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Young Envoys From Israel Dispel Misconceptions

by Sandra Silva

Do you eat monkey brains in Israel? Do you wear sheets? Turbans? Must women always wear veils? How old do you have to be to operate a camel and how do you 'park' it so it won't run away? It wouldn't be easy to keep a straight face while answering questions like these but four Israeli high-school students who have the mission of dispelling myths surrounding life in Israel had to give it a try during presentations they gave at local high schools last week.

The students are part of a program that has been in effect for 15 years and is one of the most successful programs to explain Israel to the rest of the world. The students travel in pairs, one male and one female. Their five week mission in the U.S. is to meet with as many non-Jewish groups as possible and discuss their lives in Israel.

"We talk about what Israel is like, what our lives are like and try to connect the Jews in Israel to the Jews in America. We will talk about the PLO, but we do not spread any official opinion. Anything we say represents our own opinions and experiences," explained Atara Re'em of Haifa.

"We are not here to represent official Israeli policies, not as ambassadors," emphasized Yair

Altman who is from Kiriat Ono. "The government did not teach us what to say but how to say it — basic public speaking."

"Yes," said Ariel Nachman with a direct look and a smile, "they taught us how to talk to journalists."

Even without discussion official policies there is still a lot to talk about. There are many misconceptions surrounding life in Israel. Some people think of Israel as a desert and the Israelis as nomadic Arabs. "They ask not if but how we make our buildings out of mud," laughs Ayelet Bechar of Ramat Hasharon. "Can you imagine thirty-five story buildings made out of mud? Incredible! So we try to explain to them that Israel is a very Westernized area and that we live and dress not so differently from them."

"There are also many misconceptions regarding the governing of Israel," said Ariel Nachman of Tel Aviv. "The laws in Israel are governed by religious doctrine but there are non-religious Jews living a non-religious life in Israel. Many of the students we have spoken to believed that Israel was inhabited only by devout Jews living devoutly Jewish lives. This is not the case. Two of us, Atara and myself, have chosen to live a secular life while Yair and Ayelet choose to live a religious life. Only

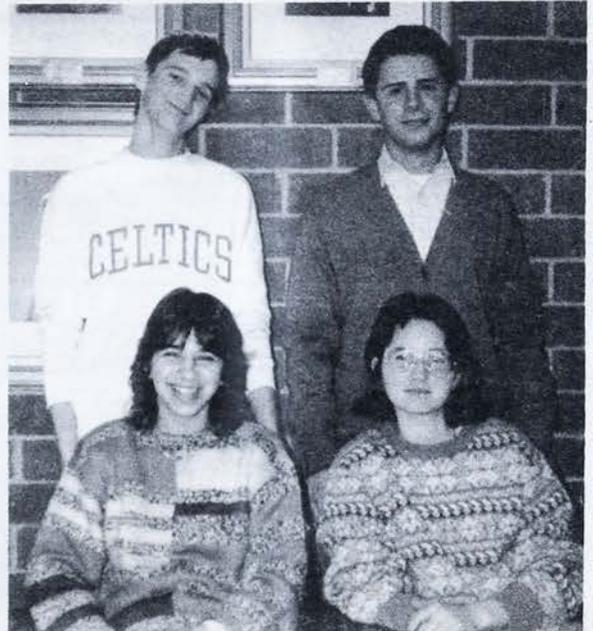
a minority of Israeli Jews are religious although Jewish religion, such as marrying within the Jewish community, is upheld within Israeli law.

"Many things close down on Saturdays such as the food markets and public transportation," sighs Atara. "It is difficult not having bus transportation but the taxis still run."

What about the political situation in Israel? "This is a hard time to be representatives for Israel," Yair said quietly. "There is much negative feeling about Israel which is due to certain misconceptions surrounding the current political situation. The media has chosen to grossly misrepresent our crisis."

"The Israeli army is one of the most humane armies in the world," emphasized Ariel. "But that is not how the media has chosen to portray it. For television they require more action, more blood to increase the ratings," he continued. "This is harming Israel very much."

"The Palestinians are not using guns because if both sides use guns it looks like a regular war. And in war," Atara explained, "the side without the guns gets more sympathy from the rest of the world. People must remember who the PLO is, especially the media



Yair Altman and Ariel Nachman with their partners, Atara Re'em and Ayelet Bechar seated in front of them.

who has taken to presenting the Israelis as the bad guys. The PLO is a terrorist group and operates as such. The PLO has access to ammunition but does not use it

because it does not fit in with its methods.

"What do you do if you are one soldier on duty and you are (continued on page 9)

A Face For Every Day Of The Week



TOTEM POLE SCULPTORS: As part of their studies on the American Indians, fourth graders at the Solomon Schechter Day School of Rhode Island created their own totems. Pictured are: (seated l. to r.) Jeremy Sadler, Joshua Ellison, Wendy Brown, Malka Resnicoff, (standing) Marc Sultzter, Nadav Mer, Jennifer Rakitt, Sydney Baram, Abby Berenson, Pamela Sinel.

European Body Condemns Israel For Violence

by Edwin Eytan

STRASBOURG, France (JTA) — The Parliament of Europe, traditionally one of the most pro-Israel international forums, overwhelmingly approved a resolution last Thursday condemning Israel for inhumane treatment of the Palestinian population of the West Bank and Gaza Strip including "torture, arbitrary arrests, reprisals and other acts of violence."

The resolution, carried by a show of hands, followed by a day the European Parliament's refusal to ratify three economic agreements Israel signed last year with the 12-nation European Community. The Parliament is the European Community's legislative body.

The Israeli Foreign Ministry expressed disappointment over the rejection of the economic protocols. A ministry spokesman said Israel hoped the deputies would differentiate between an essentially technical and economic issue, on the one hand, and their opinions of the way Israel was handling Arab unrest in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Israel has not yet reacted to last Thursday's resolution of the European Parliament, which some deputies said was the harshest condemnation of a foreign government ever voted by that body. The language is tougher than that used against South Africa and Turkey for human rights violations.

The resolution expressed

solidarity with the 82 Palestinians killed by Israeli security forces in the past three months and with "all the Palestinians in the region living in intolerable conditions."

It calls for an international peace conference with the participation of the Palestine Liberation Organization and asks the foreign ministers of the 12 E.C. member states to work toward a negotiated settlement through an international conference.

The resolution was introduced jointly by five of the Parliament's political groupings — Socialists, Christian Democrats, Conservatives, the Green Party and the Communists.

The signatories included some of Israel's best friends in Western Europe, among them Erik Blumenfeld and Otto Habsburg of West Germany, who have always supported pro-Israel resolutions and economic aid to Israel.

The tough language was, in fact, a compromise worked out in the course of debate during which some deputies urged an even stronger condemnation of Israel's behavior. Among the 20 who spoke before the vote, only Alfred Coste-Floret of France defended the Israeli government.

The tone of the speakers was such that the Parliament's president, Lord Plum, a British Conservative and longtime friend of Israel, considered a show of hands sufficient for the vote. The apparent consensus of the deputies, eyewitness

voted for the resolution.

Deputies told reporters later that "Israel must be saved from itself." Many said, "Something has happened to the Israel we know and love — the country has gone mad."

The Parliament of Europe, though it has no political power, wields considerable moral force. Its rejection last Wednesday of the economic agreements painstakingly negotiated by Israel with the 12 E.C. states over a period of two years, damages Israel economically and was a blow to its prestige.

Adding to those injuries was the accusation by the E.C. commissioner in charge of the negotiations, former French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson, that Israeli officials have not respected the terms of the economic agreements they signed.

Cheysson said that Agrexco, Israel's export agency, is still trying to maintain its monopoly of agricultural exports from the administered territories, in violation of the terms of the agreement.

The statement by the Foreign Ministry last said Israel expected clarification agreement

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Local News

Temple Emanu-El

Cantor Marcos Salman Is New Hazzan



Temple Emanu-El is pleased to announce that Cantor Marcos Salman will be the next Hazzan. Cantor Salman follows a distinguished history of Hazzanim at Emanu-El, including Jacob Hohenemser and Ivan Perlman. The Cantor has served at the Hazzan at Temple Israel in Scranton, Pennsylvania since 1981. While at Temple Israel he was responsible for a wide range of cantorial and pastoral duties.

Marcos Salman was born in

Buenos Aires, Argentina, the son of a Cantor. He began singing in the Synagogue choir at the age of six. Learning Hazzanut and music from his father, Cantor Salman began as a professional Hazzan at the age of 22. His range of liturgical music and hazzanut is impressive, as is his ability to grasp different arrangements and means of presentation.

Cantor Salman studied voice with Maestro Antonio Carrion, one of South America's leading tenors, and music with Professor Antonio D'Agostino.

Cantor Salman is a professional lyric tenor and opera singer. He has performed the first tenor parts in such operas as *Rigoletto*, *Madame Butterfly*, *The Barber of Seville*, and others.

The Cantor has conducted services throughout South and Central America. He was the Hazzan at Temple Jerusalem, one of Buenos Aires leading Temples from 1970 to 1981. In 1981, after a successful High Holyday season at Temple Israel in Scranton, he was invited to become their full-time Hazzan.

Cantor Salman is a certified public accountant, and studied at Olivos and Belgrand colleges in Argentina, as well as Buenos Aires

National University.

Temple Emanu-El hopes that the entire community will join with us in wishing Cantor Salman "Baruch Ha'Ba" — Welcome. Plan to attend Services at Emanu-El for Shabbat and Yom Tov and davven with Cantor Salman and the entire Emanu-El community.

Early Kabbalat Shabbat Services

The Early Kabbalat Shabbat Service is particularly for families with children. While all are invited and welcome, the Early Kabbalat Shabbat Service is designed to include all members of the family in the Erev Shabbat Service experience.

The Service is held once monthly. The March Service will be tomorrow, March 25. Singing begins at 5:30 p.m., the Service is at 5:45 p.m., followed by an Oneg Shabbat.

Plan to participate in this warm, special Shabbat experience.

Minyanaire Lecture

This year's highly successful minyanaire breakfast / lecture program will conclude on Sunday, March 27 with the annual Siyyum Lecture. The program is held in the Bohnen Vestry. Minyan begins at 9 a.m., breakfast at 9:30 a.m., and the lecture at 10 a.m.

The 1988 Siyyum Lecture will feature Rabbi Wayne M. Franklin. Rabbi Franklin's topic is "Interfaith Dialogue: Getting Beyond Talking."

Rabbi Franklin was installed as Senior Rabbi at Temple Emanu-El in 1981. He was ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary where he also earned a Master of Hebrew Literature Degree. He also holds a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from Yeshiva University. Adult education, counseling, conversion, intergroup relations as well as problems of aging are areas in which Rabbi Franklin has demonstrated concern. Currently he serves as President of the Rhode Island Board of Rabbis. He was the first recipient of the Tilles Award for Community Relations given by the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. Rabbi Franklin is a co-founder of the Abraham Accords, a program started to open avenues of understanding between Jews and Christians.

Please plan to attend this program. Rabbi Franklin's expertise and experience in Interfaith relations will bring this important topic to life.

Service Schedule

Passover is a special time. A time for friends and family, Seders and Grandmother's homemade

matzah balls. It is also a time for going to Services and enjoying the special melodies of Hallel, and learning from the Torah. The Officers, Board of Trustees, and Staff of Temple Emanu-El wish everyone a Hag Sameach V'Kasher. The Passover Service schedule for Temple Emanu-El is:

Friday, April 1 — 6:45 a.m. Siyyum of the first born. 6 p.m. Minnah — Fishbein Chapel.

Saturday, April 2 — 9:30 a.m. Services — Main Sanctuary. 6:15 p.m. Minnah — Fishbein Chapel.

Sunday, April 3 — 9:30 a.m. Services — Main Sanctuary. 7:15 p.m. Minnah — Fishbein Chapel.

Hol Ha'Moed daily minyan — 7 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. — Fishbein Chapel

Friday, April 8 — 9:30 a.m. Services — Main Sanctuary. 7 p.m. Minnah — Fishbein Chapel.

Saturday, April 9 — 9:30 a.m. Services — Main Sanctuary. 7:15 p.m. Minnah — Fishbein Chapel.

Temple Beth-El

Adult Education Committee

The Adult Education Committee of Temple Beth-El in Providence will open its new three-part lecture series on "Jews in an Election Year" on Tuesday evening, March 29, at 8 p.m. with a discussion of "Jews in American Politics," featuring as guest lecturer Sheila R. Decter, Executive Director of the New England Region of the American Jewish Congress.

The opening program will deal with the subjects of Jews as an American political force, their influence in the political parties and with political leadership, the coincidence of Jewish and general political issues and an explanation of some issues which are of particular significance to the American Jewish community.

Admission to the program will be open to all interested adults at no admission charge.

Sheila Decter is a member of the Catholic-Jewish Committee of the Archdiocese of Boston, a board member of Citizens for Public Schools (a coalition devoted to support of public education), a member of the Advisory Board of the Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts and a board member of Temple Emanuel in Newton.

She has served as Assistant Director of the Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Boston, where she coordinated the state-wide campaign to pass effective anti-Arab boycott legislation in Massachusetts. She came to professional public relations work after eleven years of teaching at Lasell Junior College in Newton where she also served as chairman of the faculty. She has also taught at Northeastern University and the University of Wisconsin. She has her B.A. from the University of Wisconsin. She has her B.A. from Milwaukee-Downer College and

her advanced degrees from the University of Wisconsin, where her field of study was political science and political sociology.

Subsequent programs in the series will be "Israel and American Politics," to be presented on Wednesday, April 13, and "Religion in Politics," on Thursday, May 10.

For additional information, call Temple Beth-El, 331-6070.

Lecture

The Memorial Lecture in Memory of Rabbi Moshe Babin will be delivered on Sunday, April 24, 1988, 7:30 p.m. at Temple Beth-El, High & Locust Sts., Fall River, Mass.

Rabbi Wolfe Kelman, Executive Vice-President of the Rabbinical Assembly of America, will speak on "The American Synagogue: From Supermarket to Boutique."

Everyone is welcome. No charge for this lecture.

Congregation Mishkon Tfiloh

The schedule for Congregation Mishkon Tfiloh is as follows:

March 31, Thursday evening — Bedikas Chometz (Search for Chometz) after 7 p.m.

April 1, Friday morning services, 6:30 a.m. (1) Immediately after service, Siyum for the first born — after Siyum. (2) Breakfast. (3) Breakfast of Chometz until 9:30 a.m. (4) Burn Chometz until before 10:30 a.m. (5) Light candles 5:50 p.m.; Mincha 6 p.m.; Maariv 6:30 p.m.

April 2, Saturday morning — 1st Day of Passover services at 9 a.m.; Mincha 6 p.m.; Maariv-Count 1st Sefira 6:45 p.m.; Light candles 6:52 p.m.

April 3, Sunday morning — 2nd day of Passover services at 9 a.m.; Mincha 7 p.m.; Festival ends 8 p.m.

April 7, Thursday 4th Day Chol Hamoad morning service 6:25 a.m.; Mincha 7 p.m.; light candles 6:37 p.m.

April 8, Friday morning service 9 a.m.; 7th Day of Passover, Mincha 6:37 p.m.; Maariv 7:45 p.m.; light candles 6:58 p.m.

April 9, Saturday — Last Day of Passover — morning service 9 a.m.; Yizkor 10:45 a.m.; Mincha 7 p.m.; 3rd meal Maariv 8:10 p.m.; Sabbath ends 8:10 p.m.; Holiday ends — Back to Chometz 9 p.m.

Temple Sinai

Temple Sinai in Cranston will hold its 1988 Grand Drawing and Goods / Services Auction on April 9, beginning at 8 p.m. For tickets and information, call Larry Schwartz, 781-0050.

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Temple Shalom

On Friday, March 25, a Kabbat Shabbat Service will commence at 6:30 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary with Rabbi Jagolinzer conducting the worship. Following the service, the Rabbi will speak on the "hows" and "whys" of planning and conducting a Passover Seder. A "mini" Seder meal will be served. Reservations must be made in advance for the dinner.

The United Hebrew School and the Greater Fall River Hebrew School will be sharing in a Model Seder on Sunday morning, March 27 at 10 a.m. in Temple Beth El. Students from each school will participate. The Seder is under the direction of the school's principals, Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer of the United Hebrew School and Cantor George Lieberman of Fall River.

