra, the big band sound of the Glenn Miller Orchestra, trumpet players Miles Davis and Freddie Hubbard, and George Shearing.

The Boston Globe Jazz and Heritage Festival is a public affairs presentation of the Globe produced by George Wein. This year, the event has a new name — the word "heritage" has been added — to reflect the wider array of musical styles, in addition to jazz, that the festival offers.

The schedule is as follows: Friday, March 14 — Big Band Ball featuring The Glenn Miller Orchestra and Vince Giordano and The Nighthawks. The Boston Park Plaza Ballroom. 9 p.m. \$17.50.

Saturday, March 15 — The Basie Legacy: Past, Present and Future jazz seminar moderated by Dan Morgenstern, noted jazz critic and Director of Rutgers Institute of Jazz Studies. Rabb Lecture Hall, 2 p.m. Boston Public Library. Free.

Saturday, March 15 — The Count Basie Orchestra directed by Thad Jones. Plus an All-Star Jam Session for The Count with Alan Dawson, Frank Foster, Freddie Green, Eddie Jones, John Lewis, Benny Powell, and Randy Sandke. Host: internationally known author, columnist and critic, Nat Hentoff. Berklee Performance Center. 7 and 10 p.m. \$18.50 and \$16.50.

Sunday, March 16 — An Evening with Nina Simone. Special guests: Freddie Hubbard and The All Stars with Carl Allen, John Lockwood, Billy Pierce and James Williams. 8 p.m. Symphony Hall. \$18.50 and \$16.50.

Monday, March 17 — A Feast of Irish Song, Music and Laughter with Frank Patterson, Ireland's favorite tenor; Des Keogh, Ireland's most beloved comedian and Geraldine O'Grady and Eily O'Grady. Berklee Performance Center. 8 p.m. \$14.50 and \$12.50.

Tuesday, March 18 — Keith Jarrett Standards in Concert with Jack DeJohnette and Gary Peacock. The Opera House. 8 p.m. \$18.50 and \$16.50.

Wednesday, March 19 — New Orleans Cabaret Night featuring The Olympia Brass Band direct from their most recent engagement performing during Super Bowl weekend. The Boston Park Plaza Ballroom. 6 p.m. \$45. (Ticket price will include dinner, dancing and New Orleans "Hurricane.") In keeping with a New Orleans tradition, prizes will

be awarded for the most outrageously decorated umbrellas. The famous Don Russell Orchestra will provide music for dancing.

Wednesday, March 19 — Mel Torme & George Shearing Duo featuring Don Thompson. Symphony Hall. 8 p.m. \$19.50 and \$17.50.

Thursday, March 20 — An Evening with Claude Bolling and Larry Coryell. Berklee Performance Center. 8 p.m. \$14.50 and \$12.50.

Friday, March 21 — Miles Davis & Michael Franks The Opera House. 7 and 10 p.m. \$18.50 and \$16.50.

Saturday, March 22 — B.B. King, Natalie Cole. The Opera House. 7 and 10 p.m. \$18.50 and \$16.50.

Sunday, March 23 — An Evening with Joan Baez. The Opera House. 7:30 p.m. \$17.50 and \$15.50.

To mail order tickets, send a check or money order payable to The Boston Globe Jazz and Heritage Festival; a stamped, self-addressed envelope; and \$1, per order, for handling to: The Boston Globe Jazz and Heritage Festival, P.O. Box 11, Back Bay Annex, Boston, Mass. 02117. Be sure to specify performance.

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At The Moshav

by Lilah Tov

"Definitely bring long-sleeve shirts. And tell Ephraim — no cigarettes!" commanded my brother's voice as it slipped between the crackles and buzzes that infiltrated the phone wire connecting French Hill to the Moshav in the Negev. I completed the last minute packing, assorted delicacies for my sister-in-law, who discovered certain items like sweet raisins chaklees, delicate chocolate jelly rolls, and tender meat were not easily accessible even at the Supersol of Beersheba.

We were lucky. For this trip Ephraim had been able to procure a jar of Hellmann's mayonnaise from the Shalom Towers during one of his business trips to Tel Aviv. The mayonnaise, American tuna fish, and Skippy peanut butter were the vestiges of our American eating habits that my family still clung to. Otherwise we were limited in the food area.

My brother had spent several months living on a Mercaz Kletah in Beersheba with his family before being able to go onto the Moshav. A year of planning had gone into making the move from the States to the Moshav. After they had applied to the Moshav movement, he and his family had to go through batteries of psychological tests to determine if they were suited to live in a closed community. There were questionnaires and endless interviews. This particular Moshav was Anglo speaking. Its members were between 25 and 35 years old with children no older than 10. The Moshav is just inside the "green line" Moshav, located about 20 minutes from Yamit, whose constructions coincided with that of Sde Nitzan. The unique feature of the Moshav was the proposal to grow tomatoes in Glass Houses that covered a quarter of an acre of area, each according to the directions of an agronomist from New Zealand who had spent twenty years devising techniques of raising produce in a water poor environment. These tomatoes, named "Money-makers, were to be exported to Europe during the winter where produce there was at a low ebb. The price commanded for these export items was high enough to yield an excellent profit margin for the grower. People from South Africa, Scotland, Australia and the States had

invested their money and their future in this pioneer endeavor."

