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History In The Making

Goldowskys Anticipate AJHS Conference



Dr. and Mrs. Seebert J. Goldowsky at home in Providence.

by David DeBlois

The American Jewish Historical Society National Conference in Providence? Why Providence?

Dr. Seebert J. Goldowsky explains: "Everyone thinks of Newport because of Touro Synagogue and the Golden Age there, but I thought that Providence had a lot to offer. I spoke to Bernie (Bernard Wax, Director of the AJHS) about it on several occasions, and he said he would welcome that."

Goldowsky and his wife Gertrude (known affectionately as "Bonnie") have been instrumental in keeping the vision of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association

held by its founder, David C. Adelman, alive. Affiliated with the organization since just after it was chartered in 1951, Seebert and Bonnie have once again lent their time and efforts to a RIJHA-sponsored event: the AJHS National Conference being held in Providence from April 29-May 2.

The Goldowskys provided a natural link between the local and national organizations, as they are two of only a handful of Rhode Islanders who are members of both. In addition, Seebert was already a friend of the AJHS Director. Thus, after the formal application process was completed,

the AJHS announced that Providence would host the 1988 convention.

There were still, however, obstacles to overcome. First, money was a serious problem. To help, RIJHA enlisted the aid of the Jewish Federation of R.I. Without the assistance of their funds, the Goldowskys contend, the conference could never have taken place in Rhode Island. When RIJHA President Geraldine S. Foster could not find anyone to act as directors, the affair was again placed in serious jeopardy. President Foster finally ended up taking most of the responsibility for the event upon herself. She is, according to the Goldowskys, the single most-deserving person responsible for the success of the event.

The Goldowskys remained involved. Bonnie joined Mrs. Charlotte Penn to handle the publicity, while Seebert served as coordinator of the Sunday Banquet and Program. Many others donated their time as well. "There's a lot of local talent involved," stressed Bonnie.

Two years after Seebert Goldowsky had discussed the matter with AJHS Director Bernard Wax and a full year after preparations began, a National Conference in Providence is finally a reality. Phew ...

Seebert and Bonnie Goldowsky are a treasure. Their lives speak of endless devotion to the people around them and of service to their community.

"I'm an unusual person in Providence," smiles Seebert. "I'm a native."

Dr. Goldowsky graduated summa cum laude from both Classical High School (1924) and Brown University (1928). "Tuition in those days," he laughs, "was only \$300.00 when I started at Brown and went up while I was there to \$350.00" Still, times were beginning to get tough as the country skidded towards the Great Depression. "We didn't have much to play around with. I gave transfusions in medical school to help pay. They used to pay, y'know, in those days." Nonetheless, Goldowsky managed to graduate from Harvard Medical School in 1932.

After serving in the Army Medical Corps in WWII, Seebert returned to his general surgery practice in R.I. He would eventually gain a great deal of prestige in his profession, and served as Surgeon-in-Chief at Miriam Hospital and as Medical Director of R.I. Blue Cross-Blue Shield. In 1960, he became the Editor of the *Rhode Island Medical Journal*, a post he still holds today. Dr. Goldowsky then became heavily involved in RIJHA, serving as Editor for its

publication, *Rhode Island Jewish Historical Notes*, from 1962 to 1978, and as President of the organization from 1982 to 1984.

Bonnie Goldowsky's dossier is no less impressive. After earning her Bachelor's degree in Sociology at Radcliffe, Bonnie embarked on a career encompassing a wide variety of fields, with much of her work done on a volunteer basis. She spent a year at Simmons College Graduate School of Social Work in Boston, but left when her husband returned from the war. At that time, she explained, commuting to Boston was not nearly as common an entity as it is today, especially for women.