Passover Lecture At Beth Shalom

Rabbi Shmuel Singer, Ph.D. will be delivering his annual Shabbat Hagdol lecture on the afternoon of Saturday, March 26. It is traditional for a scholarly discourse to be given by the rabbi of a synagogue on the afternoon of this Sabbath, which always precedes the festival of Passover. The lecture is generally oriented towards the approaching holiday.

The discourse this year is entitled "The Mitzvot of Matzah and Maror: A Halachic and Philosophic Study." It will begin at 4:30 p.m. at Beth Shalom in Providence. Both men and women of the general community are invited to attend.

Ohave Sholam

This Shabbat at Congregation Ohave Sholam, Shabbat Ha-Gadol, Friday evening services will be at 5:50 p.m. On Shabbat morning services will be at 9 a.m. Kiddush after services is being sponsored by Shlomo Mossberg in honor of his birthday on Shabbat afternoon at 4:45 p.m. Rabbi Jacobs will give a class on salient features of the Hagada. The public is invited to attend. Mincha will be at 5:45 p.m. followed by the Third Sabbath Meal. Ma'ariv will be at 6:40 p.m., havdalah will be at 6:50 p.m.

The Rabbi will be acting as your agent to sell your chametz until March 31. Please see Rabbi Jacobs after daily services or make an appointment by calling 724-3552. The above number can be called for any questions about preparations for Pesach. The Rabbi will be giving a class concerning the philosophy of Passover Tuesday, March 29 at 8 p.m.

Thursday, March 31 at 6:55 p.m. the search for chametz begins in every place that a person owns. On Friday, April 1st services at 6:30 a.m. A Siyum will be made at this time so the firstborn will not have to fast. 9:23 p.m. is the latest time to eat chametz. All chametz has to be out of one's possession by 10:30 a.m. on Friday, April 1. Passover service times will be given in next week's article.

Is your organization having a function? Let everyone know about it in the Herald.

Temple Beth David

Temple Beth David, Narragansett, will hold Friday evening services this Friday, March 25, 1988 at 8 p.m. Services are conducted by Ethan Adler, religious leader. Temple President is Dr. Stanley Barnett.

Holiday services during the Passover season are scheduled for Saturday, April 2, and Saturday, April 9. Both services will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Everyone is invited to join us for "Yom Tov by the sea."

Sons Of Jacob

Friday, March 25 candle lighting, 5:42 p.m.; Minchah Service, 5:50 p.m.; Maariv Service, 6 p.m.; (Saturday evening prayers).

Saturday, March 26 — P. Tzav: Morning Services, 8:30 a.m.; Kiddush following immediately. Minchah Service, 5:40 p.m.; 3rd Meal. Maariv Service, 6:40 p.m.; Sabbath is over at 6:44 p.m.

Sunday, March 27: Morning Service, 7:45 a.m.; Minchah services all week at 5:45 p.m.

Rabbi Drazin lecturing for the preparation of Passover after Minchah Services — come and listen — bring a friend!

Congregation Shaare Zedek

Thursday, March 31 — 13 Nisan. Bedikath Chometz — Search for Chometz in the evening.

Friday, April 1 — 14 Nisan. Siyum Bechorim — Feast of First Born 6:30 a.m.; Chometz not to be eaten after 8:45 a.m.; Lighting of Candles 5:50 p.m.; Passover Evening Service 6:30 p.m. First Seder — Upon conclusion of service.

Saturday, April 2 — 15 Nisan. Morning Service 9 a.m.; Evening service 6:30 p.m.; Lighting of Candles 7 p.m.; Second Seder — Upon conclusion of service.

Sunday, April 3 — 16 Nisan. Morning service 9 a.m.

Monday, April 4 — 17 Nisan. Morning service 6:45 a.m.

Tuesday, April 5 — 18 Nisan. Morning service 6:45 a.m.

Wednesday, April 6 — 19 Nisan. Morning service 6:45 a.m.

Thursday, April 7 — 20 Nisan. Morning service 6:45 a.m.; Lighting of Candles 6 p.m.; Evening Service 6:30 p.m.

Friday, April 8 — 21 Nisan. Morning service 9 a.m.; Lighting of Candles 6 p.m.; Evening Service 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 9 — 22 Nisan. Morning service 9 a.m.; Yizkor — Memorial Service 10:30 a.m.

Important Notice:

To all local organizations and readers:

Please note that our deadline for material falls at 12:00 noon on the Tuesday before publication. Notices of all sorts received after this time cannot be included in the current week's issue. This includes announcements of public functions, births, engagements, obituaries, letters, etc. All announcements should be typed, double-spaced.

Temple Sinai Sisterhood

The next meeting of Temple Sinai Sisterhood will be March 28, 1988, at 8 p.m., Temple Social Hall.

The program will be "Women in the Middle." Guest speakers will be Maxine Richmond, director of the elderly and life line services, Jewish Family Service, and Ruth Berenson, clinical social worker, Jewish Family Service.

The Temple Sinai Sisterhood is presenting a night of Theater, at Temple Sinai, in the Temple Social Hall on Saturday, April 23, 1988 at 8 p.m.

The Traveling Players will put on two one-act plays: *Plaza Suite* directed by Becky Walsh, and *Lovers and Other Strangers* directed by Jean Gauthier.

Tickets are \$10.00 per person and may be reserved by calling 942-2589 and 944-2017.

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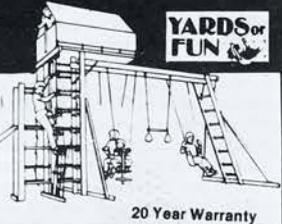
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Opinion

So Many Wars To Fight — So Little Time

by Robert Holtzman

As might have been expected, President Reagan has again manufactured an excuse to send U.S. troops to do a little Commie-bashing. Having been thwarted by Congress, and in seeming opposition to the will of the majority of the American people, he again abuses his role as Commander-in-Chief to threaten undeclared war without a sanction.

Nicaragua seems to have every right to chase the Contras into Honduras. By allowing its territory to be used as a base for military operations against its neighbor, Honduras invites this incursion. And it can hardly be called an invasion, for it took place in an area completely isolated from any centers of population or industry, or of any other particular interest to Honduras, other than that it is part of that country's sovereign territory. The intent of the Sandinistas is clearly not the acquisition of territory, nor is it their intent to infringe upon Honduran sovereignty. The intent is simply and solely to protect the domestic peace from rebellion within and from invasions based in a neighboring state.

The situation is comparable to that of Israel, which "invades" the territory of its Arab neighbors every time it stages a raid against PLO terrorist bases. Israel's intent in these instances is not to threaten the sovereignty of these countries—it is to strike at its attackers who happen to be using those countries as a base of operations. Gernally speaking, these Arab countries recognize this and do not retaliate against imagined invasions. Most Americans support Israel in these actions which are commonly applauded as part of the war against terrorism.

Reagan, on the other hand, has no respect for the sovereignty of nations. He considers it an American prerogative to

seek to overthrow the chosen government of Nicaragua. Part of his strategy is to create domestic unrest and thereby convince the Nicaraguan people to choose a different government. The other part consists of military intervention in as direct a manner as he can arrange—through supernumeraires when necessary, and with U.S. troops when he can think of a rationalization to do so.

With the Sandinistas retreating into Nicaragua, Reagan now has little justification to stage a direct attack. He might well have had another strategy in mind in sending troops to Honduras: the delivery of arms to the Contras. Will anyone be surprised when U.S. troops return to the States with less materiel than they left with? Is it just possible that some rifles, mortars, and ammunition will be left behind? Could helicopters and tanks also be "forgotten" on the way home?

The U.S. is repeating the diplomatic mistakes it made in Viet Nam. After the Second World War, Ho Chi Minh asked repeatedly for U.S. aid to help secure freedom from the French. The U.S. refused because Ho called himself a Communist. And instead of an ally in Southeast Asia, we have an enemy.

The U.S. could have had a continuing ally in Nicaragua. How much further could we have gotten with humanitarian aid—education, technical training—to the ruling regime, how much influence would the U.S. have wielded, how much sooner would the civil war have ended, and how much less violence and death would the people of Nicaragua have suffered? We chose instead to make that country into an enemy. Why, why is it necessary to treat every "communist" regime as an enemy?

If aid in all forms to the rebels were to

end tomorrow, if a Democrat were to be elected president and U.S. policy to turn toward the carrot rather than the stick, we might still have a chance to convince Nicaragua that the U.S. does not seek its destruction. We still might be forgiven for our unwarranted abuse of its people, and we might yet have the opportunity to exert influence as a friend in that part of the world.

Instead, Reagan seeks to put in power another Noriega—another military-backed clique of drug runners, who rule (at least initially) at the pleasure of the American government, and who evince little concern for the welfare of the people whom they rule.

At a time when the Soviet Union is doing its best to withdraw from Afghanistan, and when Eastern Europe may begin to enjoy some of the liberalization of *glasnost*, Reagan still finds it worthwhile to "stand tall" against Communism, to interfere in the internal workings of foreign states, and to engage in unnecessary and reprehensible exhibitions of military and economic force. This can only damage the reputation of the U.S. worldwide, can only reveal us in the light of warmongers.

On Saint Patrick's Day, the news was of killings in Northern Ireland and of Reagan's adventure in Central America. Rather thought-provoking. In a few minutes I was able to compile two lists: religious and secular venues in which people are killing each other on a more-or-less systematic basis. These lists are not, I believe, exhaustive. In fact, the next day, I heard a radio advertisement for a group called "Beyond War" that claimed that there are "more than forty" wars going on in the world. Ignorant me—only coming up with 20, with friends contributing another two. Nonetheless, the lists, in no particular order:

- Religious Venues For Systematic Killings**
Azerbaihanies, Armenians, and Russians in the Soviet Union
Sikhs and Hindus in the Punjab
Sunnis and Shi'ites: Iran-Iraq war
Tamils and Moslems in Sri Lanka
Jews and Palestinian Arabs in Israel
Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland
Sunnis, Shi'ites, Christians, Druze in Lebanon
Bhuddists and Chinese Communists in Tibet

- Secular Venues For Systematic Killings**
Nicaragua: Sandinistas, Contras, and U.S. citizens
Honduras and Nicaragua: border-crossing dispute
South China Sea: China and Viet Nam territory dispute
Angola: civil war and with contributions by South Africa
Haiti: domestic political violence
South Korea: domestic political violence

- Ethiopia: civil war*
Philippines: civil war (Communist insurgency) and other domestic political violence
South Africa: domestic political violence
Spain: Basque separatist revolt
Afghanistan: Soviet incursion/civil war
India: domestic political violence
El Salvador: civil war

The lists include only wars or revolts of recognizable organized factions. Beyond that, the criteria are not specific: There is no attempt to define, for example, *war*, or *recognizable factions*. It's entirely possible to argue against certain inclusions or exclusions. These lists do not include examples of one-sided repression that are sponsored by governments and directed against individuals. Internal affairs in Campuchea, for example, or the plight of Soviet Jews, or political repression in Indonesia, or "economic violence" against racial minorities in the U.S., are not included in the lists. If these were to be included, it would be simple enough to print a list of every country on earth.

The point of the exercise was to reassure myself about how lucky I am. I have never experienced war, nor domestic violence of an organized, lethal nature. Most Americans of my age (32) and below are the same. There are only a few thousand who have seen action in Lebanon, Grenada, the Persian Gulf. Raise the ante to, say, 45 years of age, and you'll have a few hundred thousand Viet Nam veterans—still less than one percent of the U.S. population. Keep raising the age limit and you'll reach those who experienced the Korean and the Second World Wars at firsthand. Sizable numbers there—in the millions—and yet still a minority of the U.S. population.

It's wonderful that the U.S. is so powerful and secure so as to have allowed so many of us the privilege of living in peace. It's a shame that we continue to make war on others, to deny the rights to peace of smaller countries. We trumpet so loud our support of self-determination and self-expression, and yet, when certain people exercise those rights in their own countries, we interfere, because their chosen forms of self-determination don't meet with our approval.

What Is A Conservative Jew? Debate Persists Despite New Statement

By Andrew Silow Carroll

NEW YORK (JTA) — Judaism's Conservative movement was founded in Germany in 1845 by former Reform rabbi who felt that Reform had grown too liberal in its rejection of tradition.

But it took more than 140 years before the three major institutions of Conservative Judaism, whose 2 million members make it the largest branch of U.S. Judaism, issued the movement's first common statement of principles.

The statement, released last week, finally attempts to answer where Conservatism stands on such issues as belief in God, the role of women in Judaism, religious pluralism, and, most importantly, the movement's approach to halacha, or Jewish law.

But despite these answers, contained in a 57-page booklet called "Emet VeEmunah," or Light and Belief, questions remain:

- Can a movement that has long defined itself by what it is not — neither as liberal as Reform nor as unbending as Orthodox — create a definite ideology?
- Can such a definition reconcile differences that have developed between the movement's own "liberal" and "traditional" factions?

- Will the statement achieve one of its goals, to reinvigorate a movement whose once extraordinary growth has levelled off over the last 20 years?

The leaders of the Jewish Theological Seminary, the Rabbinical Assembly and the United Synagogue of America, respectively the academic, clerical and congregational bodies of the movement, answer yes to all three questions.

In a joint statement, they called the document "a thorough exploration of the core of Conservative belief, allowing for diversity in thinking, but setting an even stronger guideline for the knowledge and observance" of halacha.

The chairman of the 35-member commission that prepared the document, Rabbi Robert Gordis, acknowledged during an interview that it was a challenge to create "a positive program for Conservative Jewry," a movement that he said "is not growing."

Attracting new adherents, said Gordis, means responding to the needs of lay people, who are seeking specific parameters of belief. "People today are looking for a point of view. They're asking, 'What is Conservative Judaism?'" said Gordis, a member of the JTS faculty for more than 30 years and a past president of the Rabbinical Assembly. "He finds out when he turns to this pamphlet."

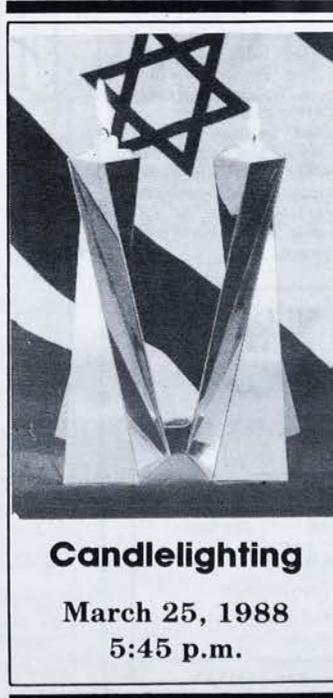
Concerning ideological differences within the movement, Gordis said the statement was devised "in a spirit of fellowship" rather than "a spirit of confrontation." Gordis said he insisted on the appointment of a commission member who represented the "right wing" of the movement.

But according to that member, Rabbi David Novack of New York, "I don't think that it (the statement) is terribly successful. It doesn't indicate anything people don't know already."

Novack is vice president of the Union for Traditional Conservative Judaism, which was founded in 1983 to counter a "liberal" trend in Conservatism that culminated in the decision to ordain women as rabbis. It claims a membership of 5,000 families and 500 rabbis.

Novack maintains that a gulf remains between traditional Conservatives such as those in the union and much of the Conservative mainstream. They agree on the fundamentals of Conservatism — respect and observance of the halacha along with a belief that it may be adapted to social and technological change.

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Reagan's Comments To UJA "Prime Ministers"



President Reagan accepting a Havdalah set from the Prime Ministers Council of the UJA. Pictured (left to right): Martin Stein; Morton Korreich, Chairman Designate, UJA; Marvin Lender, Chairman, Major Gifts, UJA; John Whitehead, Deputy Secretary of State; Alexander Grass, Chairman of the Board, UJA; Stanley Horowitz, President of UJA; and Andrew Tisch, Chairman of the Prime Ministers Council, UJA.

President Reagan last week addressed the Prime Ministers Council of the United Jewish Appeal at the White House. Over 150 Council members listened as the President again confirmed his commitment to Israel's security, Soviet Jewry, and the cause of freedom throughout the world.

The Prime Ministers Council is composed of individuals who have contributed substantially to the National Jewish Coalition, one of the most successful philanthropic organizations in the world. Last year alone it raised over \$720 million to provide humanitarian assistance in 30 countries around the globe, as well as immigration to Israel and social welfare projects there.

After President Reagan spoke, members of the group presented the President with a Havdalah set. Martin Stein, Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, said he spoke for the whole group when he thanked the President for his commitment to Israel, and to freedom and human rights around the world.

Following are excerpts from the President's remarks:

We know what Israel is. We know what Israel means. And as I will tell the Prime Minister (Shamir) tomorrow: When it comes to Israel, the United States is not a bargainer or a broker, the United States is a friend and an ally.

And that's why one of the things I'm proudest of is the steps we've been able to take during this administration to build a stronger foundation of enduring friendship and cooperation. For example, strategic cooperation — something other administrations shied away from — is now a commitment our two governments have made to each other. It responds to our mutual needs, and is a reminder to all that no wedge will be driven between the United States and Israel. Our commitment to close relations and to Israel's security, has been reflected in our foreign aid levels, our commercial cooperation of research and defense, and the vital and historic free trade agreement that we have signed.

Our commitment to Israel's security is also reflected in our latest peace initiative. Making progress toward peace in the Middle East not only serves mutual interests, it is urgent. It's in America's and Israel's interest to develop a credible basis on which to make progress — one that promises to overcome stalemate and make genuine reconciliation possible. That's why I'm delighted that Prime Minister Shamir is here.

And let me underscore one point that I hope needs no underscoring — our policy has as its basis — and this is a first principle in any negotiation — the assuring of Israel's freedom and security. We will not leave Israel to stand alone. Nor will we acquiesce in any effort to "gang up" on Israel. Peace will not be imposed by us or by anyone else. It will and must come from the genuine give-and-take of negotiations. That's what we are working to set in motion now.

As all of you know, I expect to be in Moscow one of these days for a summit meeting with Mr. Gorbachev. As it was at the Washington summit and the summits before that, the issue of Soviet Jewry will, I assure you, be high on our agenda. The General Secretary knows of my profound concern on this point and of your concern as well. And I'll be making this very plain again in Moscow.

So let me conclude then by thanking you for all you've done on behalf on the issues of Soviet Jewry and Israel's security. The safety and security of the United States and the safety and security of Israel are all part of a larger cause, the cause of human rights for very man, woman, and child on this Earth.

Dear Editor:

How can we prevent nuclear war? The obvious answer is to eliminate all nuclear weapons from the earth. Ever since I can remember, the United States government has policed an exhaustive effort towards disarmament. While, I do find the elimination of the threat of nuclear war enticing, I do not concur with our government's definition and answer to our problem.

Heading blindly towards disarmament indicates a total misconception of the world's existing problems. It is an extremely simple and naive solution. The problem is not nuclear weapons. The problem is war and violence which permeates almost every society in the world.

We must recognize this fact and shift much of our resources to discourage war and violence and promulgate peace. We must exert nonmilitary influence to end violence and war in all parts of the world. We must work on building trust between both superpowers and around the globe. There is no need for nuclear weapons if there is no threat of war. The need for verification and inspection subsides with the acquisition of trust.

As we ponder our past, it is clear that the nuclear age is not the only era possessing the threat of war and violence. And certainly, the elimination of weapons does not resolve the threat. Let's stop expending all of our energy trying to disarm weapons, and start

trying to disarm mistrust, violence, and war!

Sam Shaulson
Sophomore, Boston University

To The Editor:

I fully agree with your "Mini Comment" in the March 17 issue of your distinguished publication.

The American media is not prejudiced against Jews, neither are they anti-Semitic when they write in the daily newspaper, weekly magazines or show pictures of rioting on television.

They write, or show, what they believe is of interest to the general public, whether it is stone throwing Arab youths who ambush Israeli kibbutzim or soldiers, just as they show the beatings these attackers receive from those whom they attack.

Just yesterday (March 18), the evening news on the three major networks brought us filmed reports from Ireland, where IRA attackers threw hand grenades at the funeral of three people who were killed during recent riots.

As the worn out cliché goes, a picture is worth a thousand words, and it has been, still is and always will be the fact, that the gruesome catches the eye of more people than the good. Witness the headlines in supermarket tabloids.

Hans L. Heimann
Cranston, R.I.

To The Editor:

A practical solution to the Israeli crises covers two problems. One, the violent protesters, and two, the bad publicity generated by the use of bullets and billy-clubs. If they use tranquilizer guns instead, they can then arrest the violent protesters with minimal damage all around. Using tranquilizer guns would insure that the violent protesters would get arrested for certain. It also means that the Israelis would look more humane and less brutal. Both these facts would cut violent protests to a minimum!

I have written letters to Israel simply addressed to both Minister Yitzhak Shamir and to foreign Minister Shimon Peres (in care of the Knesset). My friends have done so, as well. If your readers write to the Ministers with this practical solutions, perhaps Israel would be spared the private pain and public humiliation they have had to endure.

Richard Siegel
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Social Events

Linda And Andrew Bronstein Announce Daughter

Linda and Andrew Bronstein of Rocky Hill, Conn., announce the birth of their first daughter, Madeline Eve, on February 25, 1988. She is the sister of Jacob Samuel.

Grandparents are Barbara and Martin Liss of Middletown, N.Y. and Claire and Milton Bronstein of Providence, R.I.

Lawrence E. Ziegler To Join Sprague Electric

Lawrence E. Ziegler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Manfred Ziegler, 114 Redwood Road, Portsmouth, recently graduated from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pa., with a degree in Electrical Engineering. Ziegler has accepted a position as a Product Engineer at Sprague Electric in Worcester, Mass. He is a 1983 graduate from Portsmouth High School.

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Linda Winkler To Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Winkler of Cranston, Rhode Island announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda Eileen Winkler, to Anthony Garvin, son of Sybil Garvin and the late James Garvin of Oakland, California.

Ms. Winkler graduated from Salve Regina College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing with honors. She graduated from the University of Lowell where she received a Master of Science in Nursing with honors. She also became a nurse practitioner specializing in adult medicine. She is a member of the Sigma Theta Tau National Nursing Honor Society. Currently she is a Nurse Administrator at the University of California Medical Center, San Francisco, Calif.

Mr. Garvin graduated from the University of Washington with a Bachelor of Arts, Magna Cum Laude, and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He graduated with a Juris Doctorate Degree, with distinction from Cornell University, where he was a member of the Law Review. He is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and a member of the Order of the Coif. He received a Master's Degree from Cornell

University in Regional Planning. He is currently a partner with the law firm of Landels, Ripley and Diamond in San Francisco, Calif.

A fall wedding will take place in California.

Solomon Schechter Gala

Solomon Schechter Day School will hold its Tenth Anniversary Gala Celebration on Saturday, April 30, at 8:30 p.m. The Gala will be at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Avenue, Providence. There will be a dinner dance in the auditorium. Black tie is optional. Please contact Mrs. Ira Singer, 22 Intervale Road, Providence, R.I., 02906 for more information.

Providence Public Library Seeks Input

The first of a series of nine "Community Meetings" between the Providence Public Library and the general public begins on March 28 at the Wanskuck Branch.

In a turn to foster better communication between the library and the community, Acting Executive Director Dale Thompson, has organized local meetings at each of the Library's 8 branches and Central Library. Dale Thompson, the Library Board as well as the appropriate City Council Members will be in attendance at the 7 p.m. meetings.

The objective of these meetings is to inform the public on the operations of the library and the services it provides and secondly, to hear from the community about their library needs and expectations.

Calendar: March 28, Wanskuck Branch; April 5, Mt. Pleasant Branch; April 11, Rochambeau Branch; April 14, Washington Park Branch; April 18, Knight Memorial Branch; April 25, Fox Point Branch; April 26, Smith Hill Branch; April 28, South Providence Branch; May 2, Central Library.

Trout Unlimited

Fishing for Landlocked Salmon in New Hampshire will be featured at the Wednesday, March 23, meeting of the Narragansett Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Bob Harris will present this program at 8 p.m. at the Silver Lake Annex Center, 529 Plainfield St., Providence, R.I.

Senior Series On Israel

The Bureau of Jewish Education Senior Adult Film Discussion Series will begin its spring semester March 29. In honor of "Israel's 40th," the course will explore the theme, *Israel: Myth and Reality, Past and Present*. These are days when the emphasis on Israel in the news would lead one to believe that the tiny nation in the Middle East is the center of the world. While we are, unfortunately, used to seeing Israel under the gun, we now see Israel struggling under the magnifying glass of world opinion.

While there are elements of truth in this picture, they tend to be exaggerated out of all proportion by our usual sources of information. As a result, the less "newsworthy" aspects of the reality which is Israel — the spirit and the physiognomy of the country, the everyday experiences and aspirations of her 4.3 million people, the domestic social issues with which they contend — fall into eclipse. We must remember that in many respects, Israeli society is like our own and that Israelis are human beings like we are. They are people who want to

be known, neither as heroes nor as villains, but as tillers of the soil and parents of children, dreamers and artists, secretaries and garage mechanics. It is their desire to be left alone to do these things, and the fact that they are doing them in spite of everything, that is their strongest claim to support.

The film series will be held in four locations throughout the state and is open to the public at no charge. The sites and their dates are:

Charlesgate North, Providence — Tuesdays at 1 p.m.: March 29; April 5, 12, 19, 26; May 3, 10.

Jewish Home for the Aged, Providence — Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m.: March 29; April 5, 12, 19, 26; and May 3, 10.

Jewish Family Service Mealsite at Temple Torat Yisrael, Cranston — Wednesdays at 11 a.m.: March 20; April 6, 13, 20, 27; and May 4, 11.

Jewish Community Center, Providence — Wednesdays at 12:20 p.m.: March 30, April 6, 13, 20, 27; and May 4, 11.

For further information, please call Ruth Page at the BJE, 331-0956.

Access Rhode Island JCC News

Access Rhode Island, locally produced Cable TV programming sponsored by the Brotherhood of Temple Beth-El, will be showing the following programs in the upcoming weeks:

Sunday, March 27, 1988 at 8 p.m. Monday, March 28, 1988 at 8:30 p.m. Guest: Attorney General James O'Neill. Topic: Legal issues pertaining to domestic violence.

Sunday, April 3, 1988 at 8 p.m.; Monday, April 4, 1988 at 8:30 p.m.; Sunday, April 10, 1988 at 8:00 p.m.; Monday, April 11, 1988 at 8:30 p.m. Guest: Theodore Sizer, Department of Education, Brown University. Topic: The Coalition of Essential Schools. These programs will be shown on Cable Interconnect A, which is Channel 49 in most parts of Rhode Island. For those homes serviced by Heritage Cable TV, Interconnect A is on Channel 57.

A Public School Vacation Camp will be held from April 18 to 22. The curriculum will include three morning trips and outdoor play. Both camps will meet from 9 to 3 p.m. The camps are divided into two age groups: Kidspace Camp for grades K through 4; Pre-teen Camp for grades 5 through 8. The fees for JCCRI members are \$15 or \$20 per day (depending on activity), early arrival/\$2 per day, late pick-up/\$4 per day. Fees for non-members are double.

To enroll or for further information call Ruby Shalansky, Laurie Leone or David Enos at 861-8800.

Second Annual All-Star, Lone-Star, Chow-Down, Show Down

The 2nd annual All-Star, Lone-Star, Chow-Down, Show-Down will be held on Saturday, March 26, 1988, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Chili's Grill & Bar, Route 2, Loehmann's Plaza, Warwick.

This fund-raising event will feature members of the New England Patriots in a selection of zany, fun-filled food contests. The public is invited to attend and cheer on their favorite Patriot player as they compete against each other to see who can make the best taco, eat the most barbecued baby-back ribs or cut the most french fries.

Proceeds from the sale of food throughout the day will be donated to the Rhode Island Special Olympics.

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Modern American Writers At Brown

Several major figures from the innovative literary movements of the past two decades in American fiction — writers variously referred to as "postmodernists," "metafictionists," "surfictionists," and/or "fabulators" — will speak at Brown University April 4-6 as part of the 1988 Brown University Reading and Lecture Series. The conference, entitled "Unspeakable Practices: A Three-Day Celebration of Iconoclastic American Fiction," is expected to draw scholars and literary critics from throughout the U.S. and Europe. The events are free and open to the public.

The conference schedule is as follows:

Monday, April 4

• 8 p.m. in Sayles Hall — Stanley Elkin, author of comic masterpieces including *The Dick Gibson Show* and *The Rabbi of Lud*, will read from his fiction.

Tuesday, April 5

• 10 a.m. in the Graduate Center Lounge — symposium on "post-Modernism: the Uninhabited Word."

• 3 p.m. in Sayles Hall — Donald Barthelme, who was awarded the 1988 Rea Award for the Short Story for his impact on the short story form (*Come Back, Dr. Caligari*, *City Life* and others), will read several stories.

• 4 p.m. in Sayles Hall — "Nothing But Darkness and Talk?" a writers' symposium on traditional values and iconoclastic fiction. Donald Barthelme, Stanley Elkin, and William Gass

will participate in the colloquium along with William Gaddis, author of the award-winning novels *The Recognitions*, *J R*, and *Carpenter's Gothic*. Other participants will include Brown professor John Hawkes, the internationally acclaimed author of *Second Skin*, *The Lime Twig*, and others; Brown professor Robert Coover, winner of the 1987 Rea Award; Walter Abish, author who was a visiting professor at Brown last year; Toby Olson, poet, novelist and author of *Utah*; Marilynne Robinson, author of *Housekeeping*; and several literary critics. The moderator will be Leslie Fiedler, the Samuel Clemens Professor of English at SUNY, Buffalo, and a renowned literary critic. Fiedler will be inducted this spring into the American Academy of Arts and Letters, an honor rarely given to critics.

Wednesday, April 6

• 10 a.m. in the Graduate Center Lounge — an informal colloquium with visiting novelists.

• 8 p.m. in Lower Manning Hall — William Gass, philosopher, essayist and novelist, whose works include *In the Heart of the Country* and *Habitations of the Word*, will read.

The Reading and Lecture Series is jointly sponsored by the Dean of the College, the Provost, the Graduate Writing Program, and the English Department, and is in part a tribute to Hawkes, who is the original creator of the series and has announced his retirement at the end of this semester.

Jewish Home For The Aged Plans Functions

Medical Assistance And Durable Power Of Attorney

A lecture and discussion titled, "Medical Assistance and Durable Power of Attorney: Long-Term Care Planning" will be held Wednesday, May 11, 1988, at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of the Jewish Home, 99 Hillside Avenue, Providence.

The speaker — an attorney from the Rhode Island Bar Association Legal Information and Referral Services for the Elderly — will focus on long-term care planning and the rights of the elderly and their families. Families of daycare clients, nursing home residents and all interested community members are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

This forum, presented by the Comprehensive Adult Daycare Center, is being sponsored by the Jewish Home and the Rhode Island Foundation.

Please call Rene Rose Shield, Ph.D., 351-4750, ext. 31 to register.

Caregiver Support Group

A caregiver support group for families and friends of daycare clients, nursing home residents, and other caregivers in the community will meet Tuesday, April 26, 1988 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Comprehensive Adult Daycare Center, 99 Hillside Avenue, Providence.

Group sessions will be held twice a month to exchange information about providing care and supervision to an elderly loved one. Caregivers will share ideas and experiences about coping with chronically ill elderly persons. Help with problem-solving and decision-making will be offered. Information will be given about community services, legal and financial problems, and other long-term care issues. Families with a member already placed in a nursing home will be helped to cope with the initial adjustment. As an ongoing and open group, new members will always be welcome.

The caregiver support group is presented by the Comprehensive Adult Daycare Center in cooperation with the Jewish Home and the Rhode Island Foundation.

Enrollment is limited; please call Sandra Haas, MSW, at 351-4750, ext. 59 to register.

Donkey Basketball At Bryant

SMITHFIELD, R.I. — Showmanship, sportsmanship and jackassmanship will fill the Multipurpose Activities Center (MAC) at Bryant College on Saturday evening, March 26. It's donkey basketball to benefit the Northern Rhode Island Special Olympics.

The games begin at 7:30 p.m., when the sponsoring organization, Bryant's Office of Public Safety, plays the Smithfield Fire Department. A second exciting game matches the rough and ready Resident Assistants against some equestrians from the student body.

An intermission show will include some Northern Rhode Island Special Olympians displaying their talents on the basketball court.

Donkey basketball is played with four donkeys and four riders on each team. The donkeys, including Thunderball, Snuffy, and Honey Pot, "the world's buckin'est donkey," are from the Buckeye Donkey Company of Columbus, Ohio.

All money raised will go to support the Northern Rhode Island Special Olympics held at

Bryant on Saturday, May 7. Tickets for this special fund-raising event can be purchased for \$3 in advance at the Bryant Center Information Desk and the public safety booth, or for \$4 at the door. For more information, call the Bryant Public Safety Office at 232-6001.

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Generally, the new tax law requires children and other dependents to file tax returns for 1987 if:

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Leaving New York City on July 14, the families will spend several weeks in the seaside resort of Nahariya, not far from Haifa. The hotel in which they stay is located near a lovely beach and only a short ride from the ancient port city of Acre.

During those weeks, each person will have the opportunity to live, work and be a part of Israel. While young children will spend time at a day camp, their parents and teenage brothers and sisters will do volunteer work in hospitals, archeological digs and parks. Afternoons will be spent learning Hebrew and studying Jewish and Israeli history.

On seven scattered days, the

vacationers will take guided tours of the country, including three days in the Galilee. Other sites they will visit include Jerusalem, Haifa, Tel Aviv, Masada, the Dead Sea, and the Golan Heights.

LEVI participants will leave New York on July 14 and return Aug. 7. The cost is \$1,500 (U.S.) per person 12 years or older and \$1,250 per person under 12. The price includes roundtrip air fair to Tel Aviv, all meals, lodging, tours and other program expenses.

Families with children entering grades one through 12 can apply. At least one parent must be a member of B'nai B'rith (or join prior to departure).

For a registration form or additional information, contact B'nai B'rith Israel Commission, LEVI, 1640 Rhode Island Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, or call (202) 857-6580.

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Around Town

by Dorothea Snyder



Passover is in the air!

Purple, yellow and white crocuses have popped up center stage reigning as advance party to blossoms anxious to burst.

If it weren't for those pastel pretties, we'd never believe Spring's chilly entrance could promise gentler behavior.

Passover is a time when we feel a sense of renewal, a rebirth of ourselves as a people.

With joy, we prepare for Passover and the coming together of families and friends at Seders.

Our beautiful tradition has innovated many delicious foods.

Each year as Passover nears, we retrieve all our favorite recipes, looking out for variations and new ones.

May you enjoy these as you and yours have a Happy Passover!

REFRIGERATOR NUT BALLS

3 cups ground walnuts
8 oz. bittersweet chocolate bar ground
2 cups powdered sugar
1 1/4 cups raisins
2 tsps. vanilla
3 TBS. Liquor or wine
1 whole egg

Mix everything in food processor. Take out and roll into nut size balls. Roll balls in powdered sugar. Chill and store in refrigerator or freezer in tightly covered container.

Elaine Strajcher

CARROT-SWEET POTATO PUDDING

Food Processor
4 medium carrots
2 small sweet potatoes
3 eggs, separated
1 stick (1/2 cup) butter or margarine, cut into 8 pieces
1/2 cup soup nut crumbs
1/2 cup raisins
3/4 cup pecans divided
1/4 cup honey
1/4 cup sugar
Juice and peel of 1 large lemon
1 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 tsp. nutmeg

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Grease a 1-quart souffle dish.

Insert grater blade. Cut carrots and potatoes to fit the feed tube. Grate and remove from bowl.

Change to metal blade. Return carrots and potatoes to work bowl and add egg yolks, butter, soup nut crumbs, raisins, 1/2 cup pecans, cinnamon and nutmeg; mix well with 3 or 4 pulses.

Beat egg whites until stiff. Fold into carrot mixture and pour into souffle dish. Sprinkle top with 1/4 cup pecans. Bake for 40 minutes. Serves 6.

"Something Different for Passover-inch - Zell J. Schulman

FOGEL'S FAVORITE FARFEL KUGEL

2 cups matzo farfel
2 eggs
1/3 cup sugar
1 apple
1/2 tsp. salt
3 TBS. chicken fat or melted margarine
1/4 cup chopped nuts

Cover farfel with cold water, then drain immediately so that the farfel is moist but not soggy. Add beaten eggs, salt, sugar and chicken fat or margarine. Slice in apple and add nuts.

Place in greased 1-quart baking dish and bake for about 1/2 hour at 350 or until brown. (Corning baking dish can be used for this size.) Recipe can be increased for larger proportions.

J. Fogel

PASSOVER WINE CAKE

8 eggs separated
1 TB. warm water
1 1/2 cups sugar
1/2 cup potato starch
1/2 cup cake meal
3/4 cup nuts-filled to 1 cup line with wine
1 tsp. cinnamon
1/3 tsp. ginger
1 tsp. lemon juice

Fill 3/4 cup ground nuts to which wine has been added to make one cup. Add lemon juice. Let soak.

Sift cake meal, potato starch, cinnamon and ginger. Add sugar to yolks and add 1 TB. warm water. Beat until eggs are fluffy. Add alternately wine-nut mixture and flour mixture until all used up.

Beat egg whites until stiff. Fold into batter with up-and-over motion. Bake in ungreased tube pan, 350 degree oven for 1 hour. Invert to cool.

Sandra Waldman

CHEESE MUSHROOM SOUFFLE

1 1/2 cup button mushrooms
2 TBS. lemon juice
2 cups cottage cheese
2 cups sour cream
onion salt, to taste
paprika, to taste
4 egg whites
2 TB. butter or margarine
1/2 cup matzo meal
1/3 cup slivered almonds

Pre-heat oven to 375 degrees. Slice mushrooms and sprinkle with lemon juice. Mash cottage cheese and mix with half the sour cream. Add mushrooms and lemon rind.

Season to taste with onion salt and paprika and mix well. Beat the egg whites until very stiff and fold into the cheese and mushroom mixture. Using half the butter, grease a souffle dish, pour mixture into it, and sprinkle with matzo meal.

Dot with remaining butter or margarine, scattering it over the top in tiny pieces. Bake in oven for 45 to 50 minutes.

Whisk the remaining sour cream. Spread over the top of the cheese and mushroom souffle, spike with slivered almonds, sprinkle with a little paprika to add color.

Put back into oven for 10 minutes, and serve at once. Serves 6.

"Passoverama", cookbook from Temple Hillel Beth-El of Wynnewood, Pa.

Passover Is In The Air!

NEVER- FAIL SPONGE CAKE

8 eggs
1/4 tsp. salt
1/2 cup sugar
1 cup additional sugar
1/3 cup fresh orange juice
1/2 cup cake meal
1/2 cup potato starch

In a small bowl beat the 7 egg whites with salt and 1/2 cup of sugar gradually. Beat until stiff but shiny. In a large bowl beat the 7 yolks and 1 whole egg.

Add 1 cup sugar. Beat until smooth and lemon colored. Add orange juice slowly. Sift together potato starch and cake meal. Blend into yolk mixture. Fold beaten whites into yolk batter.

Bake in ungreased 10-inch tube pan for one hour at 350 degrees. Invert to cool.

"Creative Kosher Cookbook," Friends of Epstein Hebrew Academy, St. Louis, Mo.

PASSOVER ORANGE CAKE

8 eggs separated
1 1/2 cups sugar
2/3 cup orange juice
1 tsp. grated orange rind
1 1/4 cups sifted Passover cake meal
1/4 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. cinnamon
1/3 cup finely chopped nuts

Beat egg yolks until thick and lemon-colored. Gradually add sugar, beating after each addition until mixture is light but very thick. Add orange juice and beat well (about 3 minutes in electric mixer). Stir in orange rind.

Sift together cake meal, salt and cinnamon; add nuts and mix lightly. Fold dry ingredients gently into beaten egg yolks.

Beat egg whites until stiff but not dry; gently fold into cake batter, blending well.

Turn into 9 or 10-inch ungreased tube pan. Bake in 325 degree oven one hour or until done.

Remove from oven; invert pan and cool cake before removing from pan. Top cooled cake with whipped cream (optional).

Norma Barach

MOCK NOODLE PUDDING

1 lb. yellow squash
4 extra large eggs (separated)
1/8 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 tsp. salt
2 TBS. matzo meal
2 TBS. oil
1 TB. sugar

Peel squash. Grate finely. To grated squash add salt, cinnamon, matzo meal, sugar and egg yolk. Add oil. Beat egg whites stiffly. Fold into squash mixture.

Grease a Pyrex casserole dish. Pour squash-egg white mixture into pan. Bake at 350 degrees 30-45 minutes until browned.

Norma Barach

MILK LASAGNA

1 lb matzo
2 eggs
2 cups milk
2 lbs assorted cheeses
1 pkg. thawed chopped spinach
2 cans tomato sauce
1 lb cottage cheese

Use two 9 x 9 pans.

Soak 1 piece matzo at a time in blended eggs and milk. Pour small amount tomato sauce in bottom of pan. Place the first soaked matzo over tomato sauce. Layer with 1/4 of shredded cheese, 1/2 of spinach and some more tomato sauce.

Layer with next soaked matzo, 1/2 cottage cheese, 1/4 shredded cheese, tomato sauce and another soaked matzo. LIGHTLY spread top with tomato sauce and sprinkle of cheese.

Cover tightly with tin foil. Repeat same instructions for second pan. Bake for 20 minutes at 350 degrees. Freezes well. Eat one and freeze one.

Elaine Strajcher



Young Envoys

(continued from page 1)

suddenly surrounded by a mob of Palestinians with stones?" asked Atara. This is a theoretical question for us but a very real one for them because, upon turning eighteen, every Israeli must serve three years in the army. "The soldier shoots in the air and gets no response, shoots at the ground with no effect and finally throws tear gas — only to have it thrown back. He will shoot as a last resort.

"You very often see Palestinian kids in the news, but not the adults," said Atara. "This derives more sympathy for the Palestinians because people wonder what must drive children to do this sort of thing."

"What you don't see," interjected Ayelet, "is the adult PLO leaders forcing the children to leave school to attend the demonstrations."

"People think kids look innocent," continued Atara, "but they can kill just as well as an adult. If you are killed by a child you are just as dead as if you were killed by an adult.

"The Israeli army is one of the most humane armies in the world," repeated Atara, "and this is not how they are portrayed. The media is at fault not only for what they report but for what they don't report."

"One example," said Yair, "is a certain demonstration that took place in January. There is a fence between the Egyptian and Israeli territories and there was a Palestinian demonstration on both sides of the fence on the same day. The Egyptian side was closed to the media and the Israeli side was open. The Egyptians machine gunned forty dead and no mention was made in the media. The Israeli soldiers used water cannons and rubber bullets. No one was injured.

"The next day," he continued with disgust, "the headlines referred to another Palestinian demonstration and showed Israeli soldiers shooting into the crowd. They never explained that ammunition wasn't live. They sensationalized the entire incident and never made mention of the death toll on the Egyptian side of the demonstration."

"There are other things you don't hear," mentioned Ayelet.

"You hear about Palestinians who refuse to work or who will not open their stores. What you don't hear about is the Palestinians who want to work and who show up, only to have the PLO enter the city in a car and take them out from their jobs, and others who are threatened with assassination if they attend work in Israel."

Even when considering the extent to which the disturbances have spread, the Israelis think there is a way to peace. The students explained that, although the Israelis are willing to negotiate, the Palestinians are not. The Palestinians promote resistance as the only way to achieve their goals. The three edicts they abide by are: they do not recognize the right of Israel to exist, they want all of Israeli lands, they proclaim that armed struggle is the only way to achieve their goals.

Has this affected their daily lives? Not really. The disturbances are localized around three areas: Judea, Samaria and Gaza. The rest of Israel is just as safe as always. "I would feel secure walking through Tel Aviv at three in the morning," said Ariel confidently. "I have no doubt about the ability of the army to maintain our safety."

It seems that the only doubts the students have is for themselves and their friends who must join the army at the age of eighteen. "I am afraid for my friends who have recently entered the army," said Ayelet with a troubled frown.

"Yes," agreed Ariel. "I have a good friend who recently entered the army. He was with another friend and they were walking into a refugee camp when a Palestinian threw a brick from above. The brick landed on the helmet of his new friend. The person who threw the brick was apprehended and brought to trial. The person who was hit did not die but has suffered brain damage. He was eighteen years old. Yes, we are afraid."

Ayelet is to enter the army in two years, Ariel and Yair enter in one and a half years and Atara has only nine months to go. Their unanimous hope is that peace will come soon not only for Israel's sake but for that of the young adults who are currently or will soon be serving their time in the Israeli army.

Reform Congregation Helps Advance Rights Of Non-Orthodox

by Carl Schrag

JERUSALEM — Most American Jews would quickly feel at home at Kol Haneshama, the Reform congregation located in Jerusalem's Baka neighborhood.

Of course, the fact that the entire service is conducted in Hebrew would take some getting used to, but the synagogue's egalitarian spirit of song and prayer is contagious, and first-time visitors easily blend with the ranks of regular worshippers.

Although it has many unique characteristics, Kol Haneshama might not seem like an important achievement for Reform Judaism if it were located in an American city. But the fact that it exists — indeed, thrives — in Jerusalem, at the heart of the Jewish world, makes it impact profound.

Kol Haneshama made the headlines a little more than a year ago when an Orthodox rabbi led an attempt to disrupt the congregation's Simhat Torah celebrations. In what Rabbi Levi Weiman-Kelman of Kol Haneshama calls "one of the worst nights of my life," the congregants were attacked by Orthodox extremists who sought to wrest Torah scrolls from their hands.

An Eye-Opener For Israelis
What happened that evening is well-known; what has received less attention is that the episode proved to be a turning point in the struggle for Reform rights in Israel. Its impact was immediately felt in both the U.S. and Israel.

In America, Jews were outraged by the attack. Coming as it did in the midst of a hard-fought election campaign for the World Zionist Congress, it undoubtedly contributed to the dramatic gains posted both by ARZA — the Association of Reform Zionists of America — and Mercaz, the Conservative Zionist organization.

It also stimulated the Reform community to establish the Israel Religious Action Center, which fights for religious rights in Israel for Reform Jews and all Israelis. The center was opened in the summer of 1987 and is sponsored by ARZA.

That the affront took place at all was, according to Rabbi Weiman-Kelman, a confirmation that Kol Haneshama's message of liberal Judaism was reaching the community. For the first time, Israelis began to see Reform Judaism as a positive system of religious beliefs with which they could identify.

When he established the congregation in 1985, Rabbi Weiman-Kelman sought to offer a traditional yet creative alternative to the Orthodox synagogues in the neighborhood. The Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism (IMPJ) took the fledgling congregation under its wing.

About 50 people came to Rosh Hashana services that first year. Ten days later, word of mouth attracted over 100 worshippers to Kol Nidre. "There was clearly a need for weekly Shabbat worship," the rabbis relates, and Kol Haneshama met the need.

Because Reform Judaism is not officially recognized in Israel, few sabras had accurate information about the movement. Therefore, most of the first worshippers to join Kol Haneshama were immigrants from English-speaking countries where Reform plays a major role in Jewish life. As the congregation flourished, however, many more people were drawn to its special blend of tradition and modernity.

"The first *simha* celebrated in our congregation was a baby-naming for a traditional Moroccan family," Rabbi Weiman-Kelman relates. "This was an encouraging indication that the local population was

responding very positively to our congregation."

The rabbi believes that Baka's state-salaried Orthodox rabbi felt threatened by that success. "We had become one of the larger prayer gatherings in his neighborhood," he explains. As long as we were just a small group of Americans, he could leave us alone.

The neighborhood's Orthodox establishment started to worry when the broader community began expressing interest in the Reform synagogue. Its strategy backfired, however. Rather than intimidate the young congregation, the Simhat Torah confrontation resulted in showers of support from Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, the media and countless Israelis.

"The telephone never stopped ringing," Rabbi Weiman-Kelman recalls. Kollek allocated land to Kol Haneshama, enabling it to build a permanent home in Baka. While the excitement of Simhat

Torah has passed, Kol Haneshama's members are working harder than ever to attract members and raise funds for the building campaign.

"Kol Haneshama started as a handful of people who prayed together on Shabbat," says the congregation's treasurer, Jill Levenfeld. "Now we are becoming more of a community," and growing numbers of sabras are getting involved.

Former Knesset member Mordechai Bar-On is not a regular synagogue-goer, but when he does go, it is to Kol Haneshama. "I feel very comfortable here," he says, speaking for himself and many other Israelis. "The prayer comes from the heart."

Further, Bar-On adds, "It's important for Reform Judaism to grow and develop in Israel."

Through the untiring efforts of Kol Haneshama and the 18 other Israeli Reform congregations, that growth is proceeding at an ever-accelerating rate.



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by Sandra Silva

If you read the *Herald* last week, you would have seen a new page called Youth Hi-Lights. I would like to incorporate this page into our paper as a regular feature.

This is your page, and you must tell me what you want to see. I have been out of high school for almost seven years, and I realize that many things have changed. Because of this, I will need your guidance in putting together a page you will find interesting and relevant.

The following areas are open for involvement:

Student correspondents:

- to regularly submit articles for the Hi-Lights page. The frequency, with which you would be expected to contribute, will depend upon your schedule and the number of correspondents we have. The issues you write about will be up to you. Or, anyone
- interested in sporadically submitting materials. This will include opinion pieces, responses to things you have read, poetry you have written or anything else you feel may be appropriate. People will also be needed to
- send information regarding events taking place in the youth community. These may be events at your temple or school, and may include anything from award ceremonies to sporting events.

Although you may choose your own topics, I must reserve the right to judiciously edit pieces we publish. When this is necessary, it will be done fairly and sparingly. Any major editing will be discussed with the author first.

T.J. Feldman, who was featured on the Hi-Lights page last week has agreed to serve regularly as a student correspondent. Anyone interested in becoming involved with this project may contact me at the *Herald* at 724-0200 or P.O. Box 6063, Providence, RI 02940.



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Business & Financial

Tax Strategies For Home Based Businesses

by Susan Makalinaw,
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Personal Financial Planner
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If you've thought about starting your own home-based small business, tax reform may give you a needed push. Although tax reform leaves us minus many deductions, it provides small, home-based businesses with some of the best tax strategies.

Here are some steps you can take now:

Keogh Plans. The tax-free Keogh retirement program allows the self-employed — including full or part-time, home-based business owners — to put aside 13.043 or 20 percent of their yearly net business income, depending on the plan selected, and deduct it from their taxes.

Even if a home-based business owner has more than \$40,000 in income from a job outside the home, and his/her spouse is covered by a qualified retirement plan, the business owner can have a Keogh as long as the home business is profitable. Business owners also must offer their employees participation in the

plan. Unlike the IRA, which can be set up as late as April 15, a Keogh must be established by December 31 of the year for which it is claimed. But Keogh contributions can be as late as the due date (including extensions) of the tax return.

Lower individual tax rates. Those who do establish a home-based business will join the growing ranks of small business owners filing as individuals on Form 1040. Many small enterprises report business income on individual tax returns because they are organized as sole proprietorships, partnerships and S corporations. These enterprises will benefit from lower individual rates.

In 1988, when the law is fully phased in after a transitional year, the 15-bracket system, with rates reaching 50 percent, is reduced to three brackets: 15, 28 and — for a big chunk of higher income — 33 percent.

Pay your child. To take advantage of those remaining deductions, one strategy is to pay your child or children to work in

your small business. By paying two children \$20 per week for 50 weeks, you gain a \$2,000 salary deduction.

The law also increased personal exemptions from \$1,080 last year to \$1,900 this year and \$1,950 in 1988. From 1989 on the figure will be \$2,000. In 1987 the standard deduction will be \$2,540 for singles and \$3,760 for joint filers. From 1988 on, it will be \$3,000 for singles, \$5,000 for joint returns.

Expensing. An additional change, which will work to the benefit of home-based business owners, is the new expensing provision. Some self-employed people and small companies can take an immediate deduction, called expensing, for equipment purchases, instead of depreciating these items. Tax reform doubles the limit on the amount you can expense — to \$10,000 — in 1987. However, equipment, such as a computer, must be used exclusively for your business more than 50 percent of the time if you want to take advantage of expensing.

Hobby loss rule. Your small, home-based business might trigger the hobby loss rule — a provision in the tax code distinguishing a hobby from a business. The new law says you are in the business activity, rather than a hobby, if it

is profitable in three out of five consecutive years. The requirement is tightened up to determine if you're trying to convert a hobby into a tax deduction. Previously, the test was two out of five years.

Income generated by a hobby is taxable, and losses — unlike those from a business — are not deductible. With an income-producing hobby, expenses must be included in itemized miscellaneous deductions, and under the new law, are deductible only to the extent such miscellaneous deductions exceed 2 percent of adjusted gross income.

The new tax law changes the rules, closing some loopholes while lowering tax rates. To minimize taxes under the new law, small, home-based business owners can consider these options.

For Working Women

For women who work or plan to enter the work force, Jewish Family Service is offering a Family Life Education workshop titled "For Working Women."

The struggle with the myth of superwoman will be the central theme. Discussion will focus on the common issues: definition of roles; expectations, guilt feelings.

"For Working Women" will meet at the Jewish Family Service office, 229 Waterman Street in Providence. The three-session workshop will be held on Monday evenings, 7:30 to 9 p.m. beginning April 11. The fee is \$20. Pre-registration is required. For information or to register call 331-1244.

Women's Advertising Club Announces Scholarship

The Women's Advertising Club of Rhode Island announces its 13th annual scholarship competition for college students. A total of \$4000 will be awarded, with this year's outstanding student receiving a \$2000 scholarship. The competition is open to all matriculating students who are entering their sophomore, junior or senior years, and planning a career in advertising, commercial art, communications, marketing or retailing. Applicants must be residents of Rhode Island. The awards are based on career objectives, academic achievement, and faculty recommendation. Previous winners are ineligible.

After preliminary judging, finalist will be interviewed by the scholarship committee. The entire Women's Advertising Club votes on the nominees and their awards at the Club's annual meeting in May. The deadline for submitting scholarship material is Monday, April 11, 1988.

This year's committee includes: Pam Covellone, Administrator; James Kaplan Jewelers; MaryAnne DiRocco, Sales Representative, Colorlab, Ltd.; Nondas Voll, Director of Public Relations and Marketing, Roger Williams College; Lynn Kelly, Public Relations/Marketing Specialist; Ruth Winograd, Creative Department Administrator, Fitzgerald and Company; and Elli Panichas, President, Communications and Design Mgt., Inc. Applications are available at the Financial Aid Office of area colleges and universities; or call or write the Scholarship Committee, Women's Advertising Club of Rhode Island, c/o Communications and Design Mgt., 220 Weybosset St., Providence, R.I. 02903, (401) 331-3530.

Art Auction

The Rhode Island Advertising Club (RIAC) will hold its first art auction on Thursday, April 7, 1988 at the Roger Williams Casino in Roger Williams Park, Providence to benefit the Club's newly formed scholarship fund.

The evening event will begin with a wine and hors d'oeuvres viewing at 6 p.m. and the auction will begin at 7 p.m.

Oils, lithographs, etchings, serigraphs and posters by such artists as Delacroix, Yamagata, LaForet, Maxwell, Powell and many others will be featured. Bruce Andrew Galleries, Inc. of Closter, New Jersey is preparing the program. Prices are expected to range from \$35 to \$500 and up.

"We're trying something a bit different from our most recent auctions which, although successful, were very eclectic in nature," said Isabel Goff, RIAC auction chairperson. "We view this as an exciting, fun-filled opportunity for people to find that certain print or poster they have been looking for to decorate their home or office," said Goff.

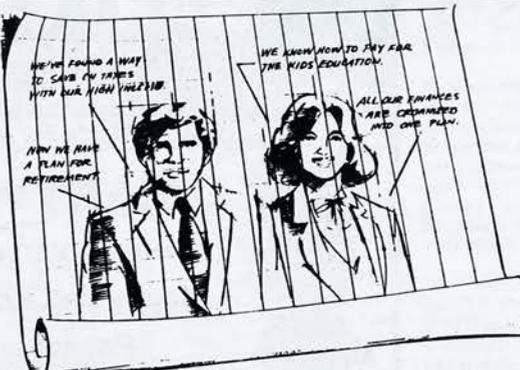
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R.I. Israel Bonds To Hold Pacesetters' Event



Stephen M. Berk

Professor Stephen M. Berk, a distinguished historian who has published studies on East European Jewry and on Israel, will be the featured speaker at The Rhode Island Israel Bonds Pacesetters' reception on Wednesday, April 6 at 5 p.m. at the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Wayne M. Franklin.

Professor Berk is chairman of the Department of History at Union College in Schenectady, N.Y. and director of the program of Comparative Communist Studies and coordinator of the Union College Program in Israel.

Published extensively, his most recent work is *Year in Crisis, Year of Hope: Russian Jewry and the Pogroms of 1881-1882*. A frequent visitor to Israel, he has published a study called *Israel and the American National Interests*.

Professor Berk earned his doctorate from Columbia University, and is a graduate of its Russian Institute. He also serves as an adjunct professor at the State University of New York at Albany.

The Pacesetters' reception is the kickoff event for this year's local

Israel Bond Campaign. Several individuals will be honored at the reception for their support of The State of Israel through the Israel Bond Program.

The Israel Bond Organization is a major source for development capital for Israel, providing more than \$8.5 billion in sales. Funds help build every aspect of Israel's economy through the nation's development budget.

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Israel Bonds provide a variety of investment opportunities for individuals. Anyone interested in the program should contact the local bond office at 751-6767.

Jewish Summer Fellowships

Applications are currently being accepted for fifty fellowships to a six-week leadership training program in Jerusalem this summer. The Jerusalem Fellowships, sponsored jointly by Aish HaTorah, the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency for Israel, is designed "to educate and motivate young adults who will assume leadership positions in the Jewish community," says Aish HaTorah executive director Rabbi Andrew Kaufman.

The program, which begins July 1st, combines touring, seminars and discussions on political and contemporary issues, and in-depth exploration of the meaning of Jewish identity. Participants will meet with prominent government

officials and with activists on behalf of Soviet and Ethiopian Jewry.

Applicants for the Fellowships must be graduating college seniors or graduate students with demonstrated leadership abilities or potential. A strong Jewish background is not required, "but we are looking for people who want to learn more about being Jewish, and who will communicate their acquired knowledge and pride to their peers," Rabbi Kaufman says.

After their selection by application and interview, the Jerusalem Fellows will each receive \$1550 towards the total program cost of \$2500.

Individuals wishing to learn more about the Fellowships, or to request applications, may do so by contacting Rabbi Kaufman at Aish HaTorah, 888 Seventh Avenue, Suite 2800, New York, NY 10106, tel. (212) 621-4798.

Woonsocket BBYO Expands Horizons

The Woonsocket chapter of B'nai B'rith Youth Organization has expanded its programming area to include the Towns of Lincoln, Cumberland, and Smithfield, R.I. and Uxbridge, Milford, Blackstone, Bellingham and Mendon, Mass.

The chapter meets at congregation B'nai Israel on Sunday afternoons. The chapter programs in the five folds of B'nai B'rith Youth Organization which includes athletics, social, Jewish cultural, religious and community service.

The B'nai B'rith Youth Organization is in the process of conducting its annual membership drive. Any Jewish Youth between the ages of 13-18 who would like additional information please call David Hochman, Rhode Island State Coordinator at (401) 421-4111 or our Regional Office at (617) 566-2067.

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Family Passover Workshops At Temple Am David And Temple Torat Yisrael



Oh no! Melissa Dress is caught at Am David's family Passover workshop — she's here unofficially. As a 2-year-old, she's considered "underage."



During a puppet show by Mona Schrayner, Sharon Corin and Alice Sneider at Am David the children sing Dayenu while an enthusiastic Cantor Dress helps them along. The puppet show was written by Rabbi White and Delly Musen of Temple Am David.



Mom and Dad help Lara and Beth Siegel make a Haggadah. The Haggadah workshop was designed by the Bureau of Jewish Education.



The children sing from a Haggadah put together by Cantor Dress during a model Seder at Temple Am David. The Seder, catered by Izzy's, boasted a complete Seder meal.

Mosaic Matzah Holder

by Judy Nagel

Supplies:
Acrylic markers, wine goblet, xeroxed copies of symbols, Hebrew letters, etc.

Directions:
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Brothers, Mark and Adam Scholes paint designs on pillowcases to be used on the pillows at their family Seder. The pillowcase workshop was designed by the Bureau of Jewish Education.

Creating An Elijah Cup



At Temple Torat Yisrael last Sunday Richard and Loretta Robin worked with their daughter Allison to design a Kiddush cup to be used at their family Seder. Photo by Sandra Silva

by Anne Dansicker

Supplies:

1 metal pan, 1 cup of water, 2 cups of plaster, 1 stirrer, tiles, pen, masking tape, name tag.

Do not touch plaster with your hands!!

Directions:

1. As a family, choose a design.
2. As younger family members choose tiles for design, the adult must quickly mix plaster. This is done by dumping cups of plaster in pan and adding water in small amounts to make a smooth heavy batter.
3. Once plaster is mixed, lightly press tiles into plaster. This must be done quickly before plaster sets.
4. Put your name on the masking tape on pan. Place pan on table to finish drying. Wash your hands.

Hagaddahs For Visually Impaired

Blind and visually-impaired adults and children who wish to participate fully in a Passover seder this year may obtain a Haggadah in either large-print or braille or on audio cassettes, as a free gift from the Jewish Braille Institute of America, it was announced recently by Dr. Jane Evans, JBI president.

Two editions of the Haggadah in large print are available. The traditional Haggadah is edited by Dr. Philip Birnbaum. The Reform movement's New Union Haggadah has been made possible by a grant from the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

The following Haggadot are available in braille:

- A one-volume braille edition edited by the late Dr. Cecil Roth;
- The Silverman (Conservative) edition, in four braille volumes;
- The New Union (Reform) edition, in three braille volumes;
- The Goldstein edition for children, in one braille volume.

Available on three audio cassettes is the Koren Haggadah,

edited by Edward Fisch and recorded by the late Cantor Paul Kwartin and the choir of Union Temple in Brooklyn.

Requests for a free Haggadah, specifying the edition desired, should be made to the Jewish Braille Institute of America, 110 East 30th Street, New York, NY 10016; telephone (212) 889-2525. Those needing large-print should include with their request a note from their physician or other eye care professional stating that they cannot effectively read standard-size print. Passover this year begins with the first seder Friday evening, April 1.

Founded in 1931, the Jewish Braille Institute offers a wide range of services that enable blind and partially-sighted persons to participate fully in Jewish religious and communal activities in the United States, Israel and more than 40 other countries.

Gerald M. Kass is the executive vice president of the Jewish Braille Institute.



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We try to remember what it was like back then,
At the time of the plagues which numbered ten.
We are very grateful to God,
For when He told Moses to stick out his rod,

A great miracle took place.
You should have seen the Egyptians' face!
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— By Melissa Freed, 10-years-old,
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Out Of The Past



The Gorin family with the chaplain.

by Eleanor F. Horvitz
(Reminiscences from the Archives of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association)

The first night of Passover will soon be observed. Preparations for the family seder may already have started. But are you preparing for up to 60 guests? The Gorin family of Panama were hosts each year to a seder of that size. According to Jeremiah J. Gorin (Jerry), a Providence attorney and former president of the Jewish Community Center, growing up Jewish in Panama included memorable seders. His father invited officers, enlisted men and members of the local Jewish community. As many as could be located or wanted to come were

welcome. To Mr. Gorin, all were Jews as far as he was concerned.

Mrs. Gorin was an excellent cook, her son recalled. But she did have ample help and a cook whom she had trained in Jewish cooking. She also became proficient in preparation of the traditional Passover dishes.

Every year Mr. Gorin would order a sufficient quantity of matzos for the Passover week. He had to order the boxes of matzos well in advance of the Passover holiday since they were transported by ship to Panama.

The Gorins included service people at their seders who were based in Panama long before the United States entered into World War II. Any stray person who had

no place to go for the seder came to their house. Of course, there were fewer guests in those years. Some were close friends, some passing acquaintances.

Roslyn Gorin, who married Jerry in Panama, described the logistics of setting up the tables. Since the rooms of their home flowed into each other, the additional tables (long boards on wooden horses) were placed to extend contiguously. Thus from the dining room to the music room there were place settings for the many guests. Since Mrs. Gorin's Passover dishes were limited, she borrowed new dishes to serve as additional Passover dishes. However, she kashered the silverware. Many of the items used by the senior Gorins during the seders are now on the seder table of Roslyn and Jerry Gorin. Their Passover is enhanced by the tangible evidence of those memorable seders.

The question arises. Why did Samuel Gorin settle in Panama? It was not an area to which Jews from Eastern Europe ordinarily migrated. Originally he had left Russia to join relatives in Boston. He worked in the shoe business and became a naturalized citizen of the United States. His sister and her husband did a great deal of traveling. On one of their trips they went to Panama and returned with glowing reports of booming conditions. The Panama Canal was being constructed (1904-1914) and produced a prosperous economy not unlike that of the California Gold Rush. Inspired by their tales, Samuel Gorin went down to Panama (around the year 1909) to see for himself. One observation he made was that many of the Panamanians were barefoot. Back he went to Boston to purchase a stock of shoes, and returned to Panama to open up a shoe store. As his son commented, "The people of that generation seemed to have had more guts."

In 1913 Samuel Gorin traveled back to Boston to marry. He brought his young bride, Anna, back to Panama. Here their first son, Jeremiah, was born. Mrs. Gorin must have found it difficult to adjust to living in Panama and when Jerry was about four years old his father sold his business and the family returned to Boston. It was in Boston that their second and last child, Paul, was born. Mr. Gorin was not able to make as good a living in Boston as he could in Panama so once again they went back to Panama, but now it was to settle permanently. The family lived in the Republic of Panama, an independent entity. That area and the Canal Zone were as close as Providence is to Pawtucket. At this point Mr. Gorin became involved in the junk business and the manufacture of mattresses.

The impression is given that Jerry felt he was very fortunate to have grown up in Panama. As a United States citizen through his father's naturalization, he was permitted to attend the American schools in the Canal Zone at no cost. He received an excellent education in this school system. He had many friends, both Jewish and non-Jewish, among the American children whose parents worked for the Canal, but he also had many Panamanian friends who had to pay tuition for their education in the American run schools.

It was natural that he learn to speak, read and write in Spanish since he lived in a Spanish speaking community. Jerry had nothing but praise for his early education which enabled him to matriculate at Duke University and Harvard University Law School.

Reminiscing about his college and law school experiences, he spoke about the two trips by ship which he took each year in the fall and in June to travel to the United States. It was a six to seven day trip from Panama, with a stop in

Port au Prince, Haiti and then on to New York. He had a great time with the same friends on the ship, which he called "the school trip."

There did not seem to be any problems for the Gorin boys in being brought up Jewish in Panama. There were about 300 Sephardic Jewish families in that area. One group of Spanish-Portuguese origin had migrated to Panama from nearby islands such as Curacao and St. Thomas. The other group of Sephardic Jews were the so-called Syrian Jews, who were also from North Africa and Egypt. It was from the latter group that Mrs. Gorin purchased her Kosher meat from their meat stalls in the market. The shohet (ritual slaughterer of meat and poultry) was a Syrian Jew, and it was to him that the live chickens the Gorins purchased were taken for slaughtering. Every Friday morning one of Mr. Gorin's employees in the junkyard (nicknamed, "Alfred the Flicker") arrived at the Gorin home to "flick" the chickens. The kosher aspect of housekeeping posed no problem to his mother, Jerry commented.

Samuel Gorin kept up with what he considered the news through his subscription to the Jewish newspaper, the "Forward." Considering that the newspapers had to arrive by boat, the news might have been rather dated.

There were two separate synagogues formed from each of these two groups of Sephardic Jews. The Gorin family attended the Spanish-Portuguese shul (synagogue), a typical shul with a dirt floor. It was at this synagogue that Jerry blew the shophar (horn of a ram) at the New Year. He continues to blow the shophar on that Holy day, but now he has that honor at Temple Emanu-El, Providence.

It was during the 1930's when life became very difficult for the Ashkenazi Jews in Germany and Austria that some of these Jews migrated to Panama.

"My father was the pillar of all communities. He had been in Panama for so many years. Whenever a ship came in from Europe he went down to meet it to see what he could do to help." In those days Panama was a very attractive place to settle. It did not take long before the Ashkenazi Jews got together and built their own synagogues. Some of them stayed on after the end of World War II, and prospered.

To his recollection, Jerry never experienced any anti-Semitism. In answer to a question about the black population in Panama, he said it was made up of those British West Indians who went to Panama during the days of the construction of the Canal.

After graduation from law school Jerry returned to Panama in order to take a job with the United States government. In 1943 he was able to obtain a position for his fiancé, Roslyn (they met when Jerry was in Boston) with the United States Government in Panama. In January of that year Paul had brought his wife-to-be to Panama. Mrs. Gorin was wont to say that she is probably the only mother of sons who arranged for their two weddings. Jerry's position with the government kept him out of active duty, but he got very restless and enlisted in the

Navy. He was anxious to see action. While stationed at boot camp he was told that he was to be stationed in Panama because of his credentials. They were: he was born in Panama, he spoke Spanish fluently, and he was a lawyer. Thus he became an intelligence agent for the Navy and wore civilian clothes. He ended up sitting out the war in Panama. "My friends tell me that I am the only person who drew overseas pay, wore civilian clothes and stayed home." His brother, Paul, who joined the United States Army, also served in Panama for the duration of the war.

Roslyn Gorin's experiences in Panama during the three years of their married life seemed to have been both difficult and interesting. She held various challenging jobs. However, the tropical climate with no air conditioning was a hardship. But coping with the bugs was undoubtedly the most difficult situation she had to cope with. There were big brown cockroaches (and flying ones as well), who were resilient to any forms of extermination. Confronting ants, sand flies, spiders and even a centipede sounds as horrifying today as it must have been in those years in Panama. But as both she and her husband related, they made good and lasting friendships in those war years.

A tribute to Samuel Gorin remains in Panama. During World War II the wife of a rabbi connected with the U.S.O. was killed in a tragic accident. An airplane crashed into her home as she was taking a shower. In her memory the Gorin family donated a beautiful ornate silver breastplate and two crowns for the Torah in the United States chapel. When the United States troops moved out of Panama and the U.S.O. was disbanded, the items were returned to Mrs. Gorin and her sons. They decided to donate the religious objects to a Sephardic synagogue in Panama, for they felt that Mr. Gorin would have preferred that they remain in his beloved Panama. The donation was in Samuel Gorin's memory for he had died at the end of World War II from a heart condition.

Because of his ties to the land where he was born and raised and where he had had so many pleasant experiences, Jerry considered staying on in Panama after the end of the war. He thought he might go into business or practice law.

Eventually he decided to move to the United States. Because of connections with his wife's family, Jerry chose to practice law in Rhode Island. However, he did not cut off his ties to Panama. He served as consul to Panama for the state of Rhode Island for several years. Also, he and his wife, together with his brother and his wife, visited Panama frequently. Ros and Jerry were even responsible for a memorable and nostalgic reunion of his high school class which was held in Panama.

There is left an impression that Jerry Gorin felt he was fortunate to have had the unique and wonderful experience of growing up in Panama, surrounded as he was by his devoted family and by many good friends. Unfortunately, that memory is now marred by the volatile political situation which exists in Panama.

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Gorin family stands at the head of the table.

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Mary's before and after photos. The image on the left is Mary as she appears normally. The image on the right shows how she would look with a new hairstyle, makeup and highlights.

by Sandra Silva

Ever walk into a hair salon with a photograph or mental image of a gorgeous hairstyle only to discover that same hairstyle looks like the wrath of Medusa on your head? Imagine being able to undo the cuts that have been made and start all over again? You say that's too good to be true?

Monday morning, *Herald* account representative Mary Fitzpatrick and I did just that. We paid a visit to Kenneth Cote, the New England representative for *The New Image Salon System*, a new computer which allows you to see how you look in different hairstyles and colors, without touching one hair on your head.

The system is in a unit that looks like a home entertainment center and is probably more entertaining than anything electronic you may have in your home. We entered the training center and were greeted by Kenneth Cote, New Image representative, with Richard Bump and Glen Badessa of Kenneth Cote Salon.

They were already working on the system. It is set up with a template and keyboard below, a video display screen above with a camera and light to the immediate left of the screen.

Mary was seated in front of the system and the next thing we knew she was on the screen. The image that appears on the screen is true to life, like television. Kenneth turned on the light above the camera and asked Mary to look directly into the lens, that image became a still shot on the display screen and was stored for future reference.

Mary then placed a sleeve over her head to hold back her hair. Another photograph was taken. This image made her appear bald.

"Any shadows, lines or puffiness such as bags under the eyes may be removed. This is a valuable tool for plastic surgeons or anyone considering plastic surgery," Kenneth explained as he moved the 'airbrush' over Mary's image, "because it provides an actual picture, not a drawing, of how a person will look after corrective surgery."

At this point we began to look through a book of hairstyles which have been programmed into the system. There are hairstyles in varying colors, lengths and shapes. Salons using the system have the option to include their own creations. There are hairstyles for men as well.

We chose a style and it was at this minute the fun began for there

was Mary, but it wasn't any Mary or I had ever seen before! She was wearing short red hair, quite a change from her normal long, straight blonde hair. Kenneth adjusted the style to fit the shape of Mary's face, toned down the color and applied makeup to finish the image. He then called up the first picture he had taken of Mary and showed the two side by side. The difference was incredible.

"This system is also good for clients with sensitive skin," said Glen. "It allows them to try a variety of makeup without the risk of having a reaction to any chemical in the product because nothing is actually put on their skin."

Since Mary wasn't especially pleased with this new look she was fortunate that Kenneth was able to undo it and start all over again. If Mary walked into a salon and had her hair cut in this style, she would have been stuck with something that made her unhappy. This system allowed her to actually view the style before she had to make a choice. Mary's response, "Good thing!" is something we can all relate to.

From here we tried two more styles, one medium length and one long. We watched, fascinated as Kenneth shortened some spots and lengthened others, added height and width and altered color with the use of transparencies. Mary was even able to see herself with gray hair. Mary mentioned that she had always wanted to see what she looked like with brown eyes and we watched as her normally green eyes turned first blue then brown.

After Mary was through, Kenneth gave her two polaroid style pictures. One showed all three of the styles we had tried and the other was a picture of her before and after her favorite style.

The system is also able to do colorization. I had been previously colorized and had fallen into the Winter category. I had secretly hoped that this was an error and if the process were repeated I would be determined as a Fall person. Well, the process was repeated and I have given up hope because as everyone says, computers don't lie. Kenneth photographed a patch of skin from my neck, a section of

hair and a close-up of one eye. The computer then analyzed the predominant color of the three samples and spit out the word WINTER.

A palate of winter (cool) colors appeared at the bottom of the screen. Kenneth applied these makeup colors to an image of my face on the screen and demonstrated how to place and blend them. Not that this is much good as I'm quite inept in that area. I'm one of those people who apply makeup best at night, when it's too dark for anyone to see the mistakes!

By the time we were finished Mary had found a new style that she liked, although not as much as she likes her current image. I had verified the fact that I am a winter

person and best of all, we had spent an enjoyable morning in the company of three new friends.

"That is the best part of the system. It opens the door for communication," emphasized Richard. "It gives you the opportunity to sit with your stylist and actually give input in every step of choosing and designing a hairstyle." The system allows a client relax with her stylist. You just talk and draw and if you have a good sense of humor laugh. There is none of the intimidation that is present when the scissors are out, no pressure. Just you, your stylist and the drawing board.

A list of salons who do or will have the system is available from Kenneth Cote.



Mary Fitzpatrick, *Herald* account representative and Kenneth with the New Image Salon System.

Our Babies Ourselves

Suzanne Arms Wimberly, author (*Immaculate Deception, A Season To Be Born*) and renowned filmmaker/photojournalist, will speak at a two-day conference entitled *Our Babies, Ourselves*. The conference will be held March 25 at 7-10:30 p.m. and March 26 at 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Mediator Fellowship, 50 Rounds Ave., Providence (near Roger Williams Park). Registration forms may be obtained by calling 331-4352 or 521-3294; registration at the door on a space available basis. The cost of the conference is \$5 (\$8 door) for the Friday Forum, \$25 (\$30 door) Saturday.

The Friday Evening Forum, 7 to 10:30 p.m., will feature Suzanne Arms Wimberly as the keynote speaker with a panel of related professionals and parents. The topic will be "The impact of birth on our Babies and our lives, health signs, sober Realities."

Saturday, Suzanne will present slides and facilitate a workshop entitled "Models around the World: Creating a Vision for Ourselves." In light of the current obstetrical crisis in Rhode Island, Suzanne will tailor the workshop to demonstrate solutions that will work in our state.

For more information or to register, call Barbara Dailey at 521-3294.

Group For Parents Of Emotionally Disabled

A support group for parents of children and adolescents with emotional / behavioral problems and learning disabilities, sponsored by the Parent Support Network of Rhode Island, will hold a meeting on Thursday, April 7, 7:30 p.m., at Bradley Hospital, 1011 Veterans Memorial Pkwy., Riverside, R.I.

This group is being formed to give parents the opportunity to share their common experiences, exchange ideas, develop peer support and promote advocacy related to children's educational and mental health services.

There is no charge to attend this meeting. For more information contact Jane Keane at 272-6730.

B'nai B'rith

NEW YORK, N.Y. — The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has urged the Senate Judiciary Committee to support passage of a bill that would impose federal criminal penalties for damaging religious property and for obstructing persons in the free exercise of their religious beliefs.

In letters (dated March 11) to all members of the Committee, Justin J. Finger, ADL's associate national director, said passage of the bill, S. 794, "at a time when bias crimes are on the upswing would create an important new weapon in the fight against anti-Semitism and other forms of religious bigotry."

Mr. Finger said the recent upturn in nationwide anti-Semitic vandalism, as reported in ADL's audit for 1987, as well as increased activities of such hate groups as neo-Nazi Skinhead gangs, underline the need for passage of such a law.

The bill, the ADL official noted, is designed to complement the work of state and local law enforcement officials who have played an important role in combating bias crimes. He cited recent federal prosecutions of such hate groups as the Aryan Nations and The Order.

"Victims of religious crimes," Mr. Finger wrote, "can never be fully recompensed; the vulnerability they feel lingers on long after the physical damage has been repaired." He added:

"It is therefore appropriate for Congress to recognize that such crimes are more serious and deserve this kind of special attention. S. 794 reflects a sensitivity to the unique pain caused by bias crimes and we respectfully urge its prompt passage."

Lung Cancer Threatens 10-15 Years After Quitting Smoking

Smokers who kick the habit do not extinguish their risk of lung cancer with their last cigarette. It takes at least 10 to 15 smoke-free years before a former long-term smoker's risk of lung cancer approaches that of a person who has never smoked, according to the latest annual report from the American Lung Association — the Christmas Seal People. A long-term smoker is one who has smoked at least 10 years.

The ALA report, "A Portrait of Lung Cancer," notes that 85 percent of all lung cancer cases are caused by smoking. In a Rhode Island Hospital report of lung cancer cases diagnosed and followed from 1979-1983, 94 percent had a positive smoking history.

In addition, lung cancer is among the group of cancer with the lowest survival rate: only 13 percent of white Americans and 11 percent of blacks are alive five years after diagnosis. Figures from another Rhode Island Hospital report on lung cancer cases diagnosed between 1979 and 1985, which represent a third of the total lung cancer cases in Rhode Island, are comparable to national trends, showing a 10 percent or less survival rate over five years. (Most

are shown to have died within the first year after diagnosis.)

Lung cancer is the leading cancer killer in the United States, responsible for nearly 30 percent of all cancer deaths. An estimated 136,000 Americans — 92,000 men and 44,000 women — died of lung cancer in 1987, more than the number who died of cocaine and heroin abuse, auto accidents, suicides, and homicides combined, the ALA says. In 1986, approximately 600 Rhode Islanders died of lung cancer — 67 percent men and 33 percent women.

"It's difficult to predict which smoker or former smoker will develop lung cancer," said John A. Pella, M.D., president of the Rhode Island Thoracic Society. "It normally takes at least 20 years before the disease appears," he noted. In Rhode Island, however, the number of lung cancer deaths has doubled over the past 20 years due in part to a large aging population of smokers and former smokers.

The ALA report urges smokers to quit as soon as possible, citing the rapid drop in the risk of developing emphysema and chronic bronchitis as an important incentive.

"The best way to avoid lung cancer is never to start smoking," said Claude LaBrosse, smoking program associate at Rhode Island Lung Association. "This is precisely our reasoning behind our anti-smoking messages to young people. We try especially to reach pre-teens, because 60 percent of adult smokers today got hooked on cigarettes before they were 14," he added.

National surveys show that 30.4 percent of Americans over age 20, or 52 million people, were smoking in 1985.

ALA is the oldest nationwide voluntary health agency in the U.S. Originally founded in 1904 to combat tuberculosis, today the ALA, its 135 affiliated lung associations throughout the country, and its medical section, the American Thoracic Society, are dedicated to the prevention, cure and control of all lung diseases and some of their related causes, including smoking, air pollution, and occupational lung hazards.

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Arts & Entertainment



Camino Real At Trinity



Peter Gerety (being carried by) Richard Ferrone, David PB Stephens, Pitt Harding, Brian McEleney, and Frederick Sullivan, Jr. in Trinity Rep's production of Tennessee Williams' *Camino Real* in the Upstairs Theatre March 11 through April 10. Directed by Richard Jenkins, with scenery designed by Eugene Lee, lighting by John F. Custer, and costumes by William Lane. Performances are scheduled Tuesday through Saturday evenings at 8 p.m.; Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; with occasional Wednesday and Saturday matinees at 2 p.m.

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Camino Real, playing in the upstairs theatre through April. His stage directions and foreword to a reading edition call for the onstage circus that Trinity does so well, and in an afterword he says that of all the works he has written, "this one was meant most for the vulgarity of performance."

Camino Real is a dramatic expression of the essential human condition as Williams sees it, set outside of time in some uncharted

Latin American town. It is peopled with mythical and historical figures passing time in their accustomed way until they can leave. Exit is possible only through death or a desert crossing, except for the occasional, unscheduled arrival of a plane. There are conventional contemporary characters, too — a gypsy whose daughter regains her virginity annually, daughter's nurse, a hotel flophouse owner, a "little mother" and a Mephistophelian character who provokes action, and comments on the passing scene.

Richard Jenkins directed a well-acted production that seldom slows down, with music (Richard Cumming), lighting (John F. Custer), setting (Eugene Lee), costumes (William Lane) and dance coordination (Sharon Jenkins) that were sometimes spectacularly effective.

Camino Real is a kaleidoscope of color, character and topsy-turvy shifts. Peter Gerety is gently brash as the hero, and Timothy Crowe and Cynthia Strickland viperish or compassionate as Casanova and the lady of the camellias. Barbara Meek, David Kennett and Anne Scouria are carnival characters as the gypsies, duenna and virgin. Keith Jochim plays the commentator/prodder. Others take several roles in this large-cast, very moving play. Whether one agrees with its thesis or not, this play is one you have to think about, not one that just entertains. Though it does that, too.

French Artist's Work On Display

Recent works by Jacqueline Lobenberg of Paris, France, opens Sunday, March 27 from 3-5 p.m. at Warwick Museum. This collection of her latest work consists of acrylics on board and canvas. Through her strong brushwork and spectrum of blues, green and ochres, Mrs. Lobenberg expresses her fascination with stormy landscapes and tempests at sea. Her vibrant abstract imagery focuses on the movement of light and the changes in atmosphere, reminiscent of J.M.W. Turner. In this series of paintings, Lobenberg is interested in solving the problem of distance and proximity, and has made a painting within a painting to enlarge a detail shown in the landscape. Through this repetition of small images — which are different aspects of the same landscape at different moments — the artist hopes to give an impression of the landscape or seascape that transgresses reality.

Jacqueline Lobenberg is a Professor of Painting and Design at L'Ecole Internationale de Paris and obtained her graduate degree from the University of Paris. She has exhibited widely in France and her work is included in the City of Paris's art collection. Following the exhibit at Warwick Museum, Mrs. Lobenberg's work will be shown at the Neighbor's Gallery of Harvard University.

Recent works by Jacqueline Lobenberg will continue through April 22 at Warwick Museum. Hours are Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Admission is free. Partial funding for this program was provided by the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts. Warwick Museum is located in the historic Kentish Armory at 3259 Post Road in Apponaug (take Rte. 117 East). For further information call 737-0010.

RISCA Announcements

Two New Funding Sources Available To Rhode Island Artists

The Rhode Island State Council on the Arts (RISCA) announces two pilot funding programs designed to assist professional individual artists in the state. The programs are "The Artist's Contingency Fund" and "Travel Grants for Individual Artists," both made possible through the generosity of a private donor to RISCA through the Rhode Island Foundation.

The Artist's Contingency Fund assists individual artists with grants up to \$250 for payment of unforeseen expenses that arise during execution or completion of a project, or to cover arts-related emergency needs not addressed by other sources. A total of \$5000 is to be distributed this year. Requests for funding will be reviewed on April 1, July 1, October 1 and January 1.

Travel Grants for Individual Artists fund travel opportunities which could have a significant impact on the work and/or career of an individual artist. Examples of eligible opportunities include: travel for creation, collaboration, performance, exhibition or presentation of the artist's work; project-oriented research or study; and attendance at a professional conference, workshop or seminar. Awards up to \$1000 will be distributed, up to a total of \$5000 this calendar year.

Requests for Travel Grants will be reviewed twice in 1988, on April 1 and October 1.

(Completed applications for either program are due in the RISCA office no later than 4:30 p.m. on the deadline date or the following business day if the deadline falls on a weekend or holiday.)

These two pilot programs will be administered by a Selection Committee that will serve for the entire year's granting cycle. The Committee is composed of the Chairman, Executive Director and Director / Individual Artists' Fellowships, RISCA; and five arts community professionals appointed by the Chairman and Executive Director.

South County Art Competition

South County Art Annual At Helme House

The South County Art Association will hold an open juried competition for original works of art not shown at the association before. Selected works will be exhibited at the Helme House Gallery in Kingston, R.I., April 14, through April 29, and will be eligible for five cash prizes and four honorable mentions.

Oils, watercolors, acrylics, pastels, sculptures, ceramics and graphics done within the last two years are eligible (photography not included). All works must be original and not done under supervision. Paintings must be neatly framed and wired, ready for hanging. No painting can exceed 45 inches, including frame.

All works must be hand delivered to the Helme House on Friday, April 8, 12 to 5 p.m., or Saturday, April 9, 12 to 5 p.m. No entries will be accepted after 5 p.m. on Saturday. The entry fee is \$5 per item, and artists are limited to two items.

Awards will be presented during the opening, Thursday, April 14, at 7:30 p.m. The opening and the continuing exhibition are free and open to the public. Gallery hours are 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays, and Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

For more information call 783-2195, Tuesdays through Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m., and Thursday evenings, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., or write the South County Art Association, 2857 Kingstown Road, Kingston, R.I. 02881.

Applications and further information are available from RISCA, (401) 277-3880.

R.I. Artists Invited To Join Slide Registry Of The R.I. State Council On The Arts

Professional Rhode Island artists are invited to submit slides of their work to the Artists' Slide Registry of the R.I. State Council on the Arts (RISCA) during the annual open call, held from March 1 until June 1.

The Slide Registry is a 35mm slide "catalog" of art work by emerging and established Rhode Island artists. Categories are: painting, drawing / printmaking, photography, sculpture, design and crafts (glass, metal, wood, ceramics or fiber).

The Registry provides a link between professional Rhode Island artists and an audience that includes museum curators, gallery directors, private collectors, public and private exhibit organizers, arts administrators and educators. Recently, the Registry was used to help mount art exhibits at the Warwick Art Museum and the Rhode Island Department of Transportation. The Slide Registry is available for viewing once a month at the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts and by appointment.

During the Open Call (March 1 to June 1), artists are invited to submit eight (8) slides of their work and a current resume or short biographical statement. Slides must be professional quality 35mm color or black and white, labelled with the artist's name, title of the work, medium and year of completion. Artists may submit slides in more than one category. Submissions should be sent to:

Edward Holgate
Rhode Island Artists' Slide Registry
Rhode Island State Council on the Arts

95 Cedar Street, Suite 103
Providence, R.I. 02903-1034

Submissions must be received before June 1, 1988, for inclusion in the current slide registry.

For more information, or to schedule a viewing of the Artists' Slide Registry, please call RISCA, (401) 277-3880.

Children's Museum

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Children will learn all about eggs and meet a baby chick during two drop-in programs on Wednesday, March 23 from 3:30-5 p.m. and Sunday, March 27 from 1-3 p.m. Visitors will learn how chickens are born, how and why an egg changes when it is boiled and how to make an egg bounce!

There is no charge for these activities beyond the regular price of admission, \$2.50 per person, museum members free. The Children's Museum, located at 58 Walcott Street in Pawtucket, is open Sunday, Tuesday-Thursday, 1-5 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10-5 p.m. For more information, please call 726-2590.

Passover Iconography At RISD

Carla Mathes Woodward, administrator of educational programs at the Rhode Island School of Design, will explore "Signs of the Season: The Iconography of Passover and Easter." The program, to be held at 12:15 p.m., Friday, April 1, is part of the "Lunchart" series. Bring lunch; coffee will be provided. At the Museum of Art, 224 Benefit St., Providence.



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World/National News

New Jewish Agenda Launches Petition Campaign

B'nai B'rith Calls On Congress To Ratify Genocide Treaty

WASHINGTON — Declaring that the United States is the one country that can convert the genocide convention into a moral force that would prevent mass ethnic slayings, B'nai B'rith recently called on Congress to pass legislation that would finally ratify the genocide treaty.

Testifying before the House Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees, and International Law, Seymour D. Reich, international president of the world's largest Jewish organization, said the United States has a special stake in preventing repetition of past traumas.

Reich pointed out that President Reagan, at a B'nai B'rith convention, recommended ratification of the treaty so that the United States "can more effectively expand human freedoms and fight human rights abuses around the world."

"We would add that ratification would mean that the United States could blow the whistle on genocidists and would-be genocidists. The danger of such episodes is by no means at an end."

Reich noted that the genocide treaty this year marks its 40th anniversary since it was unanimously adopted by the United Nations General Assembly. "The treaty," he said, "was an outgrowth of the holocaust trauma and constituted a signal attempt

by the world community to prevent any future slaughter of an ethnic, racial or religious group."

The B'nai B'rith leader said it was not surprising that it was the U.S. that took the leadership in drafting the treaty and winning its adoption and was the first country to sign it.

"A tragic and costly delay followed," he declared, stating that as nearly 100 governments ratified the treaty, the U.S. did not. Thirty-eight years later, the Senate, in an overwhelming 83 to 11 vote, gave its "advice and consent" to ratification but the treaty still was not ratified. "Ratification requires adoption by Congress of implementary legislation," Reich said and called for quick approval of such legislation.

Reich stated that the U.S. "for too long," has been embarrassed by challenges to its commitment to human rights "on grounds that we failed to ratify this very first human rights treaty geared to the very preservation of life itself." He noted that the Soviet Union has questioned America's "right to champion human rights everywhere because it has not ratified the treaty."

"For too long we have permitted a painful and distressing anomaly to prevail in our solemn observance of Holocaust Day," said Reich. He called for passage by April 14 — Holocaust Day.

AFL-CIO Honors Histadrut

BAR HARBOUR, Fla. — AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland honored Israel's Histadrut labor organization at a recent reception held here celebrating the 40th anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel. Bank Hapoalim, the bank of Histadrut, sponsored the event.

Mr. Kirkland paid special tribute to the Histadrut organization's close relationship with the AFL-CIO, and its continuing efforts to promote international trade union solidarity.

Participating at the function on behalf of Histadrut and Bank Hapoalim were Mr. Nawaf Massalha, the highest-ranking Israeli Arab official of Histadrut and a member of its Executive Committee; Mr. Eliezer Rafaeli, Histadrut's Representative to North America; Mr. Jacob Elinav, Executive Vice President and Manager of the New York Branches of Bank Hapoalim, and Mr. Nat Lindenthal, Vice President of Bank Hapoalim's Trade Union Department.

New Jewish Agenda, a seven-year old national organization promoting "progressive" values in the Jewish community, launched a national petition campaign March 13 in the American Jewish community. The petition calls for an international peace conference to mediate the Middle East crisis, guaranteed by the United States and Soviet Union and attended by all parties involved, including the PLO as representatives of the Palestinian people. The petition also calls upon the U.S. and Israeli governments and the PLO to take immediate positive steps towards the convening of such a conference.

The NJA issued the following statement on March 10.

The hijacking of an Israeli bus by three Palestinian guerrillas Monday, March 7, which resulted in the death of the guerrillas and three Israeli civilians, was a deplorable and tragic act that did nothing to advance the Palestinian cause or to assist the many people on both sides working for a peaceful resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. We call upon the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) to end these attacks, which do great damage to the Palestinian cause and inflict suffering on innocent victims.

We recognize that many innocent people have suffered on

the Palestinian side as well and we have been clear in our denunciation of actions by the Israeli government that have led to the deaths of scores of Palestinians in the Occupied Territories. We repeat a statement we have made many times in the past: extremists in both camps who wish to prevent negotiations are served best by the escalating violence while those who promote human values are undermined in their efforts to negotiate a settlement. The March 7 attack could not have been better planned to strengthen the hand of Israeli hard-liners who, in turn, can be expected to reciprocate the favor for hard-liners on the Palestinian side.

We call upon both Israel and the Palestinians to renounce violence and to take steps to strengthen the hands of those who wish to make peace.

Most of the current peace initiatives, though well-intentioned, contribute to the level of frustration and the resulting violence by projecting a political settlement years in the future. Further, they exclude the PLO, the only group that can realistically speak for the Palestinians and make peace on their behalf. We call upon all parties to the conflict, including the PLO, to begin negotiations leading to mutual recognition of the right to national self-determination of Israel and the Palestinian people.

Congregations, Hillels Join For Anti-Hunger Campaign

BOSTON, Mass. — More than 250 congregations, Hillels and other Jewish groups from 31 states and Canada have joined the Afikoman Pledge campaign. They are distributing over 100,000 pledge brochures for use at their members' seders.

Thousands of American Jews will remember the Passover message of freedom from hunger by making the "Afikoman Pledge": "We renew our commitment to help all who are hungry around the world, so that next year we may all be free!" They will redeem the afikoman by making a contribution to support the work of the American Jewish World Service, the international development and disaster relief organization of the American Jewish community.

"Matzah has special significance during Pesach," said Laurence R. Simon, President of AJWS. "It is called 'the bread of poverty' and symbolizes the redemption of our people from hunger, poverty and slavery in Egypt. We want to remind American Jews that millions of people in the developing world live in hunger and poverty and provide an opportunity to give tzedakah."

The American Jewish World Service was founded three years ago with broad support in the American Jewish community. AJWS has projects in 16 nations in Africa, Asia and Latin America which train people in agriculture and health care, and benefit poor families without regard to their religion.

The Afikoman Pledge campaign is supported by the Conservative, Reform and Reconstructionist rabbinical associations, and by the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation. Copies of the Afikoman Pledge and more information are available from AJWS, 729 Boylston St., Boston, Mass. 02116, (617) 267-6656.

Fight Terrorism With Tourism

NEW YORK, N.Y. — The best way to offset the latest attempt by Israel's enemies causing riots on the West Bank and Gaza will be for American Jews "not to run scared" but visit Israel during the next few months.

"Rest assured that traveling inside the country is 100% safe" asserted Rabbi Albert Lewis, vice-president of The Rabbinical Assembly, representing 1300 Conservative rabbis internationally. Rabbi Lewis called upon the Conservative movement's two million members to join with their rabbis in travelling to Israel. "This is the best answer to the PLO and her enemies."

"These are days of tension and sorrow for us here and for our brethren in Israel," Rabbi Lewis of Temple Beth Shalom, Haddon Heights, N.J. noted. "The press, especially the TV news, keeps adding to the pressure by causing a mood of depression. Israel is now dealing with problems, punishing those who deal excessively with rioters. We must help them now in their hour of need."

Rabbi Lewis announced that the RA's 1988 annual convention will take place July 25-28 in Jerusalem, "as our part in celebration of the nation's 40th birthday and dramatizing our solidarity."

Rabbi Lewis, who will serve as the RA's convention chairman, urged congregations to plan group tours or asked area colleagues to combine with other congregations to form groups.

The RA's 1988 convention activities and tours are being arranged through Isram Travel in New York City.

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Obituaries

GERTRUDE HARRIETT

PROVIDENCE — Gertrude Harriett of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., died Monday, March 14, 1988, at the home. She was the wife of Max L. Harriett.

Born in Romania, a daughter of the late Jacob and Chaya Dauer, she lived in Pawtucket for 48 years before moving to the home five months ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Harriett operated the East Avenue Hardware Co., Pawtucket, for 50 years before retiring two years ago. She was a member of Ohave Shalom Synagogue, Pawtucket, the Hadassah and the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged.

Besides her husband she leaves two sons, Robert Harriett of Cranston and Arnold Harriett of Newark, Del.; four sisters, Thelma Ginsburg, Frances Dauer and Sabina Gordon, all of Philadelphia, Rose Rosenblum in Delaware, and two grandchildren.

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

ALFRED J. JACOBS

CRANSTON — Alfred J. Jacobs, 68, of 425 Meshanticut Valley Parkway, a public accountant for more than 30 years before retiring 12 years ago, died Sunday, March 20, 1988, at Rhode Island Hospital. He was the husband of Doris (Charney) Jacobs.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Louis and Sadie (Jacobs) Jacobs, he moved to Cranston 22 years ago.

Touro Fraternal Association, and a past chancellor and commander of What Cheer Lodge 24, Knights of Pythias. He was a member of Orpheus Lodge 36, AF & AM, the Hope Lodge of B'nai B'rith and the National Society of Public Accountants.

Besides his wife he leaves a brother, Gerald Jacobs of New London, Conn.

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

HARRY MARKS

TAMARAC, Fla. — Harry Marks of Tamarac, Fla., died Saturday, March 12, 1988. He was the husband of Anna Adler Marks.

He was born in Providence. He was the son of the late Adolph and Martha Simon Marks. Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, Howard and Steven Marks, and a daughter, Audrey Solomon, all of New York; two sisters, Evelyn Marks of Providence and Mildred Backman of Cranston; one brother, Edward A. Marks of Miami and four grandchildren.

Burial was in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Hawthorn, N.Y.

DANIEL MILLER

EAST PROVIDENCE — Daniel Miller of 300 E. Shore Circle, an executive for the former Brier Jewelry Manufacturing Co. for 50 years before retiring in 1974, died Tuesday, March 15, 1988, at home. He was the husband of Rose (Shore) Miller.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Morris and Freida (Pastor) Miller, he moved to East Providence 14 years ago.

Mr. Miller attended Northeastern University. He was a World War II Army veteran. He had been a consultant for the B.B. Greenberg Jewelry Manufacturers Co. He was a member of the Manufacturing Jewelers and Silversmiths of America, the Temple Emanu-El Men's Club, the Jewish Home for the Aged, the Miriam Hospital Association and the Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association. He was a member of Redwood Lodge, F & AM, and was recently honored as a 50-year member.

In 1965, the People to People Organization of Rhode Island recognized him for supporting international sport activities as a means of fostering brotherhood.

Besides his wife he leaves a son, Donald E. Miller of Barrington; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Temple Emanu-El, Morris Avenue, Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery. Arrangements by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

THELMA SHEIN

PROVIDENCE — Thelma Shein, 77, of 82 Hazard Ave. died Saturday, March 12, 1988, at Rhode Island Hospital. She was the wife of Stanley E. Shein.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late Isaac and Susan (Fineberg) Rose.

Mrs. Shein graduated from Smith College in 1931. She was a member of Temple Beth-El and its

Sisterhood, the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged and the Zionist Organization of America.

Besides her husband she leaves two sons, F. Richard and Donald J. Shein, both of Providence; a brother, Jerome B. Rose of Tampa, Fla., and eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

A funeral service was held at Temple Beth-El, Orchard Avenue. Burial was in Congregation Sons of Israel and David Cemetery. Arrangements by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

PEARL WEINSTEIN

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. — Pearl (Berkman) Weinstein, 87, widow of the late Samuel Weinstein, died Sunday, March 20, 1988, at the New Bedford Jewish Convalescent Home. Born in Lawrence, Mass., Pearl was the daughter of the late Joseph and Lena (Pernacovitz) Berkman. Mrs. Weinstein lived in New Bedford for over 70 years.

Pearl was a saleslady for Berk's Army and Navy Store for 37 years, retiring nine years ago. She was a member of the Ladies Helping Hand Society, the New Bedford Jewish Convalescent Home, Congregation Ahavath Achim and the Jewish War Veterans Auxiliary-Post #154.

Mrs. Weinstein is survived by a son, Gerson Weinstein of New York City; two daughters, Osna W. Nisson of North Dartmouth, Mass., and Rhoda S. Weinstein of New Bedford; and one granddaughter, Sherry Maya Nisson.

Funeral services were held at Congregation Ahavath Achim Synagogue in New Bedford, Mass. Interment was at Plainville Cemetery, Plainville, Mass. Arrangements by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

DAVID YOUNG

PROVIDENCE — David Young of 100 Broad St., died Saturday, March 5, 1988, at Roger Williams General Hospital.

Born in Poland, a son of the late Shepsel and Rachel Young, he lived in Providence for 48 years.

Mr. Young was an upholsterer for the former Gold Star Mattress Co. and the former Raymond Mattress Co. for a total of 48 years. He was a member of the Touro Fraternal Association and the Congregation Sons of Jacob.

He leaves a brother, Milton Young of Providence, and a sister, Celia Rappaport of New York City.

The funeral procession left the Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., for a graveside service at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Israel Registers Non-Orthodox Converts As Jews

The decision by Israel's Interior Ministry to register four non-Orthodox converts to Judaism as Jews was hailed last week by the head of the Reform Zionist movement as "a major victory for the cause of religious pluralism in Israel."

Rabbi Charles Krolloff, president of the Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA), said the action underscored the role of the ARZA-sponsored Israel Religious Action Center in Jerusalem. The Center, which provides legal assistance for persons who have suffered from religious discrimination in Israel, represented Shoshana Miller — an American converted to Judaism by a Reform rabbi in Colorado — in a key test case challenging the ministry's refusal to register persons entering Israel under the Law of Return if their conversions had not been done by Orthodox rabbis.

Three other non-Orthodox converts — Gail Moscovitch and Claudia and Julia Varella — will also be registered as Jews in accordance with the Interior Ministry's decision. Rabbi Uri Regev, an Israeli-born Reform rabbi who is chairman of the Israel Religious Action Center, announced that the names of 20 more non-Orthodox converts would now be submitted for registration.

Women's Rights Major Focus

The Center has had "a major impact on public perceptions and political realities" in Israel by taking test cases to court, testifying before Knesset committees and publicizing government actions affecting religious liberty and the rights of Reform Jews, according to Rabbi Eric Yoffie, executive director of ARZA.

Women's rights are another major focus of activity of the

Religious Action Center, he said. The Center has challenged efforts by the Chief Rabbinate and Orthodox establishment to oppose the membership of women on local religious councils. It also supported a bill in the Knesset that would obligate all women who do not serve in the Israel Defense Forces to do alternative national service.

Shabbat Movies In Jerusalem

On the controversial issue of Friday-night movies in Jerusalem, the Religious Action Center has assumed a leadership role in supporting the right of theaters to show films on the Shabbat.

"The Center does not advocate movie attendance on the Sabbath," said Rabbi Regev. "But Shabbat observance in Jerusalem cannot and should not be enforced by coercive legislation."

While supporting the right of theaters to show films on Shabbat, Rabbi Regev noted, the religious institutions of the reform movement have been presenting alternatives to Shabbat movies. Bet Shmuel, the cultural center and youth hostel operated by the World Union for Progressive Judaism — a co-sponsor of the Religious Action Center — has been offering religiously-oriented cultural programs every Friday evening, he said.

In addition, the Jerusalem branch of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion is instituting a Saturday afternoon religious and cultural program for young families. Other activities of the center have included:

- Exposing conflict-of-interest, corruption and financial irregularities in the operations of El Hamayan, a tax-supported, non-profit organization run by the ultra-Orthodox Shas Party to advance its political interests.

- Monitoring the statements of Israeli government officials and Knesset members on religious liberty issues, holding them accountable for actions affecting the rights of non-Orthodox Jews.

- Establishing an annual "Pluralism Prize" to be awarded to persons who strengthen understanding between religious and secular Jews and foster closer relations among different branches of Judaism.

- Initiating efforts to establish a burial society to provide interment under non-Orthodox auspices. The Center has applied to the Ministry of Religion for a license but expects that legal action will be required before the Reform movement is granted the permission it seeks.



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For many years now, gifted young scientists from Africa have sought sophisticated advanced training at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel. This link was emphasized at a recent ceremony honoring Touwane Simon Emudianughe, whose research at the Weizmann Institute concentrates on fetal nutrition. Ms. Vivian Clore Duffield came from England to present the Sir Charles Clore post-doctoral fellowship to Dr. Emudianughe.

Hebrew U. Prof. Tells Of Concern For Iran's Jews

JERUSALEM — Concern for the spiritual future of Iranian Jewry, because of the continuing and deepening Islamization of the country, was expressed here by a Hebrew University of Jerusalem professor of Persian language and literature.

Iranian-born Professor Amnon Netzer said, in a lecture given at the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, that of the 80,000 Jews who lived in Iran before the Islamic revolution, there are some 25-30,000 remaining today. Of those who have left, some 20,000 have come to Israel, he said, with the balance going to other countries in the free world, particularly to the Los Angeles area in the U.S.

The truly worrying aspect about the Jews who have remained in Iran revolves around the issue of Jewish education, said Netzer. The Education Ministry has created mandatory school attendance districts within the cities. Jewish schools have now become part of this district public school system, said Netzer, and as a result, Jewish children are now learning in Islamic schools.

Despite this, Netzer said that many Islamic leaders have gone out of their way to praise Judaism and to even visit synagogues, but they also stress that the Jews of Iran are different than the Jews of Israel or of America in that they are not Zionists. Indeed, there is a phenomenon today of organized anti-Zionist Jews in Iran, Professor Netzer said.

Those Jews who have stayed in Iran come primarily from the lower middle class, and some of them actually have improved their economic status beyond that which they enjoyed before the revolution, said Professor Netzer.

Professor Netzer's lecture was sponsored by Misgav Yerushalayim, the Institute for Research on the Sephardi and Oriental Jewish Heritage, founded by the Hebrew University, the World Sephardi Federation and the Council of the Sephardi and Oriental Communities of Jerusalem. The program was the annual lecture given in memory of Professor Ino Sciaky, a former chairman of Misgav Yerushalayim, one of the founders of the Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Dental Medicine and the first dean of the University's faculty of Dental Medicine.

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Conference For Women In Non-Traditional Jobs

A common complaint of most working women today is that they do not make enough money to supplement their families' incomes, or to support their families. One solution is for women to take jobs in non-traditional careers (construction, plumbing, welding, and other trades, for example) where they can earn more money, and have good advancement opportunities.

To spur progress in this area, RI Working Women and the Community College of RI will hold a Conference on Women in Non-Traditional Careers, March 26, from 9:30-2, at the Community College's Warwick campus. The conference will be of interest to women wanting to enter or learn about non-traditional careers, to women already in non-traditional careers, and to representatives from agencies that help place women in employment.

One concern of women in non-traditional careers is that they may feel isolated, as often the only woman, or one of few women at their place of work. To address this, we will offer as part of the conference, a workshop setting up a support group for women already in non-traditional careers. Other workshops will include Education and Training Opportunities, Apprenticeship Programs, On-the-Job Training, and Overcoming Barriers.

Moreover, the conference will provide time for business representatives to meet with participants to discuss job availability and even to fill out job applications.

Admission is \$5 for individuals, and \$15 for agency representatives. AFDC recipients are eligible for scholarships provided by the R.I. Department of Human Services Pathways to Independence Program. Pre-registration is suggested. For more information, call 941-4530.

ADL Publishes Bulletin On Extremists

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Timely information on the activities and leadership of American extremist groups is being distributed to law enforcement officials across the United States by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

The information, on such groups as the Ku Klux Klan and neo-Nazi skinhead gangs, is contained in "Law Enforcement Bulletin," a new publication of the League intended for state and local police, county sheriffs, federal authorities and other officials concerned with law enforcement.

Justin J. Finger, ADL's associate national director and head of its Civil Rights Division, pointed out that the League monitors extremist groups through its Research and Fact Finding departments and a network of 31 regional offices across the nation. He added:

"In recent months, federal, state and local law enforcement agencies deserve credit for a series of successful prosecutions of extremists. We hope this publication will facilitate coordination of ongoing law enforcement efforts to combat the threat these hate groups pose."

The first issue of the Law Enforcement Bulletin features articles on several organizations, including neo-Nazi skinhead gangs, the self-styled "revolutionary" group known as The Order, and the leftist John Brown Anti-Klan Committee. It also provides profiles of William Pierce, leader of the neo-Nazi "Cosmotheist Community Church" based in West Virginia, and Roy E. Frankhouser, a former KKK activist and former aide of extremist leader Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. Frankhouser was recently convicted of conspiracy to obstruct justice and sentenced to three years in federal prison.

The Law Enforcement Bulletin also describes the targeting of

America's prison population by radical elements of both the Right and Left as a potential focus for their propaganda, agitation and membership recruitment.

The Law Enforcement Bulletin lists the availability of recent ADL publications on extremism, including "Hate Groups in America: A Record of Bigotry and Violence," "Shaved for Battle: Skinheads Target America's Youth," "Security Handbook for Community Institutions," "Computerized Networks of Hate" and "ADL Paramilitary Training Statute: A Response to Extremism."

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Israel's "Sesame Street" To Air In States

For over 16 years, Children's Television Workshop (CTW), has been coproducing foreign language versions of its series, *Sesame Street*. Today, children in some 80 countries watch 12 different versions of the series, including *Plaza Sesamo* in Latin America, *Sesamstrasse* in Germany and *Iftah Ya Simsim* in Kuwait.

"For some time now," says CTW president Joan Ganz Cooney, "we've believed that the overseas versions of the very familiar *Sesame Street* should be brought back to the show's home base to introduce American children to different people, places and cultures around the world."

In April, the first experiment in this concept, *Shalom Sesame*, will be broadcast by public television stations around the country. The five half-hour programs in this adaptation of the Israeli version of *Sesame Street* made especially for American audiences feature violinist Itzhak Perlman, actress Bonnie Franklin, Big Bird, Oscar the Grouch, Bert, Ernie, and many other characters and elements familiar to *Sesame Street*'s young American audience, who are joined by Kippy Ben Kipod (Israel's oversized porcupine puppet), Moishe Oofnick (a cousin of Oscar the Grouch) and other characters from the Israeli version of the program.

Like *Sesame Street*, *Shalom Sesame* has a number of educational goals. Some of them are cognitive — introducing Hebrew language skills, ancient and modern Israeli places and historical and cultural sites. As on *Sesame Street*, many of the goals are social. The series stresses tolerance by including people of different backgrounds and beliefs. *Shalom Sesame* shows Jews of Mediterranean and Eastern European descent as well as Arabs of different backgrounds. The series takes place on a street where people of varying beliefs and backgrounds play, work and live together. Like *Sesame Street*, *Shalom Sesame* contains animation, music, comedy, film and puppets to introduce people, places and concepts.

When the series was tested for comprehensibility with American children in cities ranging from



Itzhak Perlman befriends Kippy Ben Kipod, a Hebrew-speaking porcupine, on *Shalom Sesame*, a five-part television series produced by Children's Television Workshop. The series, adapted from the CTW/Israeli co-production, airs in April on PBS stations nationwide.

New York to Louisville, Kentucky, their response was uniformly favorable. Children in the test groups — preschoolers through college students, Jewish and non-Jewish — enjoyed the programs, were motivated to learn more about Israel and other foreign countries, and learned a great deal of factual information. *Shalom Sesame*'s five half-hour programs will be broadcast on public television stations in April.

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by Isaac Klausner

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The people did exactly as Moses told them. They ate the Passover lamb and the Passover meal, they were ready to leave Egypt and follow Moses to the Red Sea, and to Mount Sinai, which resulted in the formation of the Hebrew nation.

So, according to the Bible, the first Passover meal was eaten before Passover. Was there a reason for that unusual fact? A celebration usually follows an important event. The explanation can be given by the special urgent circumstances and by the trust of the people in the words of Moses and in the promises of God.

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