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Pope John Paul II May Meet With Waldheim

NEW YORK (JTA) — Pope John Paul II will meet with Austrian President Kurt Waldheim during a visit to Austria scheduled for June 23 to 27, according to unconfirmed news reports from the Vatican.

The Pope also will meet, on June 24, with Austrian Jewish leaders who protested his controversial audience at the Vatican with Waldheim last summer, the reports said.

Arrangements for the visit were apparently made during Waldheim's audience at the Vatican last June. John Paul II first visited Austria as Pope in 1983.

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, chairman of the International Jewish Committee on Interreligious Consultations (IJCIC) and director of international relations for the American Jewish Committee, said that a papal meeting with Waldheim is not certain, because Waldheim may face pressure to resign from office before June.

An international commission of historians is studying Waldheim's activities as a lieutenant in the German Army during World War II when he allegedly was involved in deportations of Greek Jews to Auschwitz, among other crimes.

Waldheim has repeatedly denied that he was involved in war crimes.

"If Waldheim still remains in office, then clearly the Austrian government would expect (the Pope) to meet with him," Tanenbaum said.

The Jewish leader said IJCIC will meet to discuss alternative

proposals to a papal-Waldheim meeting, which the group will transmit to Vatican officials.

"We don't want a repetition of the tumultuous events of the summer," he said.

Regarding the upcoming visit, Morris Abram, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, suggested in a statement that the Pope use the visit to "give public expression to his views on the Holocaust and its dreadful and continuing lessons to all mankind."

In a separate statement, Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Reform movement's Union of American Hebrew Congregations, said he hoped the Pope would "not repeat the overly lavish praise for Mr. Waldheim when they met last summer, and which appeared to absolve the former U.N. official of the charges that have been made against him."

Waldheim is a former secretary general of the United Nations.

Schindler called for a meeting of Austrian Catholic clergy to discuss anti-Semitism. He also said the "best suggestion of all" would be for Waldheim to resign the presidency before the Pope arrives, and thus "spare the Austrian people and the Pope himself the embarrassment of another meeting" with Waldheim.

In April, the U.S. Justice Department formally barred Waldheim from visiting the United States as a private citizen, saying it had sufficient evidence to suspect him of involvement in Nazi war crimes.

Holocaust Survivors' Children Mull Over Jewish Future

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — The International Network of Children of Jewish Holocaust Survivors looked toward the future during a conference here last week that examined topics such as interfaith relations, the meaning of Israel, the implications of the Holocaust, anti-Semitism and assimilation.

More than 300 people, most of them children of Holocaust survivors and some from such far-flung places as Venezuela and Israel, came to the University of California at Los Angeles for three days to examine "Jewish Identity in the 21st Century: A Challenge for the Post-Holocaust Generation."

The conference was organized in cooperation with the Second Generation of Los Angeles.

"We are closer today to the 21st century than to the years of the Holocaust and we are at least as responsible for determining our future as we are for the remembrance of the past," explained Menachem Rosensaft of New York, founding chairman of the network.

Keynote speaker Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, professor of religion at Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., brought the audience to its feet with his charge that commemoration of the Holocaust is becoming "a substitute religion... for Jews who find it easier to counter-punch on anti-Semitism

so that they do not have to make the hard choices" about their own Jewishness.

He also cautioned Jews involved in discussing the Holocaust with the Vatican that the church "wants to live down this record during the Nazi era and much of the Jewish establishment has been playing along with it.... Don't you dare negotiate about the Holocaust. It's not within your competence."

Catholic-Jewish relations were further discussed by a panel that included Tikkun magazine editor Michael Lerner. He criticized attempts by the Vatican to withhold recognition of Israel over political issues as "incredible hypocrisy."

"We Jews jumped from the burning building of Europe and unfortunately in jumping we landed on some Palestinians," he said, "and I think its incumbent on Israel to take away some of the hurts of the Palestinians. But I think it's incredible chutzpah for the church to say this, because it was the church who set the fire."

In Lerner's view, the utterance of two mere sentences during the Holocaust would have exonerated the church: "It is an absolute imperative that Catholics save Jews"; and "Those Catholics who do not will be excommunicated."

Elan Steinberg, executive director of the World Jewish

Congress, lamented that Israel has become too much the focus of Jewish identification for too many Jews. For example, he noted, when asked to name their leaders, Jews in Uruguay or Argentina invariably gave the names of Israeli government leaders. "And it is our own fault," he said.

Avraham Burg, adviser on Israeli-diaspora affairs to Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, sparked a vigorous debate by his personal observation that "at least a quarter of a million American Jews should make aliya."

He contended that "a Jew cannot fully experience his Jewishness anywhere but in Israel." The problems of assimilation also were of overriding concern at the conference. Chaim Seidler-Feller, B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation rabbi at UCLA, said that although anti-Semitism may exist on college campuses as a result of anti-Israel feelings, "that is not so much the question as the drop in Jewish involvement."

Hertzberg said he was "terribly frightened" of assimilation. "You have a mission... to stop the assimilationist clock," he told the conferees. "Remember your loved ones who are no longer alive, and try to live as you would have lived had you been in dialogue with them."

U.S. Welcomes Reduction Of Violence, But Not Deportation

By Howard Rosenberg
WASHINGTON (JTA) — State Department spokesman Charles Redman says that the United States welcomes the recent reduction in violence in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"Overall, we have seen a general lessening of violence and that we welcome," the spokesman said.

Redman faced a flurry of questions at the daily briefing on Israel's decision to deport nine Palestinians, the killing of a Palestinian woman in the territories by Israeli soldiers and Israel's weekend air raid on terrorist targets in southern Lebanon.

Commenting on the deportations, Redman said "Israeli leaders are well aware of our views." The State Department has frequently mentioned that it objects to deportation of Palestinians. He noted that "there is a judicial appeal process that is apparently still involved in these cases."

Recently, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres defended the deportations while speaking on ABC's "This Week with David Brinkley." Peres said that Israel was following Jordanian law when it deported the Palestinians.

Peres explained that since Israel does not use capital punishment, "the most we can do is to deport in accordance with the law." He stated that "the Jordanian law is

the prevailing law on the West Bank."

Peres also noted that last week-end passed by "in a quiet manner" in the territories, although he said he regretted the killing of the Palestinian woman.

In explaining the event, he said "some Israeli soldiers were ambushed by masked Palestinians, and one of them was isolated." Then, in self-defense, one of the Israeli soldiers "fired in there and apparently the cartridge... hit the woman."

Peres said the army's regional commander did not accept this explanation and, as a result, the unit commander and other soldiers have been suspended, Peres said.

Redman confirmed that "the government of Israel has expressed its regret and has suspended soldiers and the company commander involved, pending an investigation by Israeli authorities."

He also expressed sympathy for any "innocent victims" of an Israeli air strike in southern Lebanon.

But he added that the attacks "also demonstrate vividly the importance of security for Israel's northern frontier and stability in southern Lebanon. Those can only be brought about through a process of political reconciliation among Lebanon's warring factions."

When asked whether real prog-

ress in the peace process was possible since many Israeli leaders oppose returning land seized during the Six-Day War of 1967, Peres responded, "I don't think that we have to divide Jerusalem. And I don't think we have to return to the 1967 frontiers."

Peres said he believes that "the negotiation will result in some solution that nobody has suggested until now."

He explained that "in addition to the partition of the land, you can have other solutions, like a federation, a confederation, sharing the government, a transitional period."

He said the emphasis should first be to "open a negotiation between equals, with full respect, with good faith — to look for a solution."

He repeated his support for an international peace conference, as long as it does not impose a solution and leads to direct negotiations between Palestinians and Israelis.

Peres recalled that Israel, Egypt, the Soviet Union and the United States participated in such a conference in 1973, which preceded direct talks between Israel and Egypt, culminating in the Camp David Accords in the late 1970s. "The taste of the pudding is in its eating," he quipped.

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Trio of Treats



Creative ideas brightened the recent K kosher Foods & Jewish Life Expo in Miami Beach. Among those exhibitors were Janis Odensky of Jopco Inc., Houston, holding "Traditions", a fun game and way for children to learn Judaism; Linda Rubin, co-editor of Noah's Ark, a children's newspaper which graces the Herald monthly; and Bennett Pearlman of Notraif Productions Ltd. who shows his kosher cooking video tape *The Sumptuous Sabbath*. photo by Dorothea Snyder.

Local News

Israeli Knesset Discussion At Temple Sinai

CRANSTON — Norman L. Zucker, professor of political science at the University of Rhode Island, will keynote a weekend program on the religious-secular conflict in Israel when he speaks at Temple Sinai, Cranston, January 22.

His subject at the 8:15 p.m. Friday Sabbath service will be, "Israel in Conflict: Theopolitics and the Knesset." The program will be broadened after the 9:45 a.m. Saturday service when Professor Zucker and his wife, Naomi Flink Zucker, a lecturer in writing at URI, explain the makeup of the Israeli Knesset or parliament. Those attending then will be divided into the many Knesset parties to consider specific issues. They will later assemble as a Knesset to debate the issues. A luncheon is included for which a \$5 advance donation is requested.

The Zuckers have written about the tense religious and political issues in Israel. Their most recent book is "The Guarded Gate: The Reality of American Refugee Policy."

Rabbi George J. Astrachan is assisted in planning the program by Pamela Steinberg of Warwick, chairperson of the temple's adult education committee, and Howard Steinberg, Phyllis B. Solod, and Cathy and Fred Berkowitz, all of Warwick; Ruth and Sidney Jaffa, Selma Nasberg and Livia Weinstein of West Warwick, and Joseph Postar of Cranston.

The program is open to the public.

For information, call Temple Sinai at 942-8350.

Blood Drive Schedule 1/17 - 1/22

The following blood drives will be taking place in Providence and are open to the public:

Tuesday, January 19 — R.I. Army National Guard Headquarters (Soldiers Hall), 1051 North Main Street, Providence, RI — 10:30 am-3:30 pm

Tuesday, January 19 — St. Augustine's Church (school cafeteria in basement), 639 Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Providence, RI — 5 p.m.-9 pm

Thursday, January 21 — Butler Hospital (Center House Ruggles Room), 345 Blackstone Boulevard, Providence, R.I. — 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Friday, January 22 — New England Telephone Company (Credit Union), Greene Street, Providence, R.I. — 9:30 am-4 pm

CENTER HOURS — Monday and Friday, 7:30 am-3:30 pm; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 8 am-8 pm; Saturday, 8 am-2:30 pm; 863-8360.

JCCRI Sunday Activity Schedule

The following is a schedule of Sunday Fun Days to be held on winter Sundays at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Ave. in Providence from 2 to 4 p.m.

There is a 50 cent charge per person paid at the door.

January 17 — grades K-2 movie and popcorn. Grades 3-4 games/prizes.

January 31 — grades K-2 games/prizes, grades 3-4 movie and popcorn.

February 14 — grades K-2 arts project, grades 3-4 arts project

February 28 — grades K-2 clowning workshop/makeup, grades 3-4 Juggling, clown make-up.

"Over The Rainbow" At Touro

The monthly Late Friday Evening Service-Oneg Shabbat program of Touro Synagogue will be held Friday evening, January 22, 1988 at 8:00 p.m. in the main sanctuary, announced Rabbi Chaim Shapiro, the congregation's spiritual leader.

The sermon, which will be featured on this occasion, is entitled "Over the Rainbow," and will be delivered by Rabbi Shapiro. Since much of these services are conducted in English and include explanations of the prayers, all members of the greater Jewish community of Newport, regardless of affiliation, are invited to attend and, by doing, should be able to derive some insights into traditional Judaism.

A collation, sponsored by the local chapter of the B'nai B'rith, will be held in the Jewish Community Center Social Hall, across the street from the synagogue, following the service.

These programs are conducted under the sponsorship of the Touro Synagogue Program Committee, who also sponsor the weekly "Torah Night" Adult Education Programs, and the monthly Communal Breakfasts, at the synagogue.

For further information, contact the synagogue office at 847-4794.

BNEI AKIVA HACHSHARA Registration

Bnei Akiva of North America, the religious Zionist youth movement, has opened registration for the Bnei Akiva Scholarship Institute — Hachshara. Hachshara is a year-long, Israel work-study program, that combines work on a religious kibbutz with learning in a yeshiva or michlala. The program, entering its 31st year, has produced many of the leading Jewish leaders of Israel and the Diaspora.

"Hachshara is the best way to fully experience modern Israel," states Yitz Feigenbaum, the national director of Bnei Akiva. "We feel that through the synthesis of Torah learning and physical work of the land of Israel, we prepare the participant for a life of commitment to their religion, land and nation!"

For more information about Hachshara, contact Bnei Akiva of North America, 212-889-5360.

Marcia Taub Memorial Lecture

Chabad House Women and the Raskin family invite all Jewish women to a lecture on Jewish Painting this Sunday afternoon. The program is sponsored in memory of the third Yahrzeit of Devorah Raskin's mother, Marcia Laub O.B.M.

The lecture will be given by Mrs. Ruth Shaingarten of Brooklyn, N.Y. Mrs. Shaingarten is known throughout Brooklyn as an authority on child psychology. She has a private practice in family therapy, teaches child psychology in college, and lectures and writes extensively on the subject. Following her talk, Mrs. Shaingarten will answer questions from the audience.

The program is free and all Jewish women are urged to take advantage of this unique opportunity. Please join us this Sunday, Jan. 17, at 1:30 p.m. at the Chabad House Hospitality Center, 360 Hope St., Providence. If you have any questions, call Chabad House Women at 273-7238.

JCC Singles

Dr. Fredric C. Friedman, Counseling Psychologist, will be guest speaker at a brunch for Jewish single adults Sunday, January 24 at 11 a.m. at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Ave. in Providence. Dr. Friedman has a private practice in Providence dealing with individuals, groups and families, is Director of Clinical Psychology for the R.I. Medical Center General Hospital and Zambarano Memorial Hospital, is a faculty member of the Brown University Program in Medicine - Department of Community Health, and is instructor in Psychology and Gerontology at Rhode Island College. His topic will be "Staying Ahead of the Eight-Ball in '88."

The fee is JCCRI members \$3.50; non-members \$6. For information call Judith Jaffe at 861-8800.

The South Area Jewish Community Center Young Singles Group (ages 22-39) will host "A GALA GAME NIGHT" on Sunday, January 17, 7:30-10 p.m. at the Center. Bring your favorite game. Refreshments will be served. Admission is \$2.00 for members and \$4.00 for non-members.

For further information, contact Judith Halperin, Adult Activities Director at the Center, 1044 Central Street, Stoughton, Mass. at 341-2016 or 821-0030.

The South Area Jewish Community Center is a branch of the Jewish Community Center of Greater Boston and a constituent agency of the Combined Jewish Philanthropies and Old Colony United Way.

Am David Rally

Friday evening Shabbat services at Temple Am David on January 22 will feature a reunion of and participation by Temple members who traveled to Washington, D.C., last month to participate in the Freedom Sunday Rally for Soviet Jews.

Keynote speaker for the evening will be Stephanie Gurwitz, executive director of the Rhode Island Community Relations Bureau, who organized the Rhode Island contingent that traveled to Washington.

During services, rally participants will be reading profiles of individual refuseniks. Pledging to continue active support on behalf of Soviet Jewry, the Temple will formally adopt a refusenik family with which to correspond and to assist in gaining exit from the Soviet Union.

Services will begin at 8:15 p.m. in the Temple Sanctuary. An Oneg Shabbat will follow.

Lecture On Healthy Aging

Roger Williams General Hospital is offering a free lecture regarding how older people can maintain their health and vitality, on Thursday, January 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the hospital's Kay Auditorium.

Mark Traines, M.D., a Geriatrician who treats older people, will discuss various attitudes and lifestyle habits that can help people stay healthy and fit in their latter years.

The health of the elderly is of continuing concern to the hospital. Roger Williams was the first hospital in the state to develop a hospital-based Geriatric program. The program features in-patient, out-patient and community outreach services for the elderly.

This lecture is part of the hospital's free health education series, "Grab All The Health You Can Get." Each month between September and June, the hospital offers a free lecture or screening on an important health issue.

For more information or to register for this free lecture, call the hospital's Public Relations Department at 456-2019.

Applications For Baltimore Institute For Jewish Communal Service

Applications are now being accepted for the September 1988 term of the Baltimore Institute for Jewish Communal Service. The Institute administers three double master's degree programs combining the resources of the Baltimore Hebrew University and either the University of Maryland School of Social Work & Community Planning, or Towson State University.

Students accepted into the Institute choose among the fields of Jewish communal service (social work), Jewish education, or Jewish journalism. As part of the academic program, students intern in Jewish organizations and institutions in the Baltimore and Washington Jewish communities.

Institute students also participate in the Morris Lieberman Overseas Seminar, a biennial educational and experiential trip exploring Jewish life in western and eastern Europe and Israel.

Since 1971, the Institute has helped to train professional leaders for work in Jewish communal organizations, including federations, family agencies, Hillels, community centers, community relations councils, and national and overseas organizations.

Financial aid is available through the Council of Jewish Federations, the Jewish Welfare Board, B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, and through the Institute itself. The Baltimore Institute is a beneficiary of the Associated Jewish Charities and Welfare Fund.

For further information, contact Lauri Siegel, Director, at (301) 727-4828, Ext. 285, of write to Baltimore Institute for Jewish Communal Service, 101 W. Mt. Royal Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21201.

W. Alton Jones Winter Programs

Women's Wilderness Weekend: January 16 and 17, 1988.

Spend a relaxing weekend with other women while enjoying the beauty of winter. Women ages 18 and older are invited to participate in outdoor activities and workshops ranging from showshoeing and animal tracking to crafts and creative expression. Participants stay in heated cabins and are served hearty, country-style meals in our rustic lodge. Pre-registration is necessary. For more information, call (401) 397-3304.

Winter Weekend: February 5-7, 1988

This weekend is a special opportunity for adults, and children under 16 accompanied by parents(s), to experience winter in Rhode Island while participating in a variety of activities, which may include: snowshoeing, animal tracking, pioneer and Native American history, crafts, and more! Participants stay in heated cabins and are served hearty, country-style meals in our rustic lodge. Pre-registration is necessary. For more information, call (401) 397-3304.

Holiday camp is now open for registration — February 14-19, 1988

The University of Rhode Island's Environmental Education Center announces it is now accepting registrations for its Winter Camp.

Winter Camp is open to children 8-12 years of age. During the week, students will participate in a variety of ecology activities as well as pioneer crafts and New England history.

Activities may include: searching for signs of wildlife, night hikes, campfires, folk dancing, and exploring Woodvale Farm.

Information or registration materials for Winter Camp may be attained by calling 401-397-3304.



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Children Of Alcoholics Program At Providence Center

The Providence Center for Counseling & Psychiatric Services in Providence, R.I., offers a diverse children of alcoholics (COA) program. The adult children of alcoholics (ACOA) component consists of initial evaluations, recommendations for treatment, education, therapy groups for ACOAs, individual, couple, and family treatment. In addition to the ACOA services, the Center sponsors the "Children Are People" program for children ages 6-12 years whose parents are alcoholic. The program, which is coordinated by Delia Lynch, M.A., C.A.C., is held at the Center's Counseling Services location at 790 North Main St. in Providence.

Ms. Lynch, a clinical therapist at the Center who specializes in family counseling for substance abuse, has 15 years of extensive experience in the treatment of chemical dependency. In 1985, she was named "Counselor of the Year" by the Rhode Island Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors.

For more information about the Center's COA Program, contact the Center at (401) 274-2500 or toll free 1-800-456-0300.

The Providence Center for Counseling & Psychiatric Services, located on the East Side of Providence, is a private, nonprofit community mental health center which provides a spectrum of professional mental health and substance abuse services to residents of Rhode Island and nearby Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Directory Of Jewish Archival Collections

The National Foundation for Jewish Culture is conducting a survey of Jewish manuscript and archival collections in the United States and Canada. The results will be published in 1988 in *A Directory of Jewish Archival Collections and Inventories*. Edited by Roger Kohn, Archivist of Yeshiva University, New York, and Steven Siegel, Archivist of the 92nd Street Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Association, New York, the *Directory* will provide access to published and unpublished inventories of collections documenting Jewish life, persons, and organizations in North America.

Questionnaires have been sent to over two hundred repositories known to hold Jewish archival materials. In order to make this survey as complete as possible, archivists and manuscripts curators who have not been contacted and who have relevant materials in their repositories are urged to obtain a questionnaire from Andrea A. Morgan, Program Officer, National Foundation for Jewish Culture, 330 Seventh Avenue, 21st Floor, New York, N.Y. 10001; (212) 427-6000, x215.

Program To Stop Smoking

People who smoke will have an opportunity to quit with the help of the next Miriam Medical Nights program on Thursday, January 28, 1988, from 7 to 8 p.m. in The Miriam Hospital's Sopkin Auditorium.

Psychologist David B. Abrams, who is Director of The Miriam's Smoking Research Program and Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Human Behavior at Brown University, will present reasons why smokers should quit and will give instructions on how to quit. Important techniques on behavior modification will be given.

The program is a free health education lecture and is open to the public. Call The Miriam's Public Relations Department at 274-3700, extension 2014 to reserve a seat.

Herald Editor To Speak At Beth-EI

This Friday, January 15, *Herald* editor, Robert Israel, will address worshippers at Temple Beth-EI during Shabbat services. His topic will be "Communicating the Message of the Survivors: A Report from Hiroshima and Nagasaki." A recipient of the Hibakusha Travel Grant to Japan, a fellowship sponsored by Elie Weisel, Israel interviewed survivors of the atomic bombs. His message is timely and compelling even as the Senate is poised to ratify the INF treaty.

The community is welcome to join members of the congregation in the fellowship of worship. Services begin at 8:15 p.m. in the Bennett Chapel. For more information, call 331-6070.

Cranston Historical Society

A slide presentation by a member of the Cranston Historical Society will highlight the January 19 meeting at the society's Sprague Mansion.

Herb Zakrison, a Cranston school teacher will entertain his fellow members with pictures of the far-flung travels he and his wife, Sandra, have taken over the past several years.

A short business meeting at 7:30 will precede Zakrison's talk. Light refreshments will follow his presentation.

Children's Museum Kids And Pets Program

Twice a month, special programs about animals will be scheduled as part of the weekly drop-in program series at the Children's Museum.

Kids and Pets, a new exhibit and program series on humane education will open to the public Wednesday, January 13. Guest artist Marc Joel Levitt will present "There's a Little Wild Animal in All of Us," stories about animals and children, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the Children's Museum to celebrate the new exhibit. The special program is open to the public and free with admission.

The exhibit, Kids and Pets, will feature a panel display of large photographs of children and their pets; a "talk-back board" for Museum visitors to add their comments to the photograph display, and a literature rack. The Museum's quarterly publication BOING! will feature four full-page articles about animal care and awareness; photographs and profiles of children and their pets; children's stories, poems and drawings about their pets. Twice a month, January through May, the Museum will offer drop-in programs about animals featuring guest specialists and their animals.

The Kids and Pets panel exhibit, designed by Program Coordinator Carolyn Shapiro and Museum Exhibits Designer, Randy Harelson, will include photographs of children and animals depicting the many aspects of raising and caring for pets and farm animals. The talk-back boards will provide an opportunity for visitors to interpret the exhibit. "Kids and Pets," Shapiro states, "is not only about learning, but it's about sharing. The talk-back boards are being designed to stimulate interest about what other children consider to be important about raising animals. It's a wonderful way for children to talk to each other."

Kids and Pets was made possible by a grant from The Rhode Island Foundation, a charitable community trust serving the people of Rhode Island.

The Children's Museum, located at 58 Walcott St. in Pawtucket, is open Tuesday-Thursday and Sunday, 1-5 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10-5 p.m. Admission is \$2.50 per person. Museum members free. For more information, call 726-2590.

Tutor Training At Rochambeau

The Friends of Providence Public Library/Rochambeau Branch are sponsoring a tutor training program to be held at the Rochambeau Branch, 708 Hope Street. Classes will be held every Tuesday night from 6:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. beginning February 2, 1988 through March 1, 1988.

Training sessions will be conducted by the Rhode Island College Adult Academy; workshop materials will be provided and students will be assigned after completion of training program. Those interested in participating in the program can call the Rochambeau Branch at 521-8774, or Ruth Whitford, Project Coordinator, at 861-4068.

Providence College Mal Brown Club

PROVIDENCE — A performance of George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart's classic comedy, "The Man Who Came to Dinner," will be the highlight of a theater afternoon sponsored by the Providence College Alumni Association's Mal Brown Club at the Trinity Repertory Company on Sunday, February 28, 1988, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets for "The Man Who Came to Dinner" and a special Mal Brown reception afterward are \$20 per person and can be reserved by calling the Providence College Alumni Office at 865-2414 by February 12, 1988. All PC alumni, their families and friends, and current students and their parents are welcome to attend.

CPR At Beth Sholom

Beth Sholom Sisterhood will be offering a Red Cross CPR (Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation) course at the synagogue, 275 Camp St. on Sunday, February 7, 1988, from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. The cost for instruction and course materials is \$12. Anyone interested in signing up for the CPR course should contact the synagogue office at 331-9393 by January 19, 1988.

South County JCC

There will be a brunch on Sunday, January 24 at 9:30 a.m. at Tavern Hall, Rte. 138, Kingston, R.I. sponsored by the Jewish Community Council of South County.

Prof. Arthur Stein of URI will speak on "The Quest for Peace in Central America" and will relate that topic to events occurring in the Middle East. He will also relate personal stories of Marrano families he met in Costa Rica.

For further information call 789-0984 in the evening.

Bnei Akiva Registration For Israel Summer Program

Bnei Akiva of North America, the religious Zionist youth movement, has opened registration for its Israel summer program — Mach Hach Ba'aretz. Mach Hach Ba'aretz is a unique six week experience which combines extensive touring with a variety of special learning programs. "Mach Hach Ba'aretz is designed to allow its tenth grade participants to experience all of Israel" describes Yitz Feigenbaum, Bnei Akiva's national director, "We offer many unique programs that other tours can't duplicate. Those differences have made Mach Hach Ba'aretz the fastest growing Israel program!"

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From The Editor



The 100th Congress: Off To A Strong Start

After years of practice, Congress has perfected its annual finale — passing an omnibus spending bill in the middle of the night and then quickly leaving town. However, unseemly haste and confusion should not be allowed to obscure the significant legislative victories (and, of course, some defeats) which marked the first session of the 100th Congress.

This may well be the most pro-Israel Congress ever. Even in the midst of necessary budget cuts, lawmakers maintained U.S. aid to Israel at last year's level, further solidifying the important partnership between the two nations. The House of Representatives passed a foreign aid bill by the widest margin in the body's history. Further, this year's Continuing Resolution (CR) contained a provision allowing certain countries — including Israel — to restructure their debts under today's lower interest rates, saving Israel between \$100 and \$150 million dollars per year over the next fifteen years.

The CR also includes a provision ordering the closure of the PLO's offices in Washington and New York, demonstrating the United States' resolve to isolate international terrorism. (In September, the State Department issued a directive closing the Washington office, leaving the New York office — which raises more complex legal questions because of its association with the United Nations — open.) Congress also approved funding for a multi-million dollar Voice of America transmitter which will be built in Israel.

Religious Freedom

All was quiet on the school prayer front in the first session of the 100th Congress. Optimists may claim that the pro-school prayer forces have become better at vote-counting, and that they are hesitant to fight losing battles. Cynics, however, expect to see school prayer — in one of its guises — placed on the Congressional agenda as the 1988 elections draw near.

Passage of the "Yarmulke Amendment," was a major victory for the Jewish community which had fought hard during the past two years for this provision. The amendment allows members of the military to wear "neat, conservative and unobtrusive headgear," — including yarmulkes — while in uniform. The amendment had been defeated previously in the Senate, and this most recent vote was successful despite extensive opposition from the Pentagon.

The Federal Judiciary

The defeat of Judge Robert Bork's nomination to the Supreme Court must be counted as victory for all who look to the Supreme Court as the final protector of minority rights. The Jewish community can be quite proud of its role in the Bork debate — its voice was heard loudly and clearly, without resorting to the worst hyperbole of some of Judge Bork's other opponents.

(I suppose that the first Jewish Supreme Court nominee in nearly 20 years deserves mention in a review such as this. Some of the discussion about Judge Douglas Ginsburg's nomination was troubling, especially the offensive — and ill-founded — suggestion that the Jewish community would "lay low" because this nominee was Jewish.)

Reproductive Freedom

In September, the Reagan administration proposed new regulations which will, in effect, prohibit any family planning agency receiving federal funding from advising clients that abortion is an option for dealing with an unwanted pregnancy.

These new regulations will become effective thirty days after their final release, which is expected in late January. Legislative efforts to overrule these new regulations were among the casualties in the 11th hour negotiations over the CR.

The seemingly perennial anti-abortion amendments, primarily seeking to restrict public access to abortions, were defeated on numerous occasions. Here, as in the school prayer debate, the status quo is holding strong.

The two-week White House/Congress "Budget Summit" — which set the guidelines for the most recent budget battle — will surely be among the lasting memories of the 100th Congress. In its aftermath, Congress passed two bills which will reduce the national deficit by \$33 billion in fiscal year 1988. The Budget Reconciliation bill will raise revenues by increasing taxes on corporations and the wealthy, selling various federal assets, and cutting spending in Medicaid, Medicare, and farm subsidies. The government spending bill — the Continuing Resolution — will save the government \$7.6 billion next year, holding spending at \$598 billion. Overall, the package will reduce the federal deficit by \$76 billion over the next two years.

Not surprisingly, with all eyes focused on the federal deficit Congress displayed little appetite for new social programs, although many made progress that may lead to passage next session.

Probably the most significant advance in this area was the Family Welfare Reform Act, which passed the House after a bitter and hard-fought debate. The bill would amend the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) program — the primary federal assistance program for low-income families — by placing adult participants into education and training programs. The legislation now goes to the Senate, where it is expected again to encounter strong opposition. The Senate will also consider a more modest proposal from New York Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

Congress also tackled important health care issues, approving legislation to expand Medicare benefits to cover catastrophic health problems such as respite care, prescription drugs, and spousal impoverishment. This year, the House will address long-term home health care needs.

The House passed legislation championed by Representative Dan Glickman (D-Kan.) which establishes criminal penalties for individuals convicted of "hate crimes," — crimes motivated by ethnic, religious, or racial prejudices. Related legislation is being considered that would require the collection of "hate crime" statistics by local and state agencies.

A partial victory was achieved when the House passed legislation sponsored by Representative Joseph Moakley (D-Mass.) which provides temporary asylum for refugees who have fled Nicaragua and El Salvador in fear of political persecution. A companion bill by Senator DeConcini (D-Ariz.) has cleared most legislative hurdles, and will come to the senate floor early this year.

Unfortunately, Congress found little time to consider important proposals in the area of civil rights. Both the Civil Rights Restoration Act and fair housing legislation were placed on the backburner, as the Senate Judiciary Committee was preoccupied with the Bork nomination.

A Sense Of Proportion

"Mideast Violence Alarms U.S. Jews," said a *New York Times* headline. The subhead read "Anxious and Concerned," Say Some of the Groups — Others Defend Israel."

"U.S. Jews Express Concern," the *Washington Post* headlined. "Continued Violence Could Erode Support for Israel, Leaders Say," the subhead added.

In the two weeks beginning December 9, Israeli troops killed 21 Palestinian Arabs, wounded scores more, and arrested hundreds to squash violent protests in the Gaza Strip and West Bank. More than 50 Israelis were hurt. It was the worst of several eruptions since Israel gained control of the territories — illegally occupied by Egypt and Jordan, respectively — in the 1967 Six-Day War.

But it was not the worst thing to happen to Israel in the past 30 years. A moment's recollection of the 1973 Yom Kippur War or the Lebanese quicksand from 1982 to 1985 attests to that.

However, perceptions of violence — especially when provided long-distance by television — carry their own proportions. The civilian throwing a rock or Molotov cocktail, wielding an iron bar or knife, is rarely photographed. The soldier responding with gunfire almost always is.

New York Times correspondent Tom Friedman, speaking at a Tel Aviv University symposium last summer on media coverage of Israel, said that, if seen on their own, the Palestinian Arabs would bulk no larger than the Kurds. "Their great advantage," Friedman observed, "is that their enemy is the Jew." He added that "in the Middle East there are no good guys and bad guys, only civilians and soldiers."

In that formulation soldiers always lose — especially Jewish soldiers, and perhaps especially among Jewish audiences. Judging by last month's dismay — calls to the Israeli Embassy doubled, the majority critical — those wedded to the narrow-focus reality of television might have quit if confronted at the time with videotapes showing the bloodshed of 1948.

Arab riots in the 1920's and 1930's — in which hundreds of Jews died — did not "erode" support for Jewish settlement in Palestine. Neither did wars between Arab states and Israel in each of the four following decades.

Neither should the present trouble, unless one fantasizes that Israel can resolve the underlying problems unilaterally. In reality, it must have partners: Palestinian Arab interlocutors as committed to Israel's needs as Israel is to theirs.

And Israel is committed. In the Camp David Accords it pledged itself to seek a solution which would "recognize the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people and their just requirements."

Yet after seven decades of intercommunal conflict, there exists no remotely comparable Palestinian Arab declaration. The PLO, "sole, legitimate representative of the Palestinian people" — as designated by the Arab League — remains officially committed to the destruction of Israel. Camp David's practically open-ended autonomy provisions go begging.

The recent violence may have delayed, not advanced, prospects for mutual recognition. The mother of one Gaza fatality was quoted as saying, "We want to live in peace and we want the Jews out of our land. I don't care whatever happens as long as we get our land."

But she was a refugee 39 years ago from a village near Ashkelon; the land she referred to was not the Gaza Strip or the West Bank but pre-1967 Israel.

Meanwhile, there was widespread, sometimes violent support for the demonstrators in Gaza and the West Bank among Israel's Arabs. This reaffirmed sociological studies indicating that the overwhelming majority define their nationality as Palestinian, not Israeli.

This trend among Israeli Arabs, who comprise one-sixth the population inside the 1967 "green line" — and will total more than one-fourth in another generation — means that Israel faces the danger of becoming a binational state even without the West Bank and Gaza.

And precipitate withdrawal from the territories would protect neither Israel's security nor Jewish rights. Who would see to Palestinian Arab rights in such an event — impotent Palestinian Arab moderates or the PLO and Islamic fundamentalists, with help from Moscow and Tehran?

Obviously, the status quo is not on Israel's side; so its friends should be concerned — but not demoralized.



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Robert Israel is currently on leave.
His column will return next week.

Letter(s) To The Editor

To the Editor:

The media, both print and broadcast, have an inescapable responsibility to be our eyes and ears. This, we strongly feel, they have failed to fulfill in covering the current difficulties in Israel.

Our reactions are underscored since the tragic events in the Middle East — indeed throughout the world — are taking place against a civilization-threatening nuclear backdrop. Many, Jew and non-Jew, recognize the threat to survival of life itself in this frighteningly explosive tinderbox. And many, Jew and non-Jew, feel that too many, because of unfortunate historical prejudice, have too quickly pointed the finger of guilt at Israel without knowing or wanting to know the facts.

Israel's security and safety, inseparable from a world which may have a future — the United States included — depends upon the United Nations' handling of the current crisis. Preliminary to peace is that Israel must have defensible borders. And certainly this is not achieved by the retention in the Palestinian covenant of the clause calling for the annihilation of Israel. The Arabs continue to threaten to drive her into the sea. This is scarcely conducive to maintaining the Israelis as a force for peace not only in the Middle East but in the world. It is truly a problem for the world not just Israel.

For those who have already brought in a verdict of "guilty" against Israel, consider a few facts. Twenty-six humans met their death in the Newark riots of 1967. Forty-three more were killed in the Detroit riots which occurred during that period. Some of the dead were victims of police and national guard bullets.

In Israel, by contrast, Arab deaths as a result of the West Bank and Gaza Strip difficulties, have been in the 20s. And knowledgeable observers strongly

feel that the Palestinian action was triggered and financed by the PLO and Syrians. We are not minimizing the tragedy of even one death. It diminishes each of us.

However, it hardly approaches the total for Detroit and Newark. And it is surely safe to assume that few people drew the conclusion that the American people had lost its respect for human life. This point is made only so one can view the current Israeli situation rationally and with perspective.

Those with short, prejudiced memories or distorted, blind historical understanding need to be reminded of some important facts. Otherwise, they are emoting not thinking. They are expressing opinions without thoughts.

Fact: Israel has occupied these territories since June 1967, more than 20 years. And this, it should be remembered was a result of her defending herself from an undeclared war launched against her by Arab states to end her existence. As part of her defense she took over the West Bank and Gaza Strip. This was scarcely part of the Arab plan.

The Arab states in 1948 had turned their back on the United Nations' plan to partition Palestine into Jewish and Arab states. It was the Arabs who initiated the war. Jordan seized the West Bank and incorporated it. She then also banned Jews from Holy Places in East Jerusalem. Egypt seized Gaza. And let us not forget that Jordan later ousted, by military force, the PLO from Jordan.

The question should arise to those whose eyes are not blinded by prejudice, why Jordan, when it completely controlled the West Bank from 1948 to 1967, did nothing to make use of this territory to build housing, create industry, modernize and in other ways improve the lot of the Palestinians. Again, qualified observers feel they preferred to be

able to point to them as victims of Israeli oppression and exploitation. And the world looked in other directions. A harvest of shame will be reaped.

There was, and is, certainly enough Arab wealth to have taken remedial steps, then and now. It is clear to even the most prejudiced that Saudi Arabia, Jordan and other Arab states could have acted to help their "poor" fellow Arabs.

It is disheartening to read Washington's harsh criticism of the present Israeli unavoidable action. It has been forced on them.

The urge to survive is ever-present. Memories of the Holocaust from actual experience or twice-told tales still persist.

Washington's lack of understanding is saddening. To the greatest extent possible the Israelis are using rubber bullets and tear gas. They resort to real bullets only to survive except for an occasional, infrequent misjudgement by a soldier under tension. On the other hand the Reagan administration is curiously silent about the brutal, terrorist regimes in Argentina and Chile, for example. Their death squads have resulted in painful death or disappearance for thousands as compared to only a score of "victims" in Israel. And Washington seems to forget Israeli lives lost. Let us not use two different yardsticks.

We should not forget the rather similar riots and our deadly use of force in Watts and Kent State among other examples which could be cited. And Gaza's horrible refugee camps can be fairly placed alongside the slums of Calcutta and our own South Bronx.

Reliable observers report that the economic well-being of the Palestinians under Israeli occupation has more than trebled as measured by the growth in national disposable income.

Infant mortality during the Israeli occupation has seen a sharp drop from about 150 per thousand live births in 1967 to 33 per

thousand in 1986. Life expectancy has risen to 69, possibly the highest in the entire Middle East.

Another interesting figure: In the field of education, the number of Palestinians with no schooling at all fell from 47.5% in 1970 to 26.6% in 1983. The illiteracy rate during those years fell from 27.8% to 13.8% for men and from 65% to 38.9% for women.

And consider this, dear policy-makers such as Elliot Abrams in Washington before you vocalize your selective sometimes unthinking criticism of Israel, a strong, dependable ally.

At Tel Aviv University in the Mathematics Department there are more Arab than Jewish students. In the general population 16 Jewish and 17 Arab students per thousand go on to higher education. The explanation is a simple one. Israeli Arabs fill the universities because they do not have the right to serve in the Israeli defense force. The Israeli Jew, however, must begin compulsory military service when he reaches his 18th birthday. And one other fact must not be

overlooked: Seven Arabs serve in the Israeli Parliament — the Knesset.

The Israeli occupation has benefitted the native Arab in many other ways. Many of these they do not enjoy in surrounding Arab countries.

Remember, also: It is Arabs not Jews who leave bombs in crowded marketplaces, who invade kibbutzim, Jewish settlements and murder not soldiers, but women and children. And one should not overlook the murder of the Israeli Olympic athletes in Germany in 1972.

Where lies the solution? We do not know. Of several things we are certain. No solution will be reached until the Arabs give up their declared goal of driving the Jews into the ocean and create a basis for civilized negotiation.

Our plea to Jew and non-Jew alike, is that they express opinions based on fact and not prejudice. In short, let us not have opinions without thought.

David Chernack
Lucille Chernack

To the Editor:

Last November 16 Mayor Pal Ivany of Budapest told Jewish leaders in New York that a memorial would be built in his city for the 600,000 Jews who perished in the Holocaust.

The proposed monument will be erected near the site of a mass grave for Hungarian Jews which is adjacent to a busy Budapest street. The monument will be in the form of a tree with the names of the Jews who perished inscribed on the leaves.

The falling leaves will be a symbol of the losses that each family sustained. Each leaf is the equivalent of many generations.

Those Jews of Rumanian descent that fell under the Hungarian deportation may also be memorialized by these falling leaves.

Leaves for martyred loved ones, which are \$125 each, can be dedicated by contacting the Emanuel Foundation for Hungarian Culture at 97-45 Queens Blvd. Room 614, Rego Park, New York 11374.

Ruth Marmorstein

To the Editor:

Unfortunately, *The Rhode Island Herald*, in its presenting news releases regarding Channukah menorahs, has been incomplete and misleading by not properly presenting both sides of the issue. In a recent story carried by *The New York Times* on the issue of public menorahs, a proper presentation of the issues is given. Please note the following assertion from the article stating that the Federal Court of Appeals has ruled that privately sponsored displays in public forum is permissible. We feel it is not right to give such negative coverage to the public menorah issue, when in truth it is legally permissible.

Chaya Silverman

To the Editor:

As the Festive Holiday of Eight Days of Chanukah has gone by, it is greeted by New Year of 1988.

I wish joy and happiness to all who contributed so much, friends, relatives, neighbors, and many charitable organizations who donated time and effort to others.

Now it should be peace on earth all around the world and make a special effort, count our blessings to improve our relationships with each and everyone.

Sylvia Ziman

A Question Of Image — JCC

If we were to describe Rhode Island's Jewish Community Center, a virtual cascade of adjectives would follow depending on how the Center touched an individual. From infants to seniors, and for all ages and interests in between, the JCCRI plays an important part in so many lives. The population who utilize the facility, attend the programs, enjoy the sports complex and the pool would speak glowingly of the JCCRI.

The challenge facing the JCCRI, however, is not to tell its story to the satisfied customers — the JCCRI membership. Rather, the JCCRI would like to spread the word to those who say, "What Center?" "Preschool program?" "Kosher meal site?" "Gallery?"

The JCCRI reaches out to every age, to every need, to every segment of the community.

1. Did you now that the JCCRI has one of the finest child care centers in the state? The Infant/Toddler Child Care Center is a fully licensed facility for children aged 3 months to 3 years with a ratio of one adult for every 3 children. From the earliest age youngsters are stimulated and socialized with individualized

caring. There is a long waiting list for admission.

2. Did you know that the JCCRI delivers kosher hot meals daily to the homebound elderly? A dedicated group of Meals-On-Wheels volunteers guarantee a friendly smile and nutritious diet Monday through Friday.

3. Did you know that the JCCRI has been an advocate for the hungry and homeless and has played an active role in the East Side Community Network? A food collection box is in the front lobby.

4. Did you know that the Children's Department of the JCCRI offers a broad cultural arts program for kindergarten through sixth grade? There is a music school, calligraphy, lessons on the potter's wheel, ballet, a chorus, drawing and painting and a full-scale children's theatre production.

5. Did you know that the Health and Physical Education Department, in conjunction with the Miriam Hospital, offers a supervised program in cardiac rehabilitation? People with cardiac difficulties have their exercise program monitored daily and achieve optimum level physical functioning.

The above are just a few of the numerous ways that the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island serves Rhode Island. Visit the JCCRI to fully appreciate the scope of its activities and programs, both inside its walls and outside in the community. For information or to arrange for a tour, call Vivian Weisman, Program Director at 861-8800.



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Social Events

Sons Of Jacob

Sons of Jacob schedule for week of January 16, 1988.
 Sat., Jan. 16, Blessing of the New Morn of Shevat.
 Friday light candles at 4:17 p.m.; services at 4:25 p.m.
 Saturday morning services at 8:30 a.m.; Minchah at 4:20 p.m.
 Saturday ends 5:25 p.m.
 Sunday services at 7:45 a.m.

After services coffee and pastry every day.
 Every day Minchah at 4:20 p.m., five times a week, Sunday to Thursday.
 Rabbi M. Drazin speaks between Minchah & Maariv about law, customs and Hakkel.
 Wednesday, January 20, Rosh-Hodesh services at 6:30 a.m.

Robin Chase And Robert Israel Announce Birth

Robin A. Chase and Robert Israel announce the birth of their first child and son, Jeremy Chase-Israel, at Women and Infants Hospital in Providence, on December 31, 1987. Jeremy's Hebrew name, Dov, has been given to him in memory of his maternal great-grandmother, of blessed memory, Deborah Weinberg.
 Maternal grandparents are Gussie and Babe Chase of Providence and Boca Raton, Florida; paternal grandparents are Harold and Eleanor Israel of Cranston and Boca Raton, Florida.

B'nai B'rith Plantation No. 5339

Plantations Unit No. 5339 B'nai B'rith/B'nai B'rith Women (successor to Plantations Lodge No. 2011) held its 23rd consecutive "Operation Brotherhood" on Thursday evening, December 24, 1987 and Friday, December 25, 1987 at the Providence police station. The volunteers took over the communications department so that civilian personnel could have some holiday time to be with their families. Many members gave of their time as well as some second generation sons and daughters. Lunch was provided by the Unit to both the police force and to the volunteers.

An Organization of **Children of Holocaust Survivors** is being formed. The purpose of this group is to perpetuate the memory of the holocaust and its victims and to provide a forum to discuss related educational, political and social issues.

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 Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Spivack of East Greenwich. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leonard M. Katz of Chesterfield, Missouri. Paternal great-grandmother is Mrs. Esther Lieberman, also of Chesterfield.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gaithersburg Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. James Janis of Gaithersburg, Maryland, proudly announce the birth of their first child and son, Daniel Alexander, on December 20, 1987. Mrs. Janis is the former Hillary Ann Roth of Cranston, R.I. Maternal grandparents are Gerald and Marcia Roth of Cranston. Paternal grandparents are Harry and June Janis of Williamsburg, Michigan and Tuscon, Arizona.

Creative Performance At SBANE

"Encouraging Creative Performance" is the topic of an upcoming meeting of The Smaller Business Association of New England, Inc. (SBANE) on Tuesday, January 19 at 5 p.m. at the Wainamissett Country Club, Hoyt Ave., Rumford, R.I.

DeAnne Rosenberg, a nationally known trainer in the management development process, will describe the environmental conditions necessary for innovation and creativity. She will instruct small company presidents on how to enhance those conditions that foster it and inhibit those that kill it.

Cost of the program is \$15 for SBANE members and \$20 for non-members. To register, contact Dick Tracy, SBANE's Rhode Island representative at 134 Don Ave., Rumford, R.I. 02916; telephone: (401) 434-7780.

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Program sponsors — the Foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and state ophthalmology societies — aren't stopping at 200,000 callers, according to Peter F. De Blasio Jr., MD, president of the Rhode Island Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons.

Older Americans suffer more than half of the blinding eye diseases that are diagnosed in the U.S. each year — a statistic ophthalmologists are determined to change through the project.

"Ophthalmologists estimate that about half of elderly blindness can be prevented by early diagnosis and treatment," said Dr. De Blasio. "The National Eye Care Project has certainly contributed to this effort by providing medical information and removing financial obstacles that may discourage elderly people from seeking much needed care."

Since the project began in June 1986, 1191 Rhode Island residents have called the Helpline, and 786 have been referred for a comprehensive medical eye exam and treatment for potentially blinding eye diseases. Thus far, Rhode Island ophthalmologists have treated 235 cases of cataracts, 23 cases of glaucoma, 10 cases of diabetic retinopathy, and 50 cases of macular degeneration. All of these are potentially blinding diseases.

To be eligible for project services, a caller must be age 65 or older, a U.S. citizen, and no longer have access to an ophthalmologist he or she has seen in the past.

Services provided by the volunteer ophthalmologist are offered at no out-of-pocket cost to the patient. For this project, volunteer ophthalmologists are accepting Medicare and/or other health insurance assignment as payment in full for their services.

The National Eye Care Project is open weekdays, 8 am to 5 pm (Pacific time), 8 am to 4 pm in Alaska, and 8 am to 2 pm in Hawaii. The Helpline number is 1-800-222-EYES (3937.)

Spencer Crooks Reception

PROVIDENCE — Internationally Known Watercolorist W. Spencer Crooks is currently exhibiting his painting at Highland Court, 101 Highland Ave., Providence, R.I. 02906. Now through January 30.

A special reception will be held for Spencer Crooks on January 17, 2 to 6 p.m. at Highland Court. He will be available to discuss his works.

Wine and Cheese will be served at the reception.

Crooks paintings are on exhibit daily from 2 to 5 p.m. and evenings 7 to 9 p.m. at Highland Court.

Exhibit is free and open to the public.

Dr. Barrie Guise Addresses Miriam Women



Dr. Barrie J. Guise

Stress is alive and well in our technologically advanced society. It can be a destructive force in both men and women. Only recently, however, has stress been studied in relationship to the quickly changing roles of the modern woman. Dr. Barrie J. Guise will address this issue and more at the next paid-up membership meeting and petite luncheon of The Miriam Hospital Women's Association.

Patricia G. Cohen and Claudia Deutsch, Co-Presidents of The Miriam Hospital Women's Association, invite you to share this afternoon with Dr. Guise at the February 1st Open Meeting and Health Education Program. The petite luncheon will be at noon followed by the 12:30 open meeting. The program was arranged by Doris McGarry; assisted by Helene Brodie and Joyce Hurvitz, hospitality co-chairpersons. Decorations will be planned by Lillian Zarum and Sylvia Kenner. Public Relations for this event have been arranged by Patricia Hairabet and Suzanne Gilstein.

Reservations and/or information for this paid-up membership workshop may be made through The Women's Association office, 274-3700, Ext. 2520. On Monday, February 1, plan to leave your stress behind!

Hillel College Directory

WASHINGTON — With thousands of colleges and universities in North America to select from, how does a Jewish student choose a school where there are many other Jewish students, kosher meals and vibrant Jewish life?

Probably the easiest and most informative way is through the latest edition of "Jewish Life on Campus," an annual directory published by the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations. The 1987-88 directory, just off the press, lists Jewish enrollment, Jewish courses, kosher dining, Hillel units, and other related information in 402 colleges in the United States, plus 23 in Canada and 16 abroad, all of which have a Jewish student population.

Edwin Shapiro of New York, chairman of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Commission, calls the directory

Big Brothers Of RI

SEEKONK, Mass. — A jam session to benefit Big Brothers of Rhode Island will be held at the Providence Marriott on Wednesday evening, February 3, from 5:30-8 p.m. Professional musicians will be on hand to join in the effort to support the thousands of fatherless young boys in Rhode Island served by Big Brothers. Donation is \$10.

For further information, call Val Sinesi, executive director of Big Brothers at 722-6300.

"The King and I" Coming To PPAC

The national touring production of *The King and I* brings one of the world's most spectacular musicals to the Providence Performing Arts Center, Friday through Sunday, January 22-24.

Written by the legendary team of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein 2nd, this exotic excursion into the rich splendors of the Far East is the story of a widowed Englishwoman (Anna) who goes to Siam (now Thailand) to tutor the many children of the King.

The acclaimed score of this timeless, romantic classic includes: "Hello Young Lovers," "Shall We Dance?" "Getting to Know You," "I Whistle a Happy Tune," "Something Wonderful," "I Have Dreamed" and many more.

Based on the book *Anna and the King of Siam* by Margaret Landon, audiences have been enthralled by the show's color and splendor and the fascinating clash between the two very different worlds of Anna and the King. It is a show suitable for the entire family.

Part of the Bank of New England - Old Colony Broadway Series 1987/1988, performances are Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Tickets range from \$16.50-\$25.50 and are on sale now. Call (401) 421-ARTS to order now; Master Card and Visa are accepted. Box office hours are Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday, Noon-5 p.m. Tickets are also available at Ticketron locations or by calling Teletron at 1-800-382-8080. For special group rates and information, call Susan Havens at 421-2997.

For updates on the entire Providence Performing Arts Center schedule, call the Talking Phone Book at 831-8100-7687.

Providence Gas Urges Precaution Against Cold Stress

With the backdrop of extreme cold temperatures in the Rhode Island area these past few days, Providence Gas Company warns the area's residents of the dangers of hypothermia, also referred to as "cold stress."

Providence Gas Community Relations Manager Barbara G. DeCesare warns, "All Rhode Islanders, particularly the elderly and the very young, should take special precautions against these sustained extreme cold temperatures."

The company has distributed a brochure which spells out the danger signs of cold stress, such as cold and stiff muscles, confusion, shivering or trembling, shortness of breath or slow pulse, difficulty in speaking, and other signs. The publication also lists ways to stay warm, including tips on how to dress for the cold weather, (dress in layers), what to wear, (dark clothing and wool products), and what to eat (hot meals and warm beverages).

The brochures are available at all Providence Gas Company's locations, as well as the Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs office in downtown Providence, the Rhode Island Department of Health and most senior centers and community action program offices in the area. Additional brochures and a fifteen minute slide presentation on the subject are also available to any group by calling Providence Gas Company's Community Relations Department, (401) 272-5040, extension 204. For more information on hypothermia, call the Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs, (401) 277-2858.

R.I. Philharmonic

The Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra, under the direction of Andrew Massey, will present its first concert of 1988 on Saturday evening, January 16, beginning at 8:30 p.m. in the Providence Performing Arts Center on Weybosset Street. Making his debut appearance with the orchestra will be the young American pianist Christopher O'Riley.

The concert will open with the delightful *Mother Goose Suite* of Maurice Ravel, based on various characters from the children's stories. This will be followed by the *Piano Concerto No. 2* of Chopin featuring Mr. O'Riley as soloist. The concert will conclude with the *Symphony No. 3 "Eroica"* by Beethoven. This work was originally dedicated to Napoleon whom Beethoven felt to be a fellow Republican but when he had himself declared Emperor of France, Beethoven scratched his name from the title page.

Christopher O'Riley graduated from the New England Conservatory of Music where he studied piano with Russell Sherman. He has captured top prizes in a variety of competitions including the Van Cliburn, Montreal and Busoni Competitions. He has appeared with the Boston Symphony, Los Angeles Philharmonic, Philadelphia Orchestra and the Pittsburgh Symphony among many others. Also active in chamber music, he is a member of the Boston Chamber Music Society, and has participated in the Marlboro

South County Hebrew Day Chanukah Party



The children from South County Hebrew Day School enjoy their Chanukah party festivities.

The South County Hebrew School had its Annual Chanukah Party at Congregation Beth David in Narragansett. All children in the community celebrating Chanukah were invited and about 55 attended. Ages ranged from toddlers to teenagers. A great time was had by all. The 2nd and 3rd grade class put on a play about the eight candles of Chanukah and the 4th, 5th and 7th graders put on a play about Chanukah in the 1940's in a Ghetto. We also had an excellent magician perform many wonders.

Our thanks to Congregation Beth David for their support and to all who helped make this such a successful event.

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Touro Resumes Adult Education

The monthly Late Friday Evening Service-Oneg Shabbat program of Touro Synagogue will be held this Friday evening, January 22, 1988 at 8:00 p.m. in the main sanctuary, announced Rabbi Chaim Shapiro, the congregation's spiritual leader.

The sermon, which will be featured on this occasion, is entitled "Over the Rainbow," and will be delivered by Rabbi Shapiro. Since much of these services are conducted in English and include explanations of the prayers, all members of the greater Jewish community of Newport, regardless of affiliation, are invited to attend and, by doing, should be able to derive some insights into traditional Judaism.

A collation, sponsored by the local chapter of the B'nai B'rith, will be held in the Jewish Community Center Social Hall, across the street from the synagogue, following the service.

These programs are conducted under the sponsorship of the Touro Synagogue Program Committee, who also sponsor the weekly "Torah Night" Adult Education Programs, and the monthly Communal Breakfasts, at the synagogue.

For further information, contact the synagogue office at 847-4794.

Congregation Ohave Sholam

This Friday evening services will be at 4:30 p.m. at the Congregation on East Avenue. Saturday morning Carl and Ruth Passman will be sponsoring a Lox-and-Bagel Kiddush immediately following services which begin at 9 a.m. Rabbi Jacobs will give his Mishnah class at 3:45 p.m. Mincha will be at 4:20 p.m. followed by the Third Sabbath meal. Ma-ariv will be at 5:20 p.m. Havdalah will be at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday afternoon, January 24 at 1:30 p.m. the Junior N.C.S.Y. will be sponsoring a tentative bowling party. See next week's article for further details.

Services will be on regular schedule the following week. On Wednesday, January 20 which is Rosh Hodesh Sh'vat we will try to begin as close to 6:30 p.m. as possible. The following schedule is for other services.

Mornings — Sunday 7:45,
Monday and Thursday 6:40,
Tuesday and Friday 6:50.
Evenings — 4:35.

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Around Town

by Dorothea Snyder



A metric maven could have a field day measuring the kilometers of data fed into and spewed out of the computers at Massachusetts Health Data Consortium in Waltham.

Yet a newcomer to the field of health data could easily shudder at the overwhelming flow of digits that pour out each day.

But when the Consortium's easygoing executive director Elliot Stone explained inner and outer operations, statistics stream like a breeze.

My introduction to Elliot came about through his mother Ruth Stone of Cranston. In fact, both had made mention of a camp-related story about Elliot in the *Herald* 24 years ago.

A trip to Guadeloupe through Club Med with his wife Janie and teenage sons Robert and Jeffrey was still on his mind. He believes in vacations, he said, adding how important it is to divert from the intense studies in which he and his staff are involved.

Flipping through many of the reports that the Massachusetts Health Data Consortium publish each year, I spotted these lines on a cover:

"To survive, you need to manage.
To manage, you need to measure.
To measure, you need Consortium
Baseline Reports."



Elliot M. Stone, executive director, Massachusetts Health Data Consortium, Inc., in Waltham. photo by Dorothea Snyder

"We believe it. We wouldn't put it on if that wasn't exactly how we felt," Elliot asserted.

The Consortium came about by the recognition of the need for a neutral agency to collect, analyze and disseminate sensitive health care information, including cost examination and rates of utilization of health and medical services.

Looking back to ten years ago when both the Consortium was launched and he became its executive director, Elliot said, "We were very lucky when we began with strong backing from major organizations, support from the state's hospital association, medical society and government, health planning agencies, insurance companies, and the business community."

"The idea came from a federal study conducted by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health who said there ought to be an organization set up whereby all the major state health organizations could have membership. They pay an annual fee, but encourage us to be self sufficient. We're non-profit, but we try to act like a business with annual reports we supply to different organizations. The revenue from that subsidizes a lot of other research we don't get paid for. The work we do on AIDS and on catastrophic care isn't reimbursed or subsidized by other areas; we've been

successful in going out to private corporations and getting them to underwrite a lot of what we do.

"We run major educational conferences every year for employers of other health organizations in Massachusetts on how to use data, how to get information across to employees. We put out a hospital price guide for employers. Right now, we have a proposal to a foundation in New York to help employers evaluate some of these cost containment programs where the second opinion programs are working, how effective are they in making sure employees get quality care and how effective are they in saving money for the employer.

"The health care system is a big mystery to most people. The reason we exist is that all those people who manage care for the public need comparative information. They need to measure how their prices compare to one another.

"The groups we work with most frequently are hospitals which need information for marketing purposes, insurance companies who need to decide with which hospital to contract, and the state government for policy types.

"I have counterparts in other states, a network of data organizations like our own. We swap tapes on a regular basis, and that's how we can do a study in Tennessee

or in the state of Washington or California. Data swapping is routine.

"We were just in Washington, D.C. where we did a report on hospital competition. We've been able to exist for a number of years without any federal grants. We've shied away from federal grants because of their uncertainty. It takes a long time for a proposal to receive grant money. This is one of those rare times when we've gone after the grant because it's a very significant study. When we go to Washington, it's usually to work with business organizations such as the Washington Business Group on Health.

"We're doing a study on groups at risk. We're working with the Boston Foundation, a major charitable organization. We're looking at groups that have fallen through the cracks, elders who for one reason or another may be discharged from the hospital too soon.

"We're looking at children, mothers and infants who because of changes in federal or state reimbursement policy or some change in their insurance plan aren't getting quality care. We're looking at that problem with the Health Planning Council of Greater Boston. We'll be putting out two collaborative studies later this summer . . . one of elders at risk and mothers and children at risk."

Collaborative studies are a major activity at the Consortium.

Elliot spoke of a project done in Providence last year. "Women and Infants Hospital is a unique facility. They found they needed to compare themselves to other perinatal centers, so they began collecting data from 50-60 hospitals around the country.

"We helped them set up that system. Now they're running it on a self sufficient basis.

"We have a grant from the Department of Health and Human Services to compare all Massachusetts hospitals to see if any competition is going on. There's a real question about whether hospitals compete or not. We're doing that study in Massachusetts, Illinois, Washington state, Tennessee and Northern California.

"We just surveyed 3000 employees at Millipore, a water purification company in Bedford, Massachusetts to see how they feel about their benefits, what they like about Blue Cross and HMO's, and how they feel about their company's approach to delivering benefits.

"We've just done a major study on AIDS for the State Senate looking at AIDS hospitalization. We found that more than 50% are paid for by employer sponsored plans by Blue Cross, commercial insurance companies and by HMO's. They're not indigent. People who are hospitalized for AIDS are part of the

working population. This is a major concern for actuaries and insurance companies.

"We did a big study for Senators Kennedy and Mitchell on infants, children under one whose hospital bills add up to more than \$30,000 easily . . . high cost users of medical care. Unfortunately, that's another area where there is a growth.

"We're doing background work to figure a plan for catastrophic care. Hospital bills are getting out of sight for families, and insurance companies may refuse to pay the bill.

"What we try to do is make sure that these findings aren't one time studies by some academic who files the report on a shelf, and then it's shoved into a drawer. We want to take academic work done by state agencies, put them together in a comprehensive annual report, and make sure that annual report comes out on a regular basis so that we can monitor what's going on.

"That's the biggest problem with groups at risk. Occasionally there'll be a headline with nobody to follow up.

"All we are is data people. We focus our energy in one area, and we do that really well. We don't get distracted from what we do. We concentrate on getting information out, making sure the information is reliable, timely, and recurring so we can

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tell whether things in our life are getting better or worse."

Inside the offices at the Massachusetts Health Data Consortium at Totten Pond Road in Waltham, "you'll find a lot of people with their noses to the grindstone," according to their "boss."

"I have a very hard working staff. We use quite a few computers, personal and large mainframe computers. Many of our staff have masters degrees in public health, are experienced in the public health field, and are good at explaining what the data means to people. That's more and more important all the time . . . not just putting numbers out, but what the numbers mean.

"I'm delighted with the quality of our staff. We're out in the suburbs, so there's not too much opportunity to take long lunch breaks or go shopping," Elliot said with a big grin. Everyone's pretty dedicated in getting the work done."

Projecting to health care in the next 10 years, he said, "I think the biggest revolution, if it comes, will be when consumers take health care decisions into their own hands.

"Right now we've seen a bit of revolution because the fortresses of health care have begun to rise up. Big business has started to ask questions about why our health care costs are going up.

"HMO's have helped to manage care and keep the costs from escalating even higher, but still the average consumer doesn't get too involved in the decisions about questioning the hospital bill like they may question a restaurant bill. Or even to question a doctor's bill.

"Largely, that's because so much is taken out of the consumer's hands. It's handled by a benefits' department or an insurance company. As those decisions get closer to becoming consumers' decisions, then I think there might be another whole revolution.

"But it's never changed the demand for health care. People still want the best, and more of it. I don't know if things will be less expensive. All we can hope for is that things will be cost effective. People will get their money's worth, and people will know what that means.

"Our organization is going to provide some markers so you can compare hospitals one to another, compare procedures within hospitals, compare physicians one to another so that the people who make the recommendations have some benchmarks about who's delivering quality care, and who's delivering cost effective care.

"That's all we can expect to do. A small contribution," he adds modestly.

Hopefully, it won't be another 24 years before we read about Elliot Stone and his significant contributions to health care in the *Herald*!

U.S. Welcomes Reduction Of Violence, But Not Deportations

(continued from page 1)

Earlier on the show, two U.S. Jewish leaders discussed Israel's use of live ammunition, as well as peace prospects.

Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, recently wrote in the *New York Times* that rioting in the territories should "shock" the Israeli government and that the status quo in the territories "corrodes the Jewish

and democratic character" of Israel.

Schindler was more tempered in his criticism, stating only that "there is a recognition that there is a danger of using excessive force."

The State Department has repeatedly criticized Israel in recent weeks for using "excessive force" and, particularly, for using live ammunition against Palestinian rioters.

The department's forceful statements on the subject disturbed sev-

eral American Jewish leaders. A delegation of the leaders, led by Morris Abram, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, met Dec. 24 with Deputy Secretary of State John Whitehead to express their concerns.

Abram was asked on ABC's program to address the administration's concern over Israel's use of lethal force.

He asserted that "Israel uses live ammunition as a last resort" although "there have been some miscarriages of the usage of live ammunition." He said that General Yitzhak Mordechai, head of the Israel Defense Force southern command, is punishing and disciplining soldiers "who do that."

Abraham said that "during the last several days new riot equipment has been given to the Israeli soldiers" as well as rubber bullets.

The show also featured Columbia University Professor Edward Said, who is a member of the Palestine National Council, the Palestine Liberation Organization's policy-making body. He praised Palestinian resistance by stating "this is the right of all occupied people — to resist military occupation."



Welcome to the Heavenly World of . . . a touch of Torah. The designer of this special concept in plush toys for children is Shandel Malka Blasberg of Brooklyn, New York. Photo taken at the International Kosher Foods and Jewish Life Expo in South Florida by Dorothea Snyder.

TAXPAYERS *with dependents*

HERE'S A TAX TIP:

Beginning with your 1987 income tax return that you will file in 1988, you generally must list social security numbers for dependents who are at least five years old by the end of 1987. If any of your dependents do not have this number, get an application form today from the Social Security office in your area.



New Tax Law TIP

To help you understand the new tax law, the IRS has two new publications. **Publication 920** explains changes affecting individuals and **Publication 921** explains changes affecting businesses. Both are free. Ask for one at any IRS office or call the IRS Tax Forms number in your phone book.



Reunion Service At Temple Am David

More than 35 members of Temple Am David stood in the bitter cold in Washington, D.C. with 200,000 other people from other states in support of Soviet Jews last month.

They will stand again on Friday, January 22, only this time in the warmth generated by the gratitude and appreciation of the people they represented, the Temple Am David family.

That night at 8:15 p.m. they will participate in a Reunion Service in the Temple's sanctuary at 40 Gardiner Street in Warwick.

At the same service, they will adopt a Soviet Refusenik family with whom to correspond and assist in gaining exit from the Soviet Union.

Featured speaker will be Stephanie Gurwitz, executive director of the Jewish Federation's Community Relations Council, who organized the Rhode Island participation of 400 people at the rally.

The service will be conducted by Rabbi H. Scott White and Cantor Steven W. Dress. Profiles of individual Refuseniks will be read by those who were in Washington.

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Dollar Cost Averaging Takes Advantage Of Market Fluctuations

One sure thing in the stock market is that prices will fluctuate. One tried-and-true investment technique that can help long-term investors protect against, and even take advantage of, short-term price volatility is dollar cost averaging.

With dollar cost averaging, you invest equal sums of money regularly in the same stock or mutual fund, whether the price is rising or falling. That means you will buy more shares when the price is low and fewer shares when the price is high. Over the long run, your average cost per share will be less than the average price per share you would have paid if you had bought an equal number of shares each time.

An Example

Suppose you decide to invest

\$100 a month in a stock that is selling at \$25 a share. You would receive four shares for your \$100 investment in the first month. If the stock's price drops to \$20 a share the next month, your \$100 would buy five shares. In the third month, if the price climbs back to \$25 a share, you would purchase four shares.

At this point, you would have invested \$300 in 13 shares worth \$25 each, which means the stock would be worth more than you paid for it. Your average cost per share would only be \$23.08 (\$300 divided by 13) versus an average price per share over the three months of \$23.33 (\$70 divided by 3). Of course, if the stock had continued to decline in the third month, rather than recovering, your position would show a loss.

Dollar cost averaging doesn't guarantee a profit — that will depend on how your investments perform. It simply assures that your average cost per share over a certain period will be more favorable than the average price per share for the same period. It also reduces risk because you will be buying shares at various prices. So there is less chance that you will invest a large amount of money when prices are at a top.

A Good Time To Begin

Now may be a particularly advantageous time to begin a program of dollar cost averaging with carefully selected quality stocks or mutual funds because prices have fallen from their 1987 peaks. If the investments you choose rally over the long term, you will have a profit on the larger number of shares you accumulated at a lower price.

The key is to pick investments with good long-term growth prospects. It also takes courage and the financial ability to stick with your program in good and bad markets. That's the only way that dollar cost averaging will work to even out the peaks and valleys in prices. Of course, if the investment suffers a serious reversal and its growth potential dims, you should cut your losses.

A Variety Of Alternatives

There are a number of ways that you can achieve the benefits of dollar cost averaging. One possibility is to participate in a company-based savings plan, such as an employee stock purchase plan or a 401(k) plan that offers a choice of stock and mutual fund investments, if you have the opportunity. This also gives you the advantage of making regular investments through automatic payroll deductions.

With many mutual funds, you can arrange to have the same

amount of money automatically withdrawn monthly or quarterly from your bank account and invested in fund shares. Or you can make regular fund investments on your own. Minimum investment requirements vary, but many funds allow small purchases, and some funds will even lower their minimums for investors who want to begin a dollar cost averaging program.

Another alternative is to invest in companies that permit shareholders to reinvest their quarterly dividends in additional shares of stock at little or no charge. Many of these dividend reinvestment plans also allow you to invest extra money in company shares each quarter within certain limits.

Some brokerage firms have

1988 Delegate Filing Period Begins

Secretary of State Kathleen S. Connell announced that January 19 at 4 p.m. is the deadline for her office to receive declarations of candidacies filed by voters desiring to be delegates to their political parties national conventions. The filing period runs from January 9 through the 19, excluding weekends and holidays.

Delegates and alternates to the Democratic and Republican national conventions will be selected as part of Rhode Island's Presidential Preference Primary on March 8.

The declaration of candidacy must include the delegate candidate's name, address, place and date of birth, length of residence in Rhode Island, and party designation. The declaration of candidacy must also include a statement that the voter, if elected as a delegate, would comply with his or her party rules relating to delegates and to the conducting of the party's national convention.

The Secretary of State will make nomination papers available for delegate candidates between January 20 and 29. Those nomination papers require the signatures of at least 150 party voters from the delegate candidate's congressional district.

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Mary J. Rudie is Vice President and Manager, Consumer Information Services, at Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated.

Those papers must be submitted to the local boards of canvassers where the signers appear to be voters by February 2. The local boards will certify the papers to the Secretary of State by February 8. On that same date a delegate candidate may submit documentation to the Secretary of State from a presidential candidate that the delegate has the presidential candidate's approval to be identified on the primary ballot with that presidential candidate. Those candidates who receive such presidential-candidate approval shall be listed on the March 8th primary ballot under the name of the presidential candidate. Delegate candidates who do not submit such approvals shall be listed on the ballot as uncommitted. Both committed and uncommitted delegate candidates will be arranged on the ballot by lot as drawn by the Secretary of State.

Secretary Connell also reminded voters that the deadline for registration for the March 8 Presidential Preference Primary is February 6. Voters who wish to participate in the primary but who have not yet registered must do so at their local boards of canvassers on or before that date.

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A total of \$604,249,250 in cash for Israel's economic development was mobilized by the State of Israel Bond Organization in 1987, setting a new all-time record for its sales of bonds in a single year.

The announcement was made by David B. Hermelin of Detroit, International Campaign Chairman; William Belzberg of Los Angeles, North American Chairman; and Julian B. Venezky of Peoria, Ill., Chairman of the Board.

In their statement, they expressed "special pride in the Bond Organization's accomplishments in a year which saw a sharp decline in the stock markets, as well as other difficulties which came at the peak of the campaign."

The Israel Bond leaders reported that the 1987 Israel Bond response "demonstrated the close partnership with Israel and its people by Jewish communities, as well as by non-Jewish friends of Israel, in all the countries where we conduct Bond campaigns."

They added, "It also expresses the confidence of thousands of institutional investors, including banks, pension funds and other employee benefit funds, who invest in our securities, in Israel's economic stability."

In a message to Israel's Finance Minister Nissim, they joined with other key officers of the Bond Organization in expressing the hope that "our outstanding 1987 Bond result will help Israel to continue moving forward from the economic stability achieved this past year to new growth."

They added: "On behalf of all our dedicated leaders and volunteers, our Bond purchasers

and our devoted professional staff, we congratulate you, Mr. Minister, on your successful and ongoing achievements in strengthening Israel's economy which enhances Israel's security and its future."

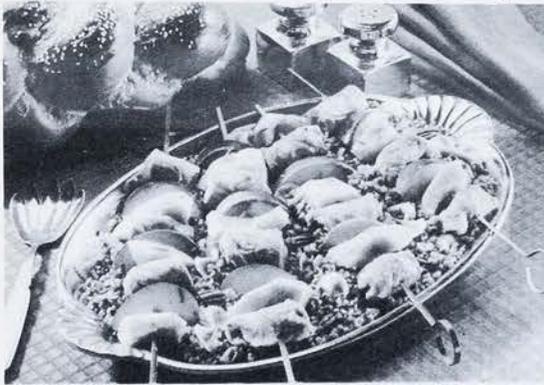
The Rhode Island and Southeastern, Massachusetts Israel Bond Organization, through the sale of Israel bonds and other financial instruments, sold \$4,278,750 for the 1987 campaign. A total of \$604 million was raised in the United States and Canada.

Daniel S. Kaplan, R.I. state chairman, said "The Israel bond program is unusual because our support comes from both the Jewish and non-Jewish communities. Israel Bond instruments are purchased by individuals and institutions representing a broad spectrum of our community." He added, "We can take pride in our accomplishments for 1987, but cannot rest on our laurels. We must, and will, make every effort to assure that 1988 (Israel's 40th anniversary) will be a banner year for Israel and the Israel Bond campaign."

Kaplan added that since 1951, more than \$8.5 billion in bond proceeds have provided for Israel's economic development and over \$4.5 billion in matured bonds has been repaid in full and on time by the government of Israel.



Kasha As a Traditional Heritage



Kasha Varnishkas with Turkey-fruit Kebabs

Kasha Memories Take On New Meaning

"Grandma, would you show me how to make Varnishkas?" is an unanticipated question that's being asked more frequently than you might imagine. In some cases, the request is made by grandsons and granddaughters who are participants in the revival of orthodoxy. In establishing their first kosher kitchens, many of these cooks are eager to learn how to prepare traditional foods such as buckwheat-based Varnishkas that have been a part of their holiday meals but not part of their personal culinary repertoire.

Less conservative cooks also want to learn their grandmother's (and in some cases, their grandfather's) cooking secrets for Varnishkas and other traditional dishes before they lose the opportunity for these firsthand cooking lessons. Often grandmother's favorites haven't been written down. These traditional recipes were learned in the kitchen, often without specific measurements. Food traditions are a significant element in the oral history that many families record before the rich details of their personal and culinary family heritage are lost forever.

In many cases, the ability to prepare these traditional dishes has already skipped a generation. Maybe your grandmother always brings Varnishkas to the family gatherings. But in between such festive feasts, kasha hasn't been something prepared by either daughter or granddaughters. "Why eat cheap kasha when we can afford to buy frozen heat-and-eat fancy rice combinations?" is a prevalent attitude of many busy career-oriented mothers.

Only recently has Bernice realized that she really doesn't know exactly how her mother prepared the Varnishkas that she's always brought to family gatherings. As her family recently visited around the holiday table, it was Bernice's 25-year-old daughter who started asking her grandmother about Varnishkas.

In this particular family, Varnishkas "goes back" to Kiev, where Varnishkas was an everyday, not a holiday dish. When this combination of fluffy kernels of kasha and homemade bow-shaped pasta was prepared, it was sometimes served as a sidedish to accompany meats such as brisket. Other times, especially when the family faced hardship, kasha was the meal. Bits of leftover meat were added to provide additional protein, although buckwheat itself is a rich source of plant protein.

This recipe for Varnishkas pairs kasha, the nutrient-dense toasted buckwheat kernels, with bow-shaped pasta plus our updated additions of pecans, apple juice, and poultry seasoning. This flavorful pilaf complements easily-made turkey kebabs, in keeping with the trend toward lighter meats. While the kasha is steaming, the turkey kebabs can be assembled and broiled. Dinner can easily be on the table in less than 30 minutes.

Kasha Varnishkas

- 1/2 cup bow-shaped pasta
- 1 cup uncooked medium, coarse or whole kasha
- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- 2 tablespoons oil or butter
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced celery
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/3 cup coarsely chopped or whole pecans
- 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon poultry seasoning

- 1 1/2 cups chicken broth
- 1/2 cup unsweetened apple juice
- salt and pepper

Before beginning kasha preparation, heat water to boiling so pasta will be cooked approximately same time as kasha is done. In large skillet or saucepan, mix egg with kasha. Stir constantly over medium heat for about two minutes or until egg is set and each grain is separate and dry. Push kasha to side of pan, add oil or butter and briefly saute celery, onion, and pecans. Add poultry seasoning, broth and apple juice. Cover pan tightly, and simmer gently over low heat for 15 minutes or until kasha grains are tender and fluffy. Before serving, season to taste with salt and pepper. Combine hot pasta with hot kasha. Top with Turkey-Fruit Kebabs.

Serves 4-5

Turkey-Fruit Kebabs

- 1 pound boneless turkey breast cutlets
 - 1 large or 2 small tart apples
 - 1 large fresh papaya, peeled and seeded
 - salt and pepper
- Basting Sauce:
- 2 tablespoons unsweetened apple juice
 - 2 tablespoons oil
 - 1 tablespoon honey
 - lime zest from one lime
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons lime juice

Cut turkey into strips about 1 1/2 inches by 3 inches. Section unpeeled apple into wedges. Cut papaya into 12 pieces. Alternate turkey, apple, and papaya on skewers, bending each turkey piece

so the skewer pierces each piece twice. Place skewers on broiling pan. Season with salt and pepper if desired. Brush on basting sauce. Broil or grill kebabs about 3 inches from heat, turning once and basting again. Broil about 8 minutes or until turkey is no longer pink. Serve over Varnishkas.

Serves 4

Another excellent accompaniment to kasha pilaf or Varnishkas is following recipe that uses economical ground turkey. Turkey Chinois won Second Prize in the recent National Buckwheat Recipe Contest.

Turkey Chinois

- 1 pound frozen ground turkey, thawed
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 2 cups chopped celery
- 1 red bell pepper, chopped
- 2 cans (15 oz. each) turkey gravy
- 1 teaspoon ground sage
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
- Reduced-sodium soy sauce (optional)

Varnishkas or Kasha Pilaf
Use above recipe for Varnishkas or prepare kasha pilaf following package directions.

In large skillet, steam onion, celery, and peppers with a small amount of water until soft. Add thawed crumbled turkey and saute until turkey is no longer pink. Stir in gravy. Add sage. Cover and simmer slowly for 15 minutes. Before serving, sprinkle with chopped parsley. Serve over Varnishkas or Kasha Pilaf. If desired, pass reduced sodium soy sauce.

Serves 4-5.

AMIT Women Shabbat

NEW YORK, N.Y. — A special "AMIT Women Shabbat" will be celebrated in synagogues across the country on Shabbat Shirah, January 30, 1988 in continuation of AMIT Women's strong 1988 Membership Campaign, it was announced here by AMIT President Daisy Berman.

The celebration will include sermons by rabbis and "Oneg Shabbat" gatherings focusing on the education and child care provided by AMIT Women's network of 20 facilities in Israel, as well as its active role in Jewish communal life in the United States.

"We felt it appropriate for this nation's major religious women's Zionist organization to observe Shabbat Shirah because of the focus in the Torah and Haftarah readings on women's initiative," Mrs. Berman said. "The Song of Miriam, Moses' sister, and Deborah, the prophetess, are highlights of these readings. In their tradition, AMIT Women has, since its inception, assumed a leadership role in providing for the needs of Israel's future citizens and in combating anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism. Our aim is to help Israel flourish and grow, which makes this Shabbat Shirah particularly appropriate to AMIT Women."

Communities throughout the United States will be participating in the Shabbat Shirah/AMIT Shabbat, according to Shevi Cohen of West Hempstead, N.Y. and Brenda Kalter of Woodmere, N.Y., AMIT Women National Membership Chairwomen. The Membership Drive is headed by these two AMIT leaders.

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by Robert Israel

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Up until a decade ago, newspapers discouraged photographs which included the groom and even cut him out of paired photographs. This is not the case at this newspaper, but the Providence Journal-Bulletin, however, does not accept photographs of bride and groom.

As with the Herald, it is important to obtain a form from the Journal-Bulletin in advance. You may do this by telephoning their offices at 277-7000.

Like the Journal-Bulletin, this newspaper will include the basic information about the wedding, names of bride and groom, names of parents and grandparents, education, occupation, wedding date and location place, attendants, future home town, and honeymoon destination.



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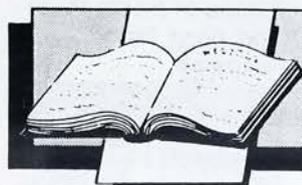
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Books in Review

The Fifty Year Silence Of Henry Roth

Shifting Landscape: A Composite. By Henry Roth; edited with an introduction by Mario Materassi. Jewish Publication Society, 1930 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103. xviii, 301 pages. \$19.95

Reviewed by Diane Cole

In 1934, the 28-year-old Henry Roth delivered into the world his masterfully conceived and beautifully executed first novel, *Call It Sleep*, a lyrical evocation of Jewish immigrant family life on New York's Lower East Side as seen through the eyes of a boy whose childhood experience closely resembled that of Roth himself. Roth has not published another full-length work since then.

Through the years Roth's silence has become almost as famous as his novel. *Shifting Landscape* does not break that silence, so much as it attempts to chronicle and explain it. Mario Materassi, the book's editor, has done so by bringing together every story, essay, and article by Roth that appeared in print both before and after the publication of *Call It Sleep*. Moreover, Materassi has made a coherent whole out of these widely diverse pieces — some of them brilliant, others no more than interesting bits and scraps — by linking them with introductory comments and

excerpts from author interviews and correspondence.

What emerges is a picture of a vastly talented writer who, after early success, found himself confused and burdened by a sudden inability to bring all but the shortest works to completion. At one point, he destroyed the first part of a second novel — for which he had already received an advance from Maxwell Perkins. For fourteen years, between 1939 and 1954, he published nothing at all.

In *Shifting Landscape*, we hear Roth rehearse and revise the reasons behind his silence again and again: He stopped writing because his affiliation with the Communist Party led him to write about proletarian, politically "correct" subjects that were not suitable to him artistically; such romantic, misguided political associations ruined not just him, but a whole generation of writers, he believes.

Further, he says in another interview, he possessed, obsessive state of mind in which he wrote *Call It Sleep* made its composition relatively easy; by comparison, writing short stories for the magazines was hard work, and work he did not enjoy. Then again, he admits elsewhere, perhaps it was some terrible anxiety within him that would not allow him to finish what he started. Amateur psychologists may come up with still other explanations of their own.

In addition to chronicling Roth's

internal struggle as a writer, *Shifting Landscape* documents the author's changing relationship to Judaism, from total assimilationist to supporter of Israel. In a statement in 1963, Roth went so far as to suggest that "to the great boons Jews have already conferred upon humanity, Jews in America might add this last and greatest one: of orienting themselves toward ceasing to be Jews." In interviews, Jews were not "we," but "they."

But during a trip to Spain in 1965, Roth conceived the notion of writing a book about the Inquisition; although he never finished that work, a widely anthologized story from that time, "The Surveyor," dramatizes the search by a non-religious middle-aged man much like Roth for a part of the Jewish past. And after the 1967 war, Roth declared himself a "partisan" of Israel and became a frequent visitor there.

Is there some connection between Roth's rediscovery of this aspect of himself and his coming to terms with his identity as a writer? For evidently, in recent years, he has been able to overcome his various difficulties sufficiently to work on a sustained piece of writing once again — a long work that will combine fiction with autobiography and the jottings in his personal journal. But he does not wish it to be published in his lifetime, Roth has told Materassi. He will keep his silence until the end.

Emil Fackenheim And The Possibility Of Faith

What is Judaism: An Interpretation for the Present Age. Emil L. Fackenheim. Summit Books, 1230 Avenue of the Americas, New York, N.Y. 10020. 1987. 320 pages. \$18.95.

The Jewish Thought of Emil Fackenheim: A Reader. Edited, with an Introduction, by Michael L. Morgan. Wayne State University Press, Leonard N. Simons Building, 5959 Woodward Ave., Detroit, Mich. 48202. 1987. 394 pages. \$39.95 (cloth); \$15.95 (paper).

Reviewed by Charles Raffel

To introduce Judaism successfully to a wide and varied audience requires not only depth of learning and a passionate, faithful commitment but also a special gift. Emil Fackenheim, the distinguished philosopher and man of faith now living in Israel, is blessed with this special gift: the innate ability to speak profoundly from the heart as well as the mind. Simply put, Fackenheim's most recent work, *What is Judaism*, is the most profound and compelling introduction to Jewish faith available to the contemporary reader.

The strategy or plan of the book focuses on an extended explanation of the Zohar's famous dictum, "God, Torah and Israel are one." Fackenheim introduces and gently guides the reader from an appreciation of the community of Israel, to the possibility of accepting the Torah and ultimately to the reality of a faithful encounter with God. The initial point of departure, Israel, involves a compassionate examination of the modern "ordinary" Jew who is committed to "the determination that Israel shall not go under," but can make no sense of Jewish religious faith after the events of the Holocaust. The reader is then guided from the problem of faith to the possibility of faith by a sensitive and honest master teacher.

The possibility of a faith-experience leads to the possibility of revelation. Fackenheim, who confesses his life-long love affair with Midrash,

cites the following in order to highlight a contemporary understanding of revelation: "When is the Torah given? Whenever a person receives it." He then proceeds to explain how a Jew lives according to Torah in chapters on the covenant, *halacha*, study, ethics, prayer, and the cycle of the Jewish year. These chapters are not intended as comprehensive codes of Jewish observance, but rather to provide a comprehensible background for an appreciation of the relationship between Jewish faith and practice.

This masterly work leads only in its final step to God for, in contrast to Genesis, "a book on Judaism for a Jew today . . . cannot begin but only end with God." For Fackenheim, "the ultimate principle of Judaism is the intimacy of the divine infinity." The reality of the state of Israel, after Auschwitz, comes close to restoring the promise of faith for the contemporary Jew.

Fackenheim's approach to Judaism transcends denominational labels, yet it is firmly rooted in tradition. His traditional approach is open and in search of innovation. After citing the midrash which defines a Jew as "one who opposes idols," Fackenheim, the Holocaust survivor who now dwells in Jerusalem, feels compelled to invent his own midrash: "Who is a Jew? One who hopes."

What is Judaism concludes with an annotated bibliography for a basic, personal Judaica library. The one hundred and twenty suggestions are astute and practical. One additional, recent volume deserves to be mentioned. Michael Morgan's loving and thoughtful anthology, *The Jewish Thought of Emil Fackenheim: A Reader*, which deserves an examination and appreciation beyond the scope possible here, offers both a systematic introduction to Fackenheim's thought and an advance seminar on his philosophic consistency. The reader who is enticed by the power and beauty of Fackenheim's Judaism is invited here to enjoy an

extended and intimate encounter with Judaism's Fackenheim. This impressive and admirable anthology reveals the full range of issues which occupy the mind and heart of one of contemporary Jewry's most probing and passionate thinkers.

Carolyn J. Schwartz Elected

Carolyn J. Schwartz of Pawtucket was elected co-chairperson of the 200-member Coalition of Consumer Self Advocates at their annual meeting Dec. 19 at Mental Health Association headquarters.

Ms. Schwartz, author of "Reason from Rhyme," a fund-raising book of poetry, is also the newsletter editor on the committee for the Consumer Run Drop-In Center due to open this month in Providence.

All those who have used mental health services are welcome to the group's next meeting at Mental Health Association, 89 Park Street, Providence at 11 a.m. on Saturday, January 23.

Membership is free. Peer support and advocacy is offered. Call 728-0883 after 2 p.m.

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Discussion Series At Barrington Public Library

Short stories from *Esquire Magazine* will be featured in a discussion series this winter at the Barrington Public Library. Librarians Lauri Burke and Joan Schaefer will lead discussions on nineteen stories from the anthology: *Great Esquire Fiction*. Programs will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7:30-9 p.m. at the Library. The schedule is as follows:

January 19 — Grace Paley, *The Long Distance Runner*. William Styron, *Shadrach*.

January 26 — Joy Williams, *The Lover*. Vance Bourjaily, *The Amish Farmer*.

February 2 — John Barth, *The Remobilization of Jacob Horner*. Philip Roth, *Very Happy Poems*.

February 9 — Isaac Bashevis Singer, *The Spinoza of Market Street*. Flannery O'Connor, *Parker's Back*.

February 16 — Stanley Elkin, *I Look Out for Ed Wolfe*. Bruce Jay Friedman, *Black Angels*.

February 23 — Norman Mailer, *The Language of Men*. Tim O'Brien, *Ghost Soldiers*.

March 1 — Henry Miller, *The Misfits*. Richard Ford, *Rock Springs*.

March 8 — Joyce Carol Oates, *Ich Bin Ein Berliner*; Ernest Hemingway, *Horns of the Bull*.

March 15 — John Cheever, *Death of Justina*. Barry Targan, *Harry Belton and the Mendelssohn Violin Concerto*.

Register for this series during the week of January 11. Participation is limited to 25 people, so call or come into the library as early in the week as possible to register.

Dvorah Dayan Club

A meeting of Dvorah Dayan Club of Na'amat USA will be held on Monday evening, January 18 at 7:45 p.m. at the home of Gertrude Diwinsky, 175 Sessions St. This will be our Annual Planning Meeting. Prospective members are welcome.

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Arts & Entertainment



Tri-National Exchange Between Israel, U.S. And Canada

"Independence and Interdependence," a series of international arts festivals and tours that will bring seven Israeli theater, music, and dance troupes to the United States and Canada, and eight American performing arts troupes to Israel, was announced by George M. Zeltzer, President of the National Foundation for Jewish Culture. Other projects including "New Arts From Israel," produced in collaboration with Dance Theater Workshop, are also being planned.

The \$4 million program, sponsored by the National Foundation for Jewish Culture in the United States and Omanut La'am (Art for the People) in Israel, was created to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Israel's Independence. The National Foundation for Jewish Culture and Omanut La'am were brought together by the CRB Foundation of Montreal, which is providing major funding for the project.

"The anniversary provides an excellent opportunity to call attention to the extraordinary creativity of Israel's most

important performing and creative artists," said Zeltzer. "The exchange offers an unusual chance to create a dialogue between Israeli and American artists, scholars, critics, and audiences."

In addition to tours of North America by Israeli performing arts groups, the year will be highlighted by three-day festivals in Philadelphia, San Francisco and New York that will explore and celebrate Jewish contributions to theatre, literature, music, and dance. The events will include performances, seminars, workshops, lectures and film screenings. The first, "Memory and Creativity: Jewish Tradition in the Contemporary Arts," which takes place in Philadelphia in spring 1988, will explore the influence of Jewish tradition on contemporary performing arts.

In fall 1988, an international literature conference will take place in San Francisco where writers, poets, playwrights, scholars, critics and performers will gather; the theme of this three-day event is "Response and Responsibility: The Role of the Writer in the Jewish Community." The third festival, "Themes and Variations: The Jewish Experience in Music of the 20th Century," which takes place in New York City in spring 1989, will examine the forms and meaning of classical, contemporary, and ethnic Jewish music.

The Israeli companies participating in this unique multidisciplinary exchange include (1) theater: the Haifa Municipal Theatre and Yoram Boker Mime Theater; (2) music: Habrera Hativit, Rinat National Choir, and Mizmorim Ethnic

Music Ensemble; (3) dance: Inbal Dance Theatre of Israel and Jerusalem Tamar Dance Theater. These artists and companies will tour more than 40 cities across the U.S. and Canada. (Dates and places to be announced.)

Established in 1959 to preserve, encourage, and disseminate Jewish culture resources, the National Foundation for Jewish Culture provides support for Jewish scholarship and publications, and is committed to creating programs to encourage creativity in the arts. In 1986/87 the Foundation sponsored "Creativity and Continuity: Jewish Culture in America" in the United States which was highlighted by "Jews and Judaism in Dance," four days of performances, workshops, and seminars at the Joyce Theater and the 92nd Street Y in New York City.

The CRB Foundation, established in 1986 by Charles R. Brofman, is dedicated to the unity of Jewish people everywhere whose soul is in Jerusalem. "We conceive this venture as the launching of the next 40 years of Israel-Diaspora cooperation," said Stephen P. Cohen, President of the CRB Foundation. "This generation has the exciting challenge of creating a new Jewish culture through the arts and literature."

Additional funding for "Independence and Interdependence" has been provided by the U.S.A.'s National Endowment for the Humanities and the Israel Committee for the 40th Anniversary.

Independence And Interdependence Participating Artists

Yoram Boker Mime Troupe (Tel Aviv) — Yoram Boker's three person mime troupe combines pantomime, choreography and music to create expressive, nonverbal theater. Troupe members use body flexibility and vivid facial expressions to convey messages about subjects as diverse as religion, politics, rock music, the evolution of man, the life of actors, and geometric shapes.

Habrera Hativit (Be'er Yaacov) — Formed in 1976 by Shlomo Bar, Habrera Hativit ("The Gathering") is well known for its performances of ethno-fusion Israeli music. Playing on a wide range of instruments, from sitars to electric guitars to tablas, and combining such diverse forms as biblical psalms, Jewish mystical writings and modern Hebrew poetry, the group unites many of the cultures represented in Israel.

Haifa Municipal Theatre (Haifa) — Since 1961, the Haifa Municipal Theatre has been dedicated to presenting contemporary Israeli plays, performed by Arab as well as Israeli Jews, dealing with topical issues. Its 1985 production of Joshua Sobel's "Soul of a Jew," a memory play about a 23-year-old tormented Viennese Jew who published his pro-Aryan credo in 1903, was the first Israeli theatre piece to be produced in Germany. It also received critical acclaim when it opened the 1983 Edinburgh Festival. Haifa Municipal Theatre will present this play, as well as other selected works, during its American tour.

Inbal Dance Theatre of Israel (Tel Aviv) — In 1949, after 2500 years of living in total isolation from the rest of the Jewish world, the entire Yemenite Jewish population was flown to Israel from the Southwest corner of the Arabian peninsula. To assure the continuity of Yemenite dance and music, Sara Levi-Tanai founded INBAL ("tongue of the bell"), a

dance company whose members are either Yemenite-born or Israeli-born of Yemenite parentage. INBAL's programs are based on Bible stories, Yemenite and shepherd dances, folk songs and religious chants. Traditional music, played on ancient instruments such as the Oude, the Shofar, the Chang and various flutes, drums, and tambourines, accompanies the dancing.

Jerusalem Tamar Dance Theatre (Jerusalem) — Tamar ("date palm tree") was formed in September 1987 in response to Jerusalem's need for its own dance company. Dedicated to performing a wide range of dance, from neo-classical ballet to post-modern dance to dance theatre dealing with contemporary issues, the ten member company performs works by Israeli and foreign choreographers.

Mizmorim Ethnic Music Ensemble (communities throughout Israel) — Presenting a vast array of middle-eastern music including Persian and Arabic melodies, Yemenite folk music, and Tunisian and Algerian folk music. The group's ten musicians represent Israel's different ethnic groups including its Iranian, Yemenite, Moroccan and Sephardic populations.

Rinat National Choir (Tel Aviv) — Founded in 1955 by conductor Gary Bertini, RINAT was named the National Choir of Israel in 1975. The choir's repertoire is diverse, ranging from Renaissance/Baroque, Classical Romantic, Liturgical and Symphonic to folk music and works by modern Israeli composers. The choir performs extensively around the world and has appeared with top conductors such as Daniel Barenboim, Leonard Bernstein, Carlo Maria Giulini, Zubin Mehta, Sir George Solti and Charles Munch. Stanley Sperber has been RINAT's conductor and music director since 1976.

Theatre Auditions At City Nights

City Nights Dinner Theatre announces open auditions for its presentation of the heartwarming classic comedy *Harvey*. The show, made famous by its movie adaptation starring Jimmy Stewart has a cast of six male roles and six female roles.

Auditions will be held at the theatre on Saturday, January 16 at 10 a.m. and Monday, January 18 at 7 p.m. Casting results will be announced by Friday, January 22. Rehearsals will begin the following week with performances on March 18, 19, 25, 26, 27, April 1, 2, 8, 9, 10.

The show is directed by Geri Sereno. This is City Nights Dinner Theatre's fourth season. It is one of the few theatres that provides a stipend payment to crew, performers and production staffing. Inquiries are always welcome for crew, actors and production people. Apprentice positions are often available.

Auditions for *Harvey* will be from the script. Those auditioning for the first time should bring if possible, a resume and photo to be kept on active file. Auditions are held approximately every six weeks.

For further information or to let the casting department know of your intention to audition, call the Box Office 723-6060, leaving name and telephone number.

Art Exhibit At Pawtucket City Hall

The Pawtucket Arts Council is sponsoring an art exhibit at Pawtucket City Hall featuring works of Council members. The exhibit is on display through March 15, 1988. The hours during which the public is invited to view the art work are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The art work on display represents various media: photographs, hand carved wooded objects, as well as paintings in

Emanu-El Hosts Peter And Anna Woolf Weekend



Peninnah Schram

Friday, January 22, through Sunday, January 24 will see Temple Emanu-El play host to internationally known story-teller, author, and teacher Peninnah Schram. Mrs. Schram will be at Emanu-El as part of the Annual Peter and Anna Woolf Weekend. The Woolf weekend is in memory of Peter and Anna Woolf who many years ago started an endowment for the purpose of educating the Temple and broader Jewish community.

This year, Temple Emanu-El is pleased to present Peninnah Schram, who has been called "the foremost storyteller of our generation." Since 1970, she has been a professional storyteller performing and conducting workshops around the country. She has produced several storytelling albums and cassettes. Her recent book, *Jewish Stories One Generation Tells Another*, was chosen as a main selection by the B'nai B'rith Jewish Book News. Peninnah Schram is an Associate Professor of Speech and Drama at Stern College of Yeshiva University in New York.

Through the masterful use of her voice, her animated facial expressions and the spoken word, Peninnah Schram reaches out to involve her listeners in the story. The storyteller tells stories she loves and the audience becomes part of a magical experience. In this way storytelling continues to strengthen the rich Jewish heritage. Peninnah Schram is truly a masterful storyteller. Her listeners become participants in creating worlds that come alive with characters and meaning. Don't miss this delight to the mind and senses.

The Woolf weekend is much more than Peninnah Schram though. It is a total Shabbat experience for all ages. The following schedule sets out the events for the entire weekend.

Friday, January 22 — 6 p.m. Services in the Main Sanctuary. Dinner in the Alperin Meeting House (call for reservations). Peninnah will present her program of Shabbat stories.

Saturday, January 23 — 10 a.m. Family services in the Main Sanctuary, followed by a Kiddush luncheon; 4:45 p.m. Minhah in the Fishbein Chapel; 5:30 p.m. Seudah Shelishit and program.

Sunday, January 24 — 10 a.m. Breakfast in the Alperin Meeting House. Peninnah will speak on "A Tapestry of Tales."

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B'nai B'rith Study Of Jackson-Vanik Amendment

A quarter century after the United Nations published a study on the right to leave a country, B'nai B'rith International has released its own study on this fundamental human right and its current application.

The B'nai B'rith study, "The Critical Human Right," was written by Dr. William Korey, director of International Policy Research for the International Council of B'nai B'rith.

It is, writes Seymour D. Reich, international president of the organization, in the foreword, "the first study in a series of monographs on vital Jewish and human rights issues which we plan to publish."

Dr. Korey states that the 1963 U.N. study, prepared for the U.N. Subcommittee on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities by Judge Jose D. Ingles, a distinguished Filipino jurist and statesman, "demonstrates in a most vivid way how, next to the right of life, the right to leave a country has been and is the most important of human rights."

"However fettered a person's liberty might be . . . and however restricted his longing for self-identity, for spiritual and cultural fulfillment, and for economic enhancement, the opportunity to leave a country and seek a haven elsewhere can provide the basis for life and human integrity."

The author points out that recognition of this right predates virtually all other human rights, beginning with Socrates, running through the Magna Carta, the French Constitution after the revolution, and a declaration by the U.S. Congress in 1868.

Dr. Korey further notes that Judge Ingles concluded in his study that disregard of the right to leave "frequently gives rise to discrimination in respect of other human rights and fundamental freedoms, resulting at times in the complete denial of these rights and freedoms."

Dr. Korey traces the enactment of the landmark Jackson-Vanik "freedom of emigration" amendment by Congress in 1974 and the discussions and negotiations that ensued between the United States and the Soviet

Union — with increased Soviet Jewish emigration as the principal goal. But contrary to a widely held view, says Korey, it was not Jackson-Vanik that ultimately elicited Soviet rejection so much as the subsequent Stevenson Amendment, which put a ceiling on allowable U.S. government credits to Moscow.

"While the understandings reached about (Jackson-Vanik) were perceived as an exchange of money (in the form of credits) for bodies," says Dr. Korey, "then it was hardly surprising that Moscow reached the conclusion that she had struck a 'bum deal' . . ." The Kremlin, he continued, "failed to react with more than the usual low-key opposition until the Stevenson Amendment was enacted."

With Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev interested in expanded trade as well as commercial ventures with the United States, and with the modest increase in Soviet Jewish emigration, how should the American Jewish community respond?

Dr. Korey calls for the rescinding of the Stevenson Amendment, which "runs totally counter to Jackson-Vanik, and is, in no way, a supplement to it. A call for revocation now would display a clear rejection of tactics that might suggest a 'Cold War' motivation."

Under what circumstances should the waiver — incorporated in Jackson-Vanik to allow the President to grant MFN to a Communist bloc country — be exercised in the case of the Soviet Union? While the United States should certainly not be oblivious to the actual numbers of Jews the Soviet Union lets out, "the crucial consideration is not a precise figure but whether or not the USSR is taking steps toward adherence to international standards concerning the right to leave a country," states Korey.

"Are obstacles to application for exit visas being eased? Are procedures being instituted for facilitating the right to leave and for removing arbitrary restrictions on the right? Are the constricting limitations of Moscow's emigration rules being lifted or modified?"

The purpose of the Jackson-Vanik waiver, Korey emphasizes, "is not to obtain immediate adherence to the right of free emigration, but rather to stimulate a step-by-step process of improved performance."

"Wisdom and prudence would suggest that the initial guideline and benchmark be formulated in a modest way so as to obtain a positive response from the beginning and to promote improvement with the passage of time. . . . What is crucial to the process is the trend-line, not the specific opening benchmark. The trend-line is the measure of 'good faith,' which is inherent in the waiver provision."

At the same time, Korey stresses, the current rate of about 8,500 a year — only a third of the average rate of Soviet Jewish emigration during the 1970s — is clearly unsatisfactory.

Has Jackson-Vanik been effective over the years? Korey points to the lifting of the Soviet education tax in the early 1970s and the removal of the Romanian education tax a decade later. The surge in Jewish emigration from Romania (granted MFN in 1975) during the summer months when Congress was conducting its annual review of that country's compliance with Jackson-Vanik also demonstrated the amendment's value.

Contemporary New England Landscapes

Bert Gallery opens the new year with a refreshing exhibit entitled, "Contemporary New England Landscapes." On view from January 10-30, will be the oil paintings of John Hagen, Ernest Principato and Joseph Szarek. A special preview will be held Sunday, January 10, from 2-4 p.m. There is no charge for admission at Bert Gallery, located in the Omni-Biltmore Hotel in downtown Providence. Regular Gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Court Asks Why Woman Not Allowed To Help Choose Rabbi

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Mayor Shlomo Lehat and the Tel Aviv City Council have been ordered by Israel's Supreme Court to show cause why a woman should not be allowed to sit on the local committee that will nominate the city's next Ashkenazic chief rabbi.

Lehat had originally favored a woman on the committee, but reversed himself under pressure from Likud party headquarters and Orthodox leaders. The high court issued its injunction at the request of the Center Movement, a new moderate political party that Lehat founded before rejoining his original party, Likud.

His vote was crucial in

preventing the election of a woman to the nominating committee. The committee cannot act until there is a final ruling by the Supreme Court.

The rabbinical authorities refuse even to consider a woman participating in the election of chief rabbis, however indirectly, even though the nominating committee has no religious or rabbinical functions.

Chief Rabbi Lau of Netanya, who is considered somewhat liberal, is the favored candidate for the Tel Aviv post. He said he would not accept it if there was a woman on the committee that nominated him.

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Obituaries

JENNIE NOVICK

ROSLINDALE, Mass. — Jennie (Isenson) Novick of 1200 Centre St. died January 5. She was the wife of the late Barnett Novick.

She leaves three daughters, Cele Berger of East Providence, R.I.; Frances Rice of Needham; Emma Pliskin of Mission Viejo, Calif.; and the late Sara Bloomenthal; eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Interment services were at Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon, Mass. Arrangements were by Stanetsky Memorial Chapels, Brookline, Mass.

Third Annual Concert To End The Arms Race

The Charleston String Quartet in an all-Beethoven program with special guest, Robert J. Lurtsema (host of *Morning Pro Musica*, WGBH, Boston) Sunday, January 17, 8 p.m. at Brown University's Alumnae Hall in Providence.

Tickets: General admission \$10; Circle of Friends \$25, \$50, \$100 (includes invitation to post-concert reception with performers and Robert J. Lurtsema). To benefit the American Friends Service Committee/R.I. office. Reservations call (401) 751-4488.

Raiders Of Le Pen Paper Claim To Be Jewish

PARIS (JTA) — A self-proclaimed commando group of Jewish youths raided the office here of a publication of the extreme right-wing National Front, smashing furniture, tearing out telephone lines and destroying part of its archives.

The group, consisting of a dozen young people, left leaflets signed "Jewish Combat Organization — Section Secondary Schools," and saying it will not "tolerate the anti-Semitic propaganda of a hoodlum like Jean Marie Le Pen." It warned anti-Semites to "tremble with fear."

The editor of the publication, Roland Gaucher, said the group burst into the offices of National Hebdo, with faces masked by scarves and wearing helmets. He said the raid lasted less than five minutes and that the group left long before the police arrived.

National Hebdo is a relatively obscure weekly supporting Le Pen's bid for the French presidency and generally close to his extreme right-wing political movement.

A communique issued December 30 to Agence France Presse said, "We shall not go into details with a man who termed the Holocaust a historic detail and who dares deny the existence of the Shoah."

The communique warned that the combat organization will continue to prevent the National Front and "all other anti-Semitic organizations" from carrying out their work throughout the presidential campaign. The elections are due to be held in May.

Jewish organizations have refused to comment on the incident while studying the facts, but Jewish leaders privately say they oppose violence in spite of their opposition to Le Pen and all he stands for.

For Touro Members

Touro Fraternal Association will present A Free Frank and Beans Dinner with all the fixins at Vasa Hall in Cranston for members only on January 27, 1988 at 6:30 p.m.

An initiation of candidates will take place following dinner.

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Tehila Elpern Appointed Executive Director Of NA'AMAT USA

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Tehila Elpern of New York City has been appointed Executive Director of NA'AMAT USA (formerly Pioneer Women/Na'amat), the Women's Labor Zionist Organization of America, Inc. She succeeds Shoshonna Ebstein, also of New York, who retired effective January 1, capping a 25-year professional career, including almost ten years of dedicated service to NA'AMAT USA.

In making the announcement, national president Gloria Elbling, of Pittsburgh, Pa., praised the "intelligence, commitment and loyalty" of NA'AMAT's outgoing director, Mrs. Ebstein. She then went on to welcome Mrs. Elpern, whom she described as an "experienced administrator with a background rich in Jewish traditions and Zionist values that make her ideally suited to achieving the objectives of NA'AMAT USA."

Part of an 800,000 worldwide movement of working women and volunteers, NA'AMAT USA was founded in the United States in 1925 as Pioneer Women. Committed to strengthening Israel, it raises millions of dollars annually to help finance over 1,000 educational, vocational, child care and social service installations operated throughout Israel by its sister organization, NA'AMAT Israel. On the home front, NA'AMAT USA also carries out educational and social action programs on major domestic issues, including the struggle to advance the rights and status of women.

B'nai B'rith Labels U.S. Support

NEW YORK — The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith labeled as "misguided and counter-productive" the United States support of a United Nations Security Council resolution asking Israel not to deport nine Palestinians involved in violence in the territories.

Noting that the United States Government has helped bring the region closer to peace "by demonstrating unequivocally over the years that the U.S.-Israel relationship is steadfast," Abraham H. Foxman, ADL's national director, warned that the U.S. vote "can renew illusions in the Arab world about weakened American support for Israel and military victories over the Jewish State."

He went on to say that "reactionist elements in the Arab camp will be heartened by the



Tehila Elpern - Executive Director of NA'AMAT USA.

On assuming her new post, Mrs. Elpern said, "To be part of the Women's Labor Zionist Organization of America is like coming home. Although many volunteer organizations are currently going through difficult times, I believe NA'AMAT USA will remain strong because it offers a timely, issue-oriented program that appeals to the woman of today, struggling for equality and social justice."

Born in Chicago, Mrs. Elpern lived in Israel from 1959 through 1973. After earning a B.S. from Hebrew University in Jerusalem in 1964, she was a member of Kibbutz Haterim near Beersheba, then subsequently served as an administrator of one of Israel's first science-based industries, Ames-Yissim Ltd., before returning to the United States.

unanimous adoption of a resolution which fails to mention Arab violence and hostility. They will undoubtedly read it as a success achieved through violence, not diplomacy — a message not easily undone."

Mr. Foxman further stated that the UN resolution fails to take into account Israel's total responsibility for security in the territories. He pointed out that paragraph 2 of Article 49 of the Fourth Geneva Convention, dealing with people in occupied territories, "specifically allows for such action as Israel is taking if 'imperative military reasons so demand.' The fact that only nine Palestinians, all with long-time involvement in violence, are scheduled for deportation points up Israel's restraint."

New Issue Of Israel Bonds Proposed

JERUSALEM — A \$500 million government bond issue to provide loans for investors in Israel's development towns and other depressed areas has been proposed by the president of the World Sephardi Federation.

Nessim Gaon of Geneva urged that the State of Israel bonds organization create a "special line" of bonds to provide economic opportunities for half a million residents of poor neighborhoods and development towns.

Asserting that this need could not be met through normal fundraising drives abroad, Mr. Gaon said in an address here: "This proposal would close the circle of Project Renewal by providing the tools to help thousands of families become self-supporting, and help their neighborhoods grow and prosper."

Mayors Enthusiastic

The World Sephardi leader said he had discussed the idea with a number of development town mayors "and they enthusiastically support it."

The bonds would be issued in denominations of \$1,000 to \$5,000 and pay 4 percent interest for 20 years. Under Mr. Gaon's plan, proceeds from the sale of the bonds could be used as "buffer capital" for loans to investors who need short-term credit before they fulfill their investment commitments. Loans would also go to low-income families that want to launch small-business ventures but lack the necessary funds.

The mayors of development towns benefiting from the sale of this special bond issue would be responsible for insuring that the "buffer loans" and similar credits were sound and investment-worthy, according to Mr. Gaon's plan.

A prominent industrialist who also heads the State of Israel bond drive in Switzerland, Mr. Gaon said he believed selling the "special line" of bonds would "not raise any difficulty."

"Subscribers to the bond issue would know they were helping Israel complete the challenge of Project Renewal. I believe they would find this proposal very attractive," he said, adding:

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"For the development town mayors, the bonds would provide a resource for realizing the aspirations of their people. Too often today, these mayors see students leave, soldier, back from military service become unemployed and families move away.

"In my judgment," Mr. Gaon concluded, "such a bold new venture is the essence of Zionism. If we strengthen these towns and neighborhoods, we will complete the absorption of half a million immigrants from the 1950's who still live there. We will open them to new technology and encourage further aliyah."



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**Senator Chafee
Pelted In West Bank**

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Jerusalem's main thoroughfare, from where they threw rocks at Israeli vehicles. Five Arab youths were arrested in Beit Hanina, north of Jerusalem, after they pelted an Egged bus with stones. A 17-year-old girl was injured and hospitalized. The IDF announced, meanwhile, that 15 more residents of the administered territories have been placed in administrative detention. They can be held for up to six months without formal charges.

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**NCJW Study Of Mothers
In The Workplace**

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Findings from a nationwide survey by the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) provide strong evidence that employers who accommodate the needs and concerns of pregnant workers are repaid by higher productivity. The study — "Mothers in the Workplace" — was undertaken by the NCJW Center for the Child, a research institute of the National Council of Jewish Women. Interviews with 2,620 working women in the last trimester of their pregnancies were conducted by trained NCJW volunteers in nearly 100 communities across the country. The national sample includes women from all social, economic, ethnic, and occupational backgrounds. "Until recently, employers didn't have to contend with large numbers of women working late into their pregnancies. Now, with over 50 million women in the labor force, some 1.7 million becoming pregnant each year, and most continuing to work during pregnancy, employers simply can't avoid the issue," said James T. Bond, Director of the NCJW Center for the Child. "We found that employers who are responsive to the needs of these workers reap considerable benefits in the form

of increased job satisfaction and higher productivity. These findings should give managers in both the public and private sectors food for thought as they weigh costs versus benefits in developing human resource policies." The study examined a broad range of workplace accommodations that are responsive to the immediate needs and larger concerns of pregnant workers: health insurance coverage, paid sick time, flexible scheduling, maternity and parental leave, wage replacement during leave, child care assistance, and the responsiveness of supervisors to difficulties that may arise during pregnancy. In the national sample, 73% of women whose employers were highly accommodating of their pregnancies reported that they were very satisfied with their jobs. In contrast, only 41% of women in unaccommodating workplaces were very satisfied. Pregnant workers in accommodating workplaces were also found to be more productive on the job. They were less often absent from work due to illness and they less often felt ill when they were at work. They were more likely to report spending unpaid time doing work related to their

jobs. Moreover, they worked much later into pregnancy than women in unaccommodating workplaces: 79% of women with highly accommodating workplaces were still on the job when interviewed in the third trimester of pregnancy, while only 55% of women with unaccommodating workplaces were still working. "All of these findings point toward tangible economic benefits for employers who are responsive to the needs and concerns of pregnant workers," said Shirley I. Leviton, Chairwoman, NCJW Center for the Child Advisory Board. "As employers become increasingly dependent upon the labor of women who are bearing and raising children and as women's expectations increase, employers will have to face the need for accommodations in the workplace." More detailed research findings are presented in a report — "Accommodating Pregnancy in the Workplace" — available free of charge from the NCJW Center for the Child, 15 E. 26th St., New York, NY 10010. Other findings from interviews with pregnant workers and new mothers will be released in coming months.

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U.S. Criticism Of Israel Will Not Help Peace Process

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The speaker was Benjamin Netanyahu, Israel's ambassador to the United Nations. The place: Bar-Ilan University in Ramat Gan, Israel, where the Israeli diplomat was guest speaker at a year-end meeting on current issues in Israeli life.

Ambassador Netanyahu sharply attacked what he called the PLO's "provocative activities" in fomenting violence in Judea, Samaria and Gaza.

"Fresh bodies — even if they are of Arab children — are exactly what the PLO wants in order to prevent a peace settlement," he declared.

In response to questions from Israeli and foreign journalists, Ambassador Netanyahu said that while there might have been spontaneous elements in the demonstrations, the riots "would never have been so violent — nor lasted so long — if they had not been thoroughly planned and organized."

"Masked PLO terrorists went into the schools, forcing boys and girls out into the streets," he said.

"Once this kind of situation is created, the rest can be (1) The PLO's purpose is to destroy Israel — not merely to create a Palestinian state.

(2) The PLO fears losing access to the hundreds of millions of dollars it gets from Arab states to continue its 'struggle.'

(3) The PLO refuses to relinquish power over those whom it has terrorized into silence."

Commenting on proposals that the United Nations police the troubled areas, Ambassador Netanyahu told the Bar-Ilan University audience:

"The responsibility for keeping order in the territories is Israel's alone, and we will not countenance any interference by the UN or anyone else — nor would any other sovereign government."

On the legality of Israel's decision to deport nine Palestinians charged with inciting to violence, Ambassador Netanyahu told questioners: "The Geneva Convention was formulated against the background of World War II, when mass populations were deported and displaced. Here we are talking about a small number of rioters, individually charged for fomenting the most serious disturbances."

"Israel holds that the Geneva Convention does not prevent us from expelling these criminals."

Hadassah Doctors Actively Treating Prominent Iranians

JERUSALEM — Prominent Iranians — including members of the Ayatollah Khomeini's family — have travelled secretly to Israel for medical care, doctors at the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center here have disclosed.

Treatment of the Iranians came to light as Dr. Shaul Feldman, head of the Medical Center's Neurology Department, denied reports in a Kuwaiti daily newspaper, Eldai El-Am, that a team of five Israeli doctors had saved the life of Iran's militant spiritual leader, the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

Dr. Feldman said "tens" of Iranians had been treated at the Medical Center and other Israeli hospitals since the Ayatollah and his Islamic fundamentalist followers seized power in 1979 from Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi.

"They come with all kinds of illnesses, and many arrive in devious ways," according to Dr. David Ben Ezra, an eye specialist at the Center. He said Iranian patients have included both Jews and non-Jews, but "most are people of means or are connected to the upper echelons of those in power."

Dr. Ben Ezra said many of the

Iranians treated at the Medical Center at Ein Karem cross the border into Afghanistan secretly and make their way through Turkey to Israel. Others fly to Europe and then on to Israel, changing airlines and destinations frequently to hide their final destination, he reported.

Dr. Joseph Schenker, head of the Medical Center's Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, said he had treated an Iranian woman who is a "very close relation" of the Ayatollah. Accompanied by her husband, the patient had a special room in the Center's private wing that is wryly called "The Persian Private Medical Service" because of the number of Iranians who have been treated there.

Dr. Schenker said that special precautions were taken to insure the couple's privacy, but security broke down when an Iranian immigrant passing in the hall caught a brief glimpse of the woman's husband and recognized him instantly. "He couldn't believe his eyes," Dr. Schenker said of the immigrant. "We had to see to it that he didn't tell anybody."

One of Dr. Ben Ezra's more notable Iranian patients was a high-ranking air force officer who suffered from partial blindness. In a nation where consumption of

alcohol is forbidden, the officer had drunk whiskey adulterated with methanol, which resulted in his treatable, and temporary, sightlessness.

The Medical Center, the pacesetter for medical care in Israel and the only facility of its kind between Paris and Tokyo, also has treated patients from Syria, Iraq, Libya, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Abu Dhabi.

Dr. Schenker helped colleagues in Jordan establish their own in vitro fertilization program and Medical Center specialists in a range of disciplines work with their counterparts in Jordan and in Judea and Samaria.

"I haven't visited Iran nor have I heard of doctors who have since the revolution," Dr. Ben Ezra said in response to the Kuwaiti press report. Dr. Schenker concurred, and added: "I am certain that if Israeli doctors were asked and were given all the necessary guarantees for their safety, they would not hesitate to go."



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