Of her connection with the Historical Association, Bonnie explains, "When he (Seebert) became involved, I met Mr. Adelman, too, and he recruited me to do the indexing." Mrs. Goldowsky meticulously devised indexes for each of the first seven volumes of *Rhode Island Jewish Historical Notes*. Each volume is comprised of four issues of the publication. In 1978, she took on the herculean task of creating a cumulative index for Notes' first 25 years of publication. The necessary funds were supplied by the Jewish Federation and the R.I. Committee for the Humanities.

As if this were not enough, Bonnie was concurrently acting as

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Solomon Schechter Celebrates Its Tenth Anniversary

by Sandra Silva

Each year of the past decade has represented a milestone for the Solomon Schechter Day School in Providence, and this year is no different. This year, Solomon Schechter is celebrating its tenth anniversary. The occasion will be marked with a gala dinner dance at the JCC, the proceeds of which will enable them to continue offering financial support to those who would otherwise be unable to attend the school.

In April of 1978, five families decided to start the school. They had all received a minimum of formal religious education and wanted something more for their children. Since the families were not Orthodox, they wanted their children to be exposed to something other than an Orthodox education. At that time, the only alternative to public schooling was the Orthodox Providence Hebrew Day School. However, Solomon Schechter Schools, which offer a Conservative environment, were a growing national movement and the parents decided to make an attempt to bring the school to Providence.

Solomon Schechter's first class opened in September, 1978. It consisted of a kindergarten with ten students and was located in a spare room in Temple Emanu-El. Rabbi Kaunfer, then of Emanu-El, volunteered to direct the school in his spare time. Ada Beth Cutler,

one of the founding members, was a certified kindergarten teacher and she became the school's first teacher.

As that class moved up, a new grade was opened. This expansion continued until last year when Solomon Schechter had its first graduating class. Each year brought with it the milestone of a new class level. Last year also experienced the construction of a new building for the school. Up until then, the school had shared classroom space with the Temple Emanu-El afternoon and weekend religious classes.

The coming year will present another major milestone for the school. Enrollment is on an incline and for the first time there will be two kindergartens.

The major goal of the Solomon Schechter school is to help Jewish children become comfortable in their Jewish identity and their role as Americans. Analytical skills are not developed in academics only, but also for use in life and the study of Judaism as well.

Teachers at Solomon Schechter approach Judaism from a unique perspective. Their classes are taught with a policy of open questioning. Any legitimate question a child has will be dealt with in an open environment, even questions doubting Judaic principles.

Situations in the Bible are applied to situations that the children encounter in everyday life in order to help them understand

that the Bible and religion are a vital and relevant part of their lives—that the three are inseparably entwined.

The development of responsibility and a healthy conscience are an integral part of the school experience. In the classroom, students learn values by relating with their peers and teachers. These values are then extended to the community through various programs, such as volunteering at the Jewish Home. The children are encouraged to develop their own interpretations of Judaism, making the faith meaningful in their lives.

Teachers try to enhance the students' understanding of their individual responsibilities to the world. These responsibilities include: ecology, social responsibility, justice, and Jewish and human concepts. These ideas, inherent in the Jewish faith, are an integral part of the school day at Solomon Schechter.

Classes at Solomon Schechter are small—approximately fifteen students per class. This allows teachers to give students vital individual attention and to try creative new teaching methods.

In looking ahead, the school is anticipating a growth spurt of a new kind. It just became a member of the Independent School Association of Rhode Island, joining the likes of Wheeler, Gordon, Lincoln and Moses Brown—some of the most prestigious schools in Rhode Island.



A new generation. Sarah Rosenberg, a kindergarten student at the Solomon Schechter School, is a member of the first class to enter the fully established school.

Local News

Dhawe Sholam

Services this Friday evening are at 7:30 p.m. Shabbat morning services are at 9 a.m. with a Kiddush following services. On Saturday afternoon the Rabbi will give his Mishnah class at 6:30 p.m. Mincha is at 7:20 p.m. followed by the Third Sabbath Meal. Ma'ariv is at 8:20 p.m. Havdalah is at 8:30 p.m.