Of course the homes for the Moshavites were not completed on the due date, hence the long months of living on the Mercaz in Beersheba. The government erected the homes of three bedrooms, and the two Glass Houses. The Moshavnik had to dig his dunam of earth with shovel in hand. No plows could come

inside the Glass House — and no Arab labor was allowed. Earth in the Negev is cement hard and rocky. Tons of peat and chemicals had to be added to the earth. A drip irrigation system was then installed. The Glass House was then sealed for two weeks and filled with tear gas. Tear gas killed xemotodes or other infected insects, viruses and bacteria.

All this preliminary work took months. Ralph and Nancy would work from four in the morning, stop at high noon, and return at four in the afternoon, working late into the night. Their daughter, Dara, went to a central school that serviced the entire area, along with the other kids on the Moshav.

My parents and I used to take turns visiting the Moshav. My parents were more frequent journeyors, as I had just remarried and was settling into the new situation. My Argentinian husband, who devoted long hours to his newly started pizza business, nevertheless was enthusiastic about visiting the Moshav and helping whenever he could. We had seen the Moshav from its inception, sitting on cement blocks watching giant cranes erect wall after wall of home after home, under glaring sun and windy skies.

We had been lucky enough to help one day planting seeds. All the tomato seeds, nine thousand, were put in by hand, three seeds to a hole. Later, the strong shoot was allowed to live, the two weaker ones being pulled out. A scaffolding of poles and string was erected in every row to accommodate the tomato plants. These plants would grow to a height of nine feet, loop over the top of the scaffold, and progress another nine feet to the earth.

Each plant grew a total of eighteen feet, producing 35 pounds of fruit during its life span from late August to the middle of April. A quarter of an acre of plants on one Glass House could yield fifty tons of tomatoes from start to finish. Pollination, which in the fields is done not by bees, but by the wind, was accomplished by giving each plant a spritz of pollen from a spray gun. Always the plants were checked for bugs and viruses. Smokers had to quit smoking in order to work in the Glass Houses because of a peculiar virus carried by nicotine that destroys tomatoes, especially in the nearly sterile climate of the Glass House. At the point in their maturity that green tomatoes assumed a blush of red, they were picked for the overseas market.

"Life here is hard, very hard — but I love it," exclaimed my brother Ralph late at night over a small cup of steaming Turkish coffee. "Nancy and I work eighteen hours a day."

"The stars here at night are bright, and so close," interjected Nancy, a talented artist. "Vincent Van Gogh was not exaggerating."

We all stepped outside onto the patio. The cicadas were singing to the stars which loomed large and lantern-like overhead.

"These tomatoes grow so fast, I swear I hear them growing," remarked my brother, pointing to the Glass House. "The drip irrigation method gives each plant exactly what it needs. The plant receives one liter of water each day as compared to a field plant that consumes hundreds of liters per day. We get optimum growth. But more than that, inside the Glass House is another world. The tomatoes produce their own heat. It's warm and humid in there, even at night. Coloring changes

when you're inside the House. Everything becomes tinged with green. Seeing the color red is very difficult. A little red there is very red outside the House."

We began to perceive the difficulty of picking out tomatoes with just a hint of red on it. We had come to help pick the tomatoes. We were to pick the red ones at the bottom for home-market consumption. The green ones, higher up, were picked by my brother, who put on stilts in order to reach them. The tomatoes were put into a large bin with wheels. The filled bin was then hauled to the main storage house. There the tomatoes were sorted and graded. The Moshav acted as a cooperative. Everyone pooled their tomatoes in a common effort to capture the European Market.

With the government backing the tomato growing venture, one would think the outcome would be a financial triumph. Agriculturally, the experiment was a complete success. The Glass Houses were energy efficient, producing a perfect climate for the growing of vegetables in the winter. The fruit was gorgeous and delicious. The Moshavniks were given a direct connection with the leading exporter. So what could go wrong?

When the Moshavniks brought their produce to be exported, their perfect tomatoes were graded as "C" items — third rate goods that fit for overseas consumption. The price the Moshavniks were supposed to receive was also reduced by two thirds. This was a staggering blow, because now breaking even was an impossibility. The secretary of the Moshav later heard that while the government party in power favored the "green line" Moshav, another faction that was anti-"green line," had persuaded the export company to place ruinous prices on the produce, thereby sabotaging the efforts of the "green line" party.

Some ventures don't always end sweetly the first time around.



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Devar Torah

by Rabbi Alvan H. Kaunfer

A colleague of mine claimed that he had done an informal survey and found that the most common question asked to Rabbis was not about Kashrut or Shabbat, nor even about intermarriage or mourning procedures, but about names. Naming a child is the occasion for much family discussion, sometimes debate. At that moment, the most important Jewish tradition is naming practices (despite Rabbis continual disclaimers and constant denials that there is any "halacha" about naming at all).

We are concerned with the names we choose for our children — is it fitting, will it be pronounced correctly, will it serve our child well throughout his/her life?

Yet we know that it is not the physical "name," not its sound nor its popularity in modern culture which is significant. But rather it is the associations people have with our names which represent us as individuals. It is the reputation we build upon our names which leaves the lasting impact.

In this weeks portion, Pekude, we complete the story of the building of the Tabernacle. When we are introduced to the artisan of the Tabernacle, Bezalel, the verse indicates that the Lord "called by name Bezalel, son of Uri, son of Hur." This unusual expression "called by name" leads the rabbis in the Midrash to expound upon the theme, "What's in a name." They provide us with a poetic and literary framework for an eternal message:

"As man has three names, one which his father and mother call him, one which his fellow men call

him, and one which he acquires for himself. The best is the one which he acquires for himself. Just as oil, unlike any other liquid, floats to the top, so too one's reputation and name ascends above all qualities." Bezalel was named by God for his sacred task because of the good name he built for himself, as the verse says, "a good name is better than fine oil, and the day of one's death is better than his birth."

We can well understand the significance of a good reputation being built in a lifetime, but how can "the day of one's death be better than his birth"? The rabbis reflect again in poetic literary form on the connection between reputation, birth, and death. Their message causes us to reflect as well:

"To what can this be compared? To two ships laden with merchandise sailing in the ocean, one coming in and the other going out, and people praised the one coming in. Some people stood there and wondered: "Why are you praising this one and not the other"? They replied to them: We are praising the ship that came in because we know that she went out in peace and has returned in peace. As to the one going out, we do not know what her fate will be! Thus when a man is born, we do not know what the nature of his deeds will be, but when he departs this world, we already know the nature of his deeds and the reputation he has earned."

What's in a name? What we build of it in our lives.

Rabbi Alvan H. Kaunfer is Director of The Solomon Schechter Day School of R.I.

Nat. Council Of Young Israel Banquet

On Sunday evening, March 16, the National Council of Young Israel will hold its 74th Anniversary Banquet at the Sheraton Centre in Manhattan. Harold M. Jacobs, president of the National Council, and Moshe I. Sorscher, Banquet Chairman, announced the date of the banquet, and the launching of a nationwide fund-raising campaign, in conjunction with the banquet, in hundreds of Young Israel synagogues and communities from coast to coast. At the banquet, a number of outstanding leaders from these communities will be honored with the Shofar Award presented by the National Council.

According to the Young Israel leaders, the proceeds of the banquet and its associated fund-raising campaign will be dedicated to the support and further expansion of National Council of Young Israel programs, particularly on the college campus. Jacobs declared that, "Young Israel campus programs are critical to meeting the threat of assimilation, intermarriage, missionaries and cults which are claiming a frighteningly high percentage of Jewish students on American college campuses today. A successful banquet campaign will make it possible to start Young Israel programs on new campuses which have requested them, and to expand existing Young Israel campus programs."

The Young Israel banquet is one of the largest and most prestigious events on the Jewish communal calendar. Each year, more than 1500 guests gather at the banquet to demonstrate their loyalty and support for the international Young Israel movement and its parent organization. The program features internationally prominent Jewish and public figures, and brings together a broad cross-section of the lay and rabbinic leadership of the national Orthodox community.

Reservations for the banquet are \$360 per couple, and an ad journal will be published to coincide with the banquet. For reservations and further information, contact the Banquet Committee of the National Council of Young Israel, 3 West 16th Street, New York, N.Y. 10011, or call (212) 929-1525.

Israel Folkdance Festival



Mishalot dance group from Brown University will perform at the tenth annual Israel Folkdance Festival of Boston on Sunday, March 16. The Festival will be held at 3 p.m. in M.I.T.'s Kresge Auditorium, Cambridge, Mass. Mishalot, which will present a suite of hora style dances, will be one of twenty dance groups from the Eastern and Central United States and Canada at the Boston Festival.

In honor of the Festival's tenth anniversary, a series of Israeli folk dance workshops will be held on Saturday, March 15 in M.I.T.'s Student Center. The workshops will be presented by Israeli choreographers, Moshe Eskayo and Danny Uziel, and by Ruth

Goodman, director of the Israel Folk Dance Institute of New York. The workshops are open to anyone interested in Israeli folk dance and will run between 1:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. Following the workshops will be an Israeli folk dance party.

Tickets for the Israel Folkdance Festival are \$7, \$6, and \$4, with a \$1 discount for seniors. The workshops are free of charge. For further information and tickets, contact M.I.T. Hillel (617) 253-2982.

The Israel Folkdance Festival is produced by the Israel Folkdance Festival of Boston, Inc., a non-profit, tax-exempt organization and is sponsored by M.I.T. Hillel.

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Pulmonary Lab Receives Gift



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mainframe computer at Brown University, and it has virtually unlimited potential for the future.

The Modem was purchased in memory of James A. Tremblay, who had worked in the lab and who died in an automobile accident in October, 1984. Ms. Arlene Gilbert, a friend of Mr. Tremblay, collected donations from friends and purchased the Modem for The Miriam Hospital Pulmonary Lab.

Cong. Ohawe Sholam

A Kiddush sponsored by the Sisterhood will be held immediately following Shabbat morning services at 9 a.m. The rabbi will give a class on the portion of the week and Purim, Saturday afternoon at 4:30 p.m., followed by Minchah at 5:30 p.m., and the third Sabbath meal.

This Sunday, March 16, at 4:45 p.m., there will be an important N.C.S.Y. planning meeting for a post Purim carnival to be held

April 6. All children between 5th and 8th grade are invited to attend. A synagogue breakfast is also scheduled for Sunday morning, April 6.

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"SEEING" NATURE'S WONDER — Young blind children learn by touching and smelling to identify the flora and fauna in the Touch and Scent Garden at the New York City headquarters of the Jewish Braille Institute of America. JBI has been serving the religious, educational and cultural needs of blind and visually-impaired persons since 1931.

by Joy Frascinella

In Boston, a prominent psychologist relaxes after a counseling session with a student. He reminisces about being told as a child that he would never be able to compete in a "normal" society because of his blindness.

On a festive Shabbat morning, a young man is celebrating his Bar Mitzvah. His fingers pass over the raised dots of his braille Chumash as he reads clearly and confidently.

At Seton Hall University in New Jersey, Dr. Edwin Lewinson conducts a class in American history. Although he cannot see, there is an obvious rapport between the professor and his students.

Heartwarming stories such as these, says Gerald Kass, executive

vice-president of the Jewish Braille Institute, are not all unusual. "Despite the numerous successes of blind people," says Kass, "the stereotypical image that blindness equals incompetence is still very prevalent in our society."

Kass, who has worked with JBI for the past 20 years, is enthusiastic about the many programs it has initiated since its founding in 1931. He reports: "JBI serves the needs of blind and visually-impaired persons in 43 countries, including remote corners of the world."

In this country alone, there are some 250,000 Jews who are either legally blind or visually-handicapped to the point

where they cannot read standard-size print. Thanks to JBI, Kass notes, blind adolescents prepare for Bar/Bat Mitzvah celebrations with braille Torah-study guides and prayerbooks; college students receive special study aids and counseling to assist them in exam preparation; an 80-year-old zayde can once again conduct his traditional Passover seder with his large-print Haggadah; and young children learn to identify by texture and fragrance the flora and fauna in JBI's Touch and Scent Garden.

Service to the Elderly

Providing services to the elderly is another area of special concern for JBI. As medical technology continues to eradicate many causes of blindness in infants and young children, JBI finds that more and more people who rely on its services are visually-handicapped, middle-aged and elderly who wish to participate more fully in the Jewish community.

"The need for large-print Judaica, especially prayerbooks, is considerable," Kass explains. Right now JBI is working on a set of large-print Torah volumes, in both English and Hebrew, which Kass hopes will enable elderly persons who have failing eyesight to join in synagogue services once again.

But providing special material and resources isn't enough, according to Kass. "The biggest problem for blind people is that of self-image," he explains. "Many blind people still have the feeling that anything they do cannot possibly be as good as that of a sighted person." To build confidence and promote achievement, JBI initiated the International Literary Competition for Blind Writers, held every five or six years.

Another project which also helps blind people reach out to one another is the publication in Israel

of the magazine *Or Chadash*. Through this journal, blind persons can share experiences and discover how other sightless people are coping with their disability.

Overcoming Stereotypes

One area that Kass still feels needs considerable development is the issue of employment. "Employers still do not think blind people are a good work risk," Kass declared. But employers are not the only ones that harbor prejudices. Kass relates incidents of "exclusive" schools in major cities in the U.S. who refuse to accept blind children because they feel it would downgrade their image. "They don't want well-to-do parents seeing children with canes on the school grounds,"

says Kass with a touch of irritation. "The inference is that you can't be a good school academically if you accept blind children."

Although JBI has contributed enormously to helping the Jewish blind all over the world, the plans for newer and better programs never cease. Kass personally would like to see more scholarships made available for needy blind children, and for escorted trips to Israel, where JBI has a low-vision center for children and adults.

Further information about these programs may be obtained by writing the Jewish Braille Institute of America, Inc., 110 East 30th Street, New York, N.Y. 10016, (212) 889-2525.

Summer Jewish Festival Plans

Registration is now open for the fourth annual "Summer Jewish Festival," held at Brandeis University, July 13-17.

The theme for this year's festival, which features seminars on Jewish history and thought and Jewish cultural events, is "Leaders, Teachers, Dreamers: Men and Women Who Have Shaped Jewish Life." All seminars are taught by members of the Brandeis faculty.

During the course of the five-day program, participants will have the opportunity to explore the lives of four of Zionism's outstanding figures — Theodor Herzl, Stephen Wise, Judah Magnes and Martin Buber. Other sessions will focus on the religious and intellectual legacies of three seminal twentieth-century Jewish thinkers — Solomon Schechter, Will Herberg and the founding chairman of Brandeis Near Eastern and Judaic studies department, Simon Rawidowicz. Programs on "The Jew as Artist" will examine lives and work of Leonard Baskin and Charles

Reznikoff.

The festival also includes a variety of artistic and cultural performances that offer films from the National Center for Jewish Film, a concert of music or dance, an evening of Jewish humor and other special events.

Sponsored by Brandeis's Benjamin S. Hornstein Program in Jewish Communal Service, in cooperation with the university's National Women's Committee, the festival "represents an effort to share some of the riches of the Brandeis campus and its teachers with the larger Jewish community," says coordinator Jonathan Woocher, associate professor of Jewish communal service at Brandeis.

"The blend of classes, cultural events and leisure and recreation time, plus the spirit of good fellowship that develops among the participants, makes for a very special week."

Cost for the entire festival, including lodging, kosher meals and snacks and all classes and performances, is \$365 per person.

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Student Activists Found Guilty

by Jon S. Greene
WASHINGTON (JSPS) — Vowing to continue activism on behalf of Soviet Jews, 21 students arrested on October 15 for demonstrating within 500 feet of the Soviet Embassy in Washington were convicted February 10 in D.C. Superior Court.

Judge Joseph Hannon sentenced each of the students from across the country to a 15-day suspended prison sentence, six months unsupervised probation, and a \$50 fine. All sentences were suspended until decision of appeals, except for 10 individual court costs which were paid that day.

Similar protesters arrested in front of the South African embassy protesting apartheid have not been prosecuted, apparently at the request of the South African government.

"Our activism on behalf of Soviet Jewry cannot and will not cease until there are genuine improvements for all who wish to express their religion, or who wish to emigrate freely," said Jon Cohen, a University of Maryland senior and chairman of the university's Student Action Committee for Soviet Jewry.

In addition to the University of Maryland, students from American University, Brown University, City College of New York, Columbia University, Florida State University, University of Indiana, University of Iowa, and University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee were convicted.

The students were arrested in October at a demonstration protesting human rights violations in the Soviet Union. This was the fifth in a series of arrests sponsored by the Washington Board of Rabbis, which also arranged free legal counsel for the arrested students.

The students, who entered pleas of "not guilty" at the October arraignment following their arrest, had returned to their respective universities until the night before the trial, when they met at the University of Maryland Hillel to discuss strategy.

Before sentencing, their attorney, Lawrence Baskir, pointed out to the court that each defendant was a student, and that a criminal conviction carries unforeseeable potential harm for persons who have yet to fill out job applications and graduate school admission forms.

These students felt "impelled by moral necessity," said Baskir. "They took the action, fully peaceful, in the best religious tradition... on the belief that one member of the human family acts for another member of the human family."

Rabbi David Oler, chairman of the Soviet Jewry Committee of the Washington Board of Rabbis, expressed his appreciation of the student action. "The fact that students, who don't have their careers set yet, are willing to take this kind of stand... is giving my rabbinic colleagues and myself a great deal of encouragement," he commented after the trial. Rabbi Oler and four other rabbis served 15-day prison sentences last December when they refused the sentencing from their arrests in May.

In recognition of the students' efforts, Senator Dan Quayle (R-IN) stated in the *Congressional Record*, "I have no doubt and every confidence that these students, unlike other protesters we have seen advocate more popular causes in front of other embassies, will be required to give an account of their actions in court... Regardless of the outcome of this particular adjudication, however, we as a free nation must pay heed to their message."

Women In Religion



Karen L. Webber, daughter of Morton and Anita (Orleck) Webber of West Hartford, Conn. and granddaughter of the late William Orleck and Charlotte Orleck of North Providence, R.I., has been accepted to the Hebrew Union College-School of Sacred Music and commences her Cantorial Studies with a year in Jerusalem beginning in June 1986.

She is a member of Congregation Beth Israel, West Hartford, Conn. and is presently serving as its youth Group Director. A graduate of Trinity College in Hartford, Conn., class of 1984, Karen is currently hosting "Jewish Television Magazine," sponsored by the Hartford Jewish Federation and broadcast on CBS, teaching drama at the Hartford Jewish Community Center, and singing in the Connecticut Opera Chorus. She has also taught music at Congregations Beth Israel in Hartford, Beth Hillel in Bloomfield, Conn., and Temple Sinai in Newington, Conn.

PHDS

As *Times Go By*, the Providence Hebrew Day School student newspaper, premiered this month. The first issue contains articles, interviews, word games, poems, and the first installment of a series about a private detective, all designed and written by students at the school.

Among the features in the first issue is a movie review column, with three ratings: *Thumbs Up*, *Thumbs Middle* (Fair), and *Thumbs Down*. Both *The Color Purple* and *White Nights* received a *Thumbs Up*, while *Rocky IV* rated a *Middle Thumb* for being "too obvious."

A tongue-in-cheek parody of the detective story genre is provided by Joseph Braude in his series entitled "Bradford Business" in which he creates private-eye hero Steve Bradford. The paper also offers a column on "Helpful Hints" and alerts students to get their telescopes ready for April 11 when Halley's Comet reaches its closest point to the earth. The paper is co-edited by Idith Klein and Ilana Subar, with English teacher Karen Angelone as faculty advisor.

Last week's PHDS Update reported that fifth grader Aaron Thibault had won the school spelling bee for grades 4-6 and would be representing PHDS at the private school district competition and will be competing in the statewide spelling bee representing private schools. Congratulations to Aaron! The deciding word, by-the-way, was "opossum."

Pioneer Women To Meet

Pioneer Women, Na'amat, USA will meet on Tuesday, March 18, at the home of Fruma Efreom at 7:45 p.m. For more information or directions call 463-8209.

Guest Speaker

Robin Morgan, poet, playwright, journalist, and internationally acclaimed author will speak on "The New Right vs. Feminism" on Thursday, March 20 at 8 p.m. in Edwards Auditorium at The University of Rhode Island, Kingston Campus. Morgan edited the classic "Sisterhood is Powerful" in 1970 and as a result became one of the earliest voices of the women's movement.

A prolific writer, Morgan has authored *The Anatomy of Freedom: Feminism, Physics, and Global Politics*, in which she presents a provocative analysis of freedom and reveals a vision of feminism as central to the future. Her other books include, *Going Too Far: The Personal Chronical of a Feminist* and three highly acclaimed books of poetry: *Monster, Lady of the Beasts, and Depth Perception*.

A co-founder of the New York Women's Center and the New York Women's Law Center, Morgan is also a founder of the Sisterhood is Global Institute, a permanent institute created to aid women in crisis worldwide. She is also editor of the newly published *Sisterhood is Global: The International Women's Movement Anthology*, and has been a contributing editor for Ms. Magazine.

Morgan's poetry and prose have appeared in a wide variety of publications, including *The Yale Review*, *American Poetry Review*, *The Atlantic*, *The Seawane Review*, *Chrysalis*, *Feminist Studies*, and *Calyx*.

Morgan is a member of The Feminist Writers Guild, Women's Ink, and the National Women's Political Caucus. She was awarded the National Endowment for the Arts Literature Grant in Poetry in 1979 and was the recipient of a Writing Residency at Yaddo Arts Colony in upstate New York in 1980. Morgan has also received the Front Page Award for Distinguished Journalism, and is currently at work on her first novel.

A graduate of the Wetter School of Mount Vernon, N.Y., she attended Columbia University and was also Guest Professor of Feminist Studies at New College in Sarasota, Fla., in 1972.

Morgan's lecture is being sponsored by the URI Student Entertainment Committee, the College of Arts and Sciences, the Vice President for Student Affairs, the Women's Studies Program, the Women's Center, and the Council on the Humanities.

Tickets, which will be available at the door, are \$1 for students and \$2 general admission. The lecture will be signed for the hearing impaired.

For additional information, please contact Mary Harrington or Mary Ellen Reilly at (401) 792-7139.

Israel Scholarship Program

National Council of Young Israel has announced that the deadline for applications for its Israel Scholarship has been extended to April 1. As in previous years, a limited number of scholarships are being offered for study in Israel during the 1986-1987 academic year.

These \$500 scholarship grants are offered in cooperation with the Department of Torah Education and Culture of the World Zionist Organization. Scholarships are awarded only for study at Beit Midrash L'Torah for boys and Machon Gold for Girls. Both of these institutions, located in Jerusalem, offer unique programs of study for American young men

and women, with transfer credits to American colleges and universities.

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Obituaries

ISIDORE SHECHTMAN
CRANSTON — Isidore Shechtman, 92, of 228 Deerfield Rd., a real estate investor before retiring 10 years ago, died Sunday, March 9, 1986, at Kent County Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of the late Ida (Beck) Shechtman.

Born in Russia, a son of the late Schmuel and Brona Shechtman, he lived in Cranston for 25 years. He formerly lived in Providence.

Several years ago Mr. Shechtman had been a bondsman. She was a member of the Shaare Zedek Synagogue.

He leaves two sons, Samuel and Harry Shechtman, both of Cranston; two daughters, Fanny Levine of Providence and Lillian Weinberg of Cranston; two brothers, Sydney and Charles Shechtman, both of Los Angeles; 15 grand-children and 25 great-grandchildren.

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

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

JOSEPH B. SIMON

PROVIDENCE — Joseph B. Simon, 67, of 293 Nelson St., an employee in the delicatessen department of the Big G supermarkets until retiring, died Friday, March 7 at Roger Williams General Hospital. He was the husband of Anna (Rosenfield) Simon.

Born in Lawrence, Mass., a son of the late Sam and Goldie (Ritzenberg) Simon, he lived in Providence most of his life, except for some early years in West Warwick.

Mr. Simon had also been a butcher for Fred Spiegel's Meat Market, formerly in Providence. He was a World War II Army veteran and served in Hawaii and the Philippine Islands. He was a member of the Sons of Jacob Synagogue, Anshe Kovno and the Meatcutters Union.

Besides his wife he leaves a sister, Sarah Shapiro of Brooklyn, N.Y.

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

BERNICE E. GERSTEIN
PAWTUCKET — Bernice E. Gerstein, 67, of 52 Capwell Ave., active many years in theater and garden organizations, died at home Monday, March 10, 1986. She was the wife of Samuel M. Gerstein.

She was a founding member of the Trinity Repertory Theatre. For 45 years Mrs. Gerstein was a performer, director, writer and producer in amateur theater productions.

She was born in Lynn, Mass., a daughter of Eva Finkelman of Providence and the late George Finkelman. Mrs. Gerstein lived in Pawtucket for 15 years and previously resided in Providence for 30 years.

She was a graduate of Burdett College, Massachusetts, and also attended Providence College.

Mrs. Gerstein was a member of Temple Emanu-El and its Sisterhood, and was twice past president of its garden club.

A member of the Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs, she was editor of its newsletter, chairman of the juniors and awards committee, a member of its executive board and established the Bernice E. Gerstein Scholarship Fund. She was corresponding secretary, vice president and past chairman of the life member group of the R.I. Federation of Garden Clubs.

Mrs. Gerstein was a member of the Women's Division of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, a life member of the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged, and belonged to the Women's Association of the National Council of Jewish Women, B'nai B'rith and the Brandeis University Women's Association.

Besides her husband and mother she leaves a daughter, Alva G. Portman of Beachwood, Ohio; a son, Alan D. Gerstein of University Heights, Ohio; a brother, Gerald C. Finkelman of Providence; and five grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at Temple Emanu-El, Morris Avenue at Sessions Street, Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

FRANCES GORDON
PROVIDENCE — Frances Gordon of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., died Monday, February 24, 1986, at the home. She was the widow of Charles A. Gordon.

She was born in Russia, a daughter of the late Israel and Sarah L. (Lipnik) Noufach. She was a Providence resident since 1928.

Mrs. Gordon was a teacher of Hebrew in Europe before moving to this country. She was a member of the Jewish Home for the Aged and the Providence Chapter of Hadassah.

She leaves a son, Philip M. Gordon of New York City; a daughter, Caroline R. Gerboff of Providence; a sister, Mania Yuspe of Windsor, Ontario; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Avenue, Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

MARY TUREK

CRANSTON — Mary Turek, 72, of Ashley Street died Thursday, March 6, 1986, at Rhode Island Hospital. She was the widow of Charles Turek.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Israel and Sarah (Pablisky) Russian, she lived in Cranston for 14 years.

Mrs. Turek was a member of the Jewish Home for the Aged, and the Majestic Guild.

She leaves a daughter, Cheryl LaRossa of Wilmington, Del.; four brothers, Myer and Samuel Russian, both of Willimantic, Conn.; Louis Russian of Cranston and William Russian of Warwick; two sisters, Ann Grossman of Delray Beach, Fla.; Hazel Goldberg of Johnston; and two grandchildren.

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

LEO A. SCHACHTER
CRANSTON — Leo A. Schachter, 83, of 44 Mill St., an electrician for 40 years before retiring, died Monday, March 10, 1986, at the Jewish Home for the Aged, Providence, where he lived since Jan. 22. He was the husband of Pearl (Pearl) Schachter.

Born in Austria, a son of the late Philip and Cipa (Schachter) Schachter, he lived in Cranston for 30 years. He formerly lived in Providence.

Mr. Schachter worked for the Cleinman & Sons Jewelry Manufacturing Co. for 13 years before retiring. He had also worked for the Crossley Electric Co. for 17 years. He was a member of the Touro Fraternal Association, Doric Lodge, F & AM, the Rhode Island Consistory, and the Providence and South Providence Hebrew Free Loan Associations. He was a member of Temple Torat Yisrael.

Besides his wife he leaves a daughter, Mrs. Irene S. Coppel of Baltimore; a son, Philip A. Schachter of Pembroke Pines, Fla.; two sisters, Mrs. Minnie Seiler of Los Angeles and Mrs. Fannie Gould in Florida; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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

SARAH SHARPSTEIN

PROVIDENCE — Sarah Sharpstein, 77, a resident of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., died at the home Monday, March 10, 1986. She was the widow of Samuel Sharpstein.

She was born in Russia, a daughter of the late Harry and Rose Covinsky. She had lived in Providence since 1920.

Mrs. Sharpstein was a member of the Golden Agers Club, the Young People's Beneficial Association and the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged.

She leaves a daughter, Shirley Minkin of Providence; a brother, Louis Covinsky of Cranston; and three grandchildren.

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

PAULINE B. JACOBS
WARWICK — Pauline B. Jacobs, 86, of 1 Shalom Drive died Wednesday, March 5, 1986, at Rhode Island Hospital. She was the widow of Carl Jacobs.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Bernard and Sophie (Werth) Rosen, she lived in Warwick for four years. She formerly lived in Cranston.

Mrs. Jacobs was a member of the Jewish Home for the Aged, the Pioneer Women and the Chesed Schel Emess Association.

She leaves two sons, Albert J. Jacobs of Cranston and Gerald Jacobs of Warwick; a sister, Esther Sheck of Staten Island, N.Y.; six grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

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

LULU MEYERS

Mrs. Lulu Meyers, 91, resident of West Bay Manor, Warwick, died there on Tuesday, March 4. She was born in Providence and resided there until one year ago when she moved to West Bay Manor.

She was the widow of the late Samuel F. Meyers and was the daughter of the late Max and Rebecca (Adler) Perlow.

She had been a member of Temple Beth-El and Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged.

She is survived by a daughter, Miss Rhea Meyers, Silver Spring, Md., and four grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Friday, March 7, at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

IDA SADINSKY

MIDDLETOWN, Conn. — Ida Sadinsky, 76, of 58 Cedar St. died Wednesday, March 5, at home. She was the wife of Hyman Sadinsky.

She was born in New York City, and had lived in Middletown most of her life.

Besides her husband she leaves a son, Stanley Sadinsky of Middletown; a daughter, Marilyn Wolicki of Warwick; a brother, Ferdie Zierler of Syracuse, N.Y.; a sister, Frances Shurgin of West Palm Beach, Fla.; and six grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at the Adath Israel Synagogue. Burial will be in the Adath Israel Cemetery.



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GRACE PREISSER
 PROVIDENCE — Grace Preisser, 84, of the Jewish Home of the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., a former professor, died Saturday, March 8, 1986, at Miriam Hospital. She was the wife of Albert Preisser.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late Jacob and Regina (Dauer) Shein.

Mrs. Preisser was a graduate of Brown University in 1923, and received a master's degree in English from Columbia University. She taught at Central High School, Classical High School, Bryant College, and the former Rhode Island College of Education, now Rhode Island College, where she was a professor of English for 18 years before retiring.

She was the first Rhode Island high school teacher to be selected to the national board that drafted the SAT examinations. During World War II, she lived in New York City where she was associated with the Carnegie Foundation in its department for the advancement of education. She was a confidant of Temple Beth-El, and one of its teachers when it was located on Broad Street.

Her husband is her only immediate survivor.

A funeral service was held at the chapel of the Jewish Home for the Aged. Burial was private. Arrangements were by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel.

BESSIE G. SCHWARTZ
 FAR ROCKAWAY, N.Y. — Bessie G. Schwartz of Far Rockaway, N.Y., formerly of Pawtucket, R.I., died Saturday, March 8, 1986. She was the widow of Isidore Schwartz.

Born in Russia, a daughter of the late Jacob and Dena Goldman, she was a life member of Hadassah.

She leaves a brother, Leon Goldman of Jerusalem, Israel; three daughters, Mrs. Ruth Pressman of Brooklyn, N.Y.; Mrs. Adelle Caplan of Montreal, Canada; and Mrs. Dena Shindler of Far Rockaway, N.Y., with whom she has made her home since moving to Far Rockaway 18 years ago. She also leaves three sons, Donald and Aaron Schwartz of Brooklyn, N.Y.; and Israel Schwartz of Providence, R.I.

She is also survived by 16 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held on Sunday, March 9, 1986, at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick, R.I.

ISIDOR SHAPIRO
 PROVIDENCE — Isidor Shapiro, 86, of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Avenue, owner of Lewis Menswear, Pawtucket, for 48 years before retiring, died Sunday, March 9, 1986, at the home. The late Ida (Factor) Shapiro was his wife.

Born in Russia, a son of the late Morris and Rachel (Trachtenberg) Shapiro, he lived in Providence for 70 years.

Mr. Shapiro was a member of the Golden Agers of the Jewish Community Center, the Men's Leisure Club of Temple Emanu-El, and the Hebrew Free Loan and Providence Fraternal Associations.

He leaves two daughters, Ruth Cavaliere and Frieda Malin, both of Cranston; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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

LOUIS GREENBERG
 PROVIDENCE — Louis Greenberg, 94, a former salesman and a resident member of the Jewish Home for the Aged for more than 20 years, died at the home Monday, March 10, 1986.

He was born in Russia, and lived in Pawtucket for more than 50 years.
 Mr. Greenberg was a

self-employed salesman until retiring at age 60.

He was a member of the Rhode Island Jewish Fraternal Association.

He leaves a daughter, Esther Chester of Cranston; a son, Samuel Greenberg of Deerfield, Fla.; 2 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

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

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JACOB JAVITS
 NEW YORK (JTA) — Funeral services were held Monday, March 10, 1986, in New York for Jacob Javits, four-term United States Senator from New York, who died of cardiac arrest while on vacation in West Palm Beach, Florida. He was 81-years-old. Thousands attended the services, which were held at Central Synagogue in Manhattan.
 Javits, the son of Jewish immigrant parents, rose from poverty on the Lower East Side of New York to become the longest-serving Senator in the U.S. Congress and one of the biggest vote-getters in American history. A political maverick, he ran as a liberal Republican in every political race, beating out well-known Democrats in overwhelmingly Democratic bastions.

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Solomon Schechter School News



Dr. Bennet Plotkin, Curriculum Supervisor of Solomon Schechter Day School, shares some ideas and knowledge with teachers Diane Guiyot and Wendy Garf-Lipp, at a Regional Teachers Conference hosted by the Solomon Schechter Day School. 125 teachers from Solomon Schechter schools around New England participated in this stimulating day, and all were particularly fascinated by keynote speaker, Dr. Joseph Reimer, professor of psychology at Boston University. Teacher workshops included: 1) stress related problems in students and teachers; 2) classroom climate and motivational issues; 3) individualization in Judaic and general studies; and 4) teachers supporting teachers: staff issues. The workshops were led by professionals from around New England, and included Sara Freedman, a noted speaker on teaching and teachers.

Solomon Schechter Day School students have been very busy over the past month! Some sample activities and learning projects include, as follows:

The Kindergarten's field trip was a real "wild goose chase" in Barrington, where a gaggle of Canada geese are spending the winter. This outing, during which the children also made bird feeders, was the final project in the class's unit on birds.

"L" is the letter in the spotlight this week, and for the kindergarten, "L" is for "light." So the class experimented with light, making light and shadow cans as well as shadow pictures and puppets.

"Brr," it's winter! But as the kindergarten class knows, it's not nearly as cold in Rhode Island as it is in Alaska. These stalwart students, learning about the frozen north, have constructed an igloo made of plastic milk cartons, decorated their room with hand-made penguins and cotton-ball snow pictures, and held a traditional Eskimo party to celebrate the capture of a whale.

First graders made their annual trip to the Roger Williams Park Zoo to see if the groundhog saw its shadow. And just to see what it might feel like to be one of these elusive critters, students crawled through a child-sized burrow and tried to see their own shadows. Did they succeed? Did the groundhog see its shadow? No one's said for sure, but one inside source whispered, "I hope you like snow!"

At the end of their study of invertebrate animals, seventh grade students presented oral and written reports on the invertebrate of their choice. While at the dissection table, seventh graders have been working on a cow's eye, and presently they are using their microscopes to examine amoeba, euglena and paramecium, members of the Protist kingdom. India, the focus of seventh

grader social studies this month, has captured the imagination and sparked the interest of this class. Students have studied the history, government, economy and society of India, and have discussed in depth Hinduism, Islam, and Buddhism, the religions of India. Seeing the film "Gandhi proved to be an enjoyable and thought-provoking climax to the unity. Next on the itinerary — Japan.

Midrasha Students And Rep. Schneider Meet In Washington



Rep. Claudine Schneider meets with students from the Harry Elkin Midrasha to answer their questions about international terrorism, peace in the Mid-East and Soviet Jewry. From left to right: (back row) Stacy Corin, Michelle Levy, Stephanie Lightman, Rep. Schneider, teacher Ruth Page, Pam Feldstein, Robin Aronson. Front row: Arty Goldstein, Caroline Schatz.



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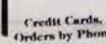
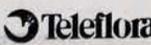
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