Rabbi Jacobs is giving his lecture series on Talmud at 8 p.m. on Tuesday evenings in the congregation meeting room.

An adult education class is being planned for the middle of May. It will be a survey course on the theology and practices of Judaism.

There will be a Junior N.C.S.Y. miniature golf event on Sunday afternoon May 15.

On the first day of Shavuot, May 22, the congregation will sponsor a Shavuot luncheon for the whole Jewish community immediately following services.

Temple Torat Yisreal

Bernard Wax, Director of the American Jewish Historical Society on the campus of Brandeis University, will be the guest speaker at Shabbat Services at Temple Torat Yisrael on Friday night, April 29, 8 p.m.

Mr. Wax will speak on "The Importance of New England Jewry to American Jewish History."

The American Jewish Historical Society is the largest archive and research center for the study of American Jewish history in the world.

Director of the AJHS since 1968, Bernard Wax has served as advisor and consultant to the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities; Boston 200, the Bicentennial arm of the City; the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission; and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Mr. Wax has also served as President of the Bay State Histori-

cal League, a group of some 300 local, regional and state organizations in Massachusetts representing 75,000 individuals interested in promoting historical research, planning and preservation.

Temple Am David

Teenage Chug T'fillah

The Teenage Chug T'fillah will meet Thursday, April 28, at 6:15 p.m. Friday night services will be at 8:15 p.m. with Professor Henry L. Feingold speaking at services about "American involvement in the Holocaust." Saturday morning services will be at 9:30 a.m. Services are conducted by Rabbi H. Scott White and assisted by Cantor Steven W. Dress. On Sunday, May 1, at 9 a.m. a Tay Sachs Clinic will be held, later on in the evening a B'nai B'rith Dinner will be held at 6 p.m. On Tuesday, there will be a Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Temple Emanu-El



Learning about the lives of outstanding Israeli leaders, currently and in the recent past, was the focus of a cooperative Library, Religious School program at Temple Emanu-El.

The students in classes Gimel through Prozdor discussed the development of Zionism, the leaders in the sciences, politics, art and music.

By creating an original work of art using symbols of Israel, and describing his own reasons for selecting one of these people as a distinguished leader, eight students

were awarded the Morris Percelay Am Ha-Sefer Award. The donors of this gift, which supports the recognition of outstanding effort in School/Library programs, are Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Percelay.

The first recipients are: First row: Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Percelay; Second Row: Lily Fink, Samantha Witman, Richard Suls. Third row: Lillian Schwartz, Librarian, Jessica Bennett, Stephanie Sachs, Emily Fink, Stephanie Wexler. Not present: Meryl Mac-

Friday Night Services

On Friday, April 29, Temple Emanu-El will welcome Professor John Livingston to the pulpit. Professor Livingston will be speaking on "The Three Calendars of American Jews."

John Livingston is a professor of History, and chairman of that department at the University of Denver. He is in Providence participating in the American Jewish Historical Society's annual conference, hosted this year by the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association.

Recently elected as the chairman of the Academic Council of the American Jewish Historical

Society, Prof. Livingston is an active member of many professional associations dedicated to the study of history. He has published many articles dealing with the history and sociology of the Rocky Mountain Region's Jewish population.

Professor Livingston is a scholar and teacher, and his presentation this shabbat will give us meaningful insights to the way we live our lives. The Oneg Shabbat following the Service is sponsored by the R.I. Jewish Historical Association in honor of Professor Livingston's talk. The service begins at 8:10 p.m.

Beth Sholom Sisterhood

The Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Sholom is sponsoring a Brunch on Mother's Day - Sunday, May 8, 1988 from 10 a.m. until noon at the synagogue, 275 Camp St. A delicious dairy buffet will be prepared exclusively by the men of the congregation. Any mother is sure to appreciate being treated to a "morning off" and so will the whole family! In addition to the delightful meal and good company, a special Mother's Day Basket will be raffled off. Cost for the program is \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12. For more information, contact the synagogue office at 331-9393.

Sons Of Jacob

This week's schedule for Sons of Jacob is:

Friday, April 29, candle lighting at 7:21 p.m.; Minchah services at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 30, morning services at 8:30 a.m. (Pasha Acharay Motra Kedoshim) Kiddush after services. Ethics of the Fathers No. 2. Minchah service at 7:25 p.m.; Maariv service at 8:15 p.m. The Sabbath is over at 8:25 p.m.

Sunday, May 1 - Morning services at 7:45 a.m. Our regular minibreakfast after morning services. The monthly meeting of the shul at 8:50 a.m.

In this time of great peril and anxiety we encourage everyone to join the congregation in praying for Israel. Please attend services whenever you are able — only in prayer will we succeed.

This week, once again, Rabbi Drazin will be lecturing between the Minchah and Maariv services each day on the Ethics of the Fathers. Minchah all week is at 7:20 p.m. Morning services all week are at 6:45 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday; 6:30 a.m. Monday, Thursdays.

Temple Shalom

Men's Club

The Men's Club of Temple Shalom will hold their Annual Men's Club Sabbath on Friday evening, April 29 at 8 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary. Rabbi Marc S. Jagoliner will chant the liturgical portions of the service. He will be assisted by the following members of the Men's Club: Dr. Allen Schaffer, William Soforenko, Gerald Siegel, Alan Fisher, Michael Mendell, Howard Solomon, Martin Cohen, Brian Gillson, Paul Zatz, Stephen Schneller, Rick Kadet, Manfred Ziegler.

An Oneg Shabbat will follow the service in the social hall, graciously sponsored by the Men's Club.

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Temple Beth El - Fall River

Temple Beth El will present the final lecture for their Institute of Adult Studies, featuring Anne Roiphe. She will speak on "Assimilation: The Good and the Bad."

This lecture is endowed as the Ida and Morris A. Freedman Memorial Lecture and is open to the community at no charge.

Anne Roiphe, a graduate of Sarah Lawrence College, is the author of several novels including "Digging Out," "Long Division," "Torch Song," and "Up the Sandbox." The latter was made into a moving starring Barbra Streisand. Her latest book is "Lovingkindness," published in 1987.

She has also written a number of non-fiction books, among which are "Generation Without Memory: a Jewish Journey Through Christian America" and "Your Child's Mind," co-authored with her husband, Dr. Herman Roiphe.

Ms. Roiphe's articles have appeared in the *New York Times*, *Vogue*, *New York Magazine*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Hadassah Magazine*, *Redbook*, *McCall's* and *Ms. Magazine*.

Refreshments are at 7:30, lecture at 8 p.m., Sunday, May 1.

Temple Beth El is located at High and Locust Sts., Fall River. Rabbi William E. Kaufman and Arline Alpert are co-chairmen of the Institute.

Exhibit Of Jewish Family Owned Business



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A focal point of the Annual Conference will be an exhibit of early Jewish-owned businesses in Rhode Island. The exhibit will be located on the Mezzanine of the Omni-Biltmore Hotel in Providence. For the past year Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association Archivist and Librarian, Eleanor Horvitz has been collecting artifacts, photographs, store signs, and other memorabilia from families willing to share these important items from their own, their parent's, and grandpar-

ents' businesses. One of the earliest photographs to be seen in the exhibit may depict one of the first Jewish-owned businesses in Rhode Island — the Louis Lewison Clothing Bazaar at 33 South Main Street in Providence.

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JCC News



Samuel K. Suls, president of Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island.

Sam Suls Accepts Nomination For Second Term As JCCRI President

Samuel K. Suls will be installed for a second term as president at the Jewish Community Center's sixty-third annual meeting to be held on Wednesday evening, May 11 at 7:45 p.m. in the Social Hall of the Center, 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence. During his first term as president Mr. Suls has led an effective campaign to tell the community of the diversity of programs and services offered by the Center. Mr. Suls says, "I am proud of the uniqueness of the JCCRI's contribution to the Jewish community. We are proud to be a center that touches more Jewish lives, from infants to seniors, in more ways than any other Jewish community agency."

In addition to Mr. Suls, the officers to be installed are: Bruce Leach, First Vice President; Jeffrey Brier, Kenneth Hersh, Jenny Klein, Judith Rosenstein, Vice Presidents; Marlene Fishman-Wolpert, Secretary; Robin Halpren-Ruder, Associate Secretary; Alan Litwin, Treasurer; and David Casten, Associate Treasurer. Board members to be installed are: for a three-year term, Saul Alpert, Dr. Nathan Beraha, David Cohen, Ellie Frank, Alan Hassenfeld, Marcia Spindell Lentz, Brian Messing, Judy Montgomery, Mark Patinkin, Max Riter, Daniel Rosenfeld, Barbara Schoenfeld and Lawrence Soforenko; for a two-year term, Beverly Freedman and Esther Resnik. Nominating Com-

mittee members are: Judith Rosenstein, Chair; John Blacher, Beverly Freedman, Richard Mittleman, Michael Nulman, Louis Pulner and Arthur Robbins.

Chairs of the Jewish Community Center of R.I. 1988 annual meeting are Kenneth Hersh and Leah Ehrenhaus-Hersh.

At the annual meeting, Rabbi Arnold E. Resnicoff, Commander Chaplain Corps, United States Navy will be named the Rhode Island Jewish Citizen of the Year. Rabbi Resnicoff, an active-duty chaplain, serves as an instructor at the Naval Chaplains School and the Naval War College in Newport. During his stay in Rhode Island, Rabbi Resnicoff has been actively involved and has had an impact on the community, serving as guest lecturer and scholar-in-residence for college classes, synagogue and community groups. Among his many interests on a national level, he has been a driving force behind military efforts to remember the Holocaust; a Vietnam veteran, he was one of a small group of veterans whose work led to the construction of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. In August of 1988, Rabbi Resnicoff will leave Rhode Island to begin his assignment as Assistant Staff Chaplain, on the staff of Vice Admiral Thunman, Chief of Naval Education and Training. In that position, he will be part of the team which creates and oversees every educational and training program for Navy men and women, throughout the world.



Rabbi Arnold E. Resnicoff, Chaplain, U.S. Navy, Naval Chaplain's School and Naval War College in Newport.

Also honored at the JCCRI annual meeting will be the winner of the I.S. Low Youth Leadership Award and awards to the JCCRI Volunteers of the Year.

On Sunday, May 15 the fourth annual Rhode Island Jewish Athletic Hall of Fame will induct six athletes in three divisions. This year the Veterans' Division will honor Henry Brenner and Isadore Zarakov.

The ceremonies are sponsored by the Health and Physical Education Department of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence.

Henry Brenner was stricken with spinal meningitis at the age of two which left him with severe hearing and speech loss. His sports career began in his teens when he transferred from the Rhode Island School for the Deaf to Woonsocket High School. There he was the mainstay of the football team in 1948 and 1949, a capable basketball player and a good sprinter. He went on to play football in 1952 and 1953 at the University of Rhode Island.

Isadore Zarakov, Harvard '27, won eight letters: two in football, three in hockey and three in baseball. His outstanding achievements on Harvard's baseball team, where he served as captain in 1927, earned him a place in the Harvard Varsity Club Hall of Fame in 1968 for all-around performance.

Others to be inducted on May 15 are: Contemporary Division, Saul Shoket, Kenneth Steingold; Service to Sports, Michael Reeder, David Robinson.

A reception at 6:45 p.m. will be followed by the induction ceremony at 7:30 p.m. Master of Ceremonies is Eric Reid, New England Sports Network broadcaster. Chairmen are Jeffrey Goldberg and Stephen Litwin.

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Opinion

The War On Drugs: A Time For Action

by Robert K. Pirraglia
Associate Judge, District Court
of Rhode Island

While it has taken years to reach this point and while we have a considerable distance to go, events of the last several months suggest that we are finally approaching the threshold of the kind of new beginning in our war on drugs that offers the real promise that the tide of battle can be turned in our favor and the war actually won.

There are a number of reasons for feeling optimistic, and these include both the public's awareness of the high stakes involved and its willingness to support tough, long-term measures to defeat the drug merchants and traffickers. They also include a recognition by the General Assembly and by both local and state governments that only a coordinated, balanced response can finally begin to turn a most serious situation around.

Most promising is the growing consensus among drug enforcement, education and treatment advocates that each of the regimens have a role to play in the defeat of the drug merchants and pushers, and that lack of communication and self-absorption can only help the common enemy.

As chair of the Special Senate Commission to Study Rhode Island's Drug Laws appointed by Senate Majority Leader, John Revens, I saw police officials, educators and treatment providers move from a position of mutual suspicion and doubt to one of mutual respect and understanding. I've seen law enforcement officials acknowledge that punishment alone will not solve the complex problem of drug use and abuse and I've seen treatment people supporting stricter law enforcement measures for drug abusers and non-drug users alike.

In the five weeks between the Commission's appointment in January to its interim report to the Senate on February 26, I've seen the marshalling of talent and resources and the assembly and delivery of product unprecedented in my almost twenty years of involvement in state and local government. The results of this effort is both far-reaching and comprehensive with more than thirty bills being introduced into the General Assembly for passage that if adopted can and I believe will spell the beginning of the end of the easy reign of the drug lords in Rhode Island.

These include bills doubling the number of treatment slots and facilities over the next three to five

years; providing schools and teachers with the financial wherewithal to develop prevention programs that will work; and it also includes recommended legislation stream-lining court procedures involving drug cases as well as bills prescribing harsher punishment for drug users and drug traffickers alike.

Taken together, the legislative package recommended by the Commission and introduced by Senator Revens represents the most complete, most important series of proposals in the drug field ever presented to the General Assembly, and if enacted, would place Rhode Island in the forefront of the states of this nation in effectively dealing with this country's most serious drug problem.

To be sure, adopting this package alone would not mean the immediate elimination of our own state's serious drug epidemic. The program will require the appropriation and the expenditure of many more dollars, but Rhode Islanders have never avoided making the tough decisions when they clearly understand what is involved. It is a desperate battle which affects the health and the lives of this state's single most important resource: our children.

Black & White & Read All Over

by David DeBlois

A famous American patriot once said, "I may not agree with what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." Ari Rath, Editor and Managing Director of *The Jerusalem Post* since 1975, agrees.

Mr. Rath renewed the spirit of that edict with a speech entitled "Effects of the Media on Current Events in Israel" April 18 at Brown University's List Art Center. A question-and-answer period followed the address, which was sponsored by the Hillel Coordinating Council and Campus Israel Coalition.

Rath's qualifications for discussing the topic are impressive. In addition to his work with the *Post*, he has served as a member of the executive board of the International Press Institute and of the executive of Israel's Press Council. He has also served as a member of the Presidium of the Israel Newspaper Editors Committee, and has covered Israeli and world affairs for over 40 years. Obviously, Rath's career in journalism is filled with stellar achievements on an international scale.

The audience, however, seemed to have already made up their minds, before arriving, that the media coverage was substantially detrimental to the Israeli cause. Even the questions directed at Rath at the pre-speech press conference adopted this tone. Rath, as a result, was immediately put in the position of defending the members of his profession.

And defend them he did—quite eloquently. Many people, he stated, are under the impression that Israel's present difficulties would not exist were it not for the media coverage. Rath asserted that this was a distorted view of the situation, an example of overly simplistic reasoning. Life is not so uncomplicated as to allow such clear-cut causal relationships to exist. Biased reporting, Rath said, is not so much "a cause of the disease, but rather a symptom of it." Then, after noting that most of the criticism of the press' coverage of Israel comes from the press itself, Rath added only half-jokingly, "Those of us in the media

exercise quite a bit more self-criticism than some politicians."

Mr. Rath continued by saying that *The Jerusalem Post's* role was not to report the "Israeli side of things," but rather to seek out the truth and simply convey information as objectively as possible. In addition, Rath feels that the paper has a responsibility to provide its readership with a very broad spectrum of political opinion. Hence, Israelis of all convictions, and Palestinians as well, have access to the *Post*. Regardless of personal feelings, Rath says, censorship of material due to ideological differences is in no way beneficial to his readers, just as ignorance of the diversity of opinion of Israel's population is not the solution to her problems. He is quite proud of the fact that many Palestinians (including some quite radical ones) regard the *Post* as a newspaper which is fair to them. He admitted that it is difficult to elicit material from the Arab population in Israel, as this sector seems to prefer to read in its own native language or even Hebrew, while the *Post* is published in English. (Many Israelis, Rath asserts, prefer reading English to Hebrew.)

The Israeli Editor is quite proud of his country's record concerning freedom of the press, and rightfully so. Much of the media, being state-owned, is subject to military censorship. It is imposed by a tribunal which includes representatives of the army, editors, and usually the president of the very prestigious Press Council. Like the United States, though, censorship is only invoked in matters of protecting national security. Numerous publications in East Jerusalem are, by statement of policy, pro-PLO, and yet are still allowed to exist. Rath expressed his wish that the Arab press would report the Israeli position on matters one-tenth as much as their position is reported in Israeli publications. It is a tribute to Israel's dedication to the principle of freedom of the press that policy has remained quite liberal despite the unrest there. Recently, both the U.S. and Great Britain have been guilty of much more serious ab-

ridgments of the freedom of the press during times of strife (in Grenada and the Falklands, respectively).

The distortion of facts by the foreign press corps in Israel was also downplayed by Rath. Though he acknowledged that bad and biased reporting does take place, he explained that this is not necessarily the rule. He also stressed the limitations of the media, especially those of television. With the time constraints placed on TV reporters, distorted or simplified impressions of events are bound to take place. However, these distortions are not intentionally exaggerated in the case of Israel, Rath said. He also stated that he was opposed to closing off any territory to press coverage, as the implications of such a move would be enormous, leading to only greater problems.

Rath did acknowledge, however, that Israel is the victim of a double standard in judgement by the world press. This, he said, could stem from the religious nature of the state. "Whatever happens in Israel," Rath observed, "draws enormous coverage, more than greater... events... involving far more casualties." He suggested that Israel accept this double standard and deal with it, as rebelling against it has proved futile and the situation does not appear as though it will change in the near future. In addition, Rath expressed doubt about whether he would like Israel to be judged on the same criteria as a country like Iran, anyway.

This double standard, coupled with Israel's dedication to the freedom of the press, has resulted in what many feel to be the inaccurate depiction of Israel in the media. One thing is for certain, though: With an additional 1400 correspondents making their way to Israel in the past few months, the situation is not about to improve dramatically anytime soon.

And still Ari Rath remains adamant in his support of free press in Israel: "Any democracy, wherever you want to look at it, can be measured by the state of its press."

Thomas Jefferson would have liked Ari Rath.

Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

The formal opening and dedication of the Rhode Island Holocaust Museum will take place on Thursday, May 5, 1988 at 5 p.m. This date culminates days, months, years of dedicated and devoted labor.

This has been a labor of love. I, as chairperson of the Opening Day Ceremonies, am deeply indebted to the capable committee without whose thinking, planning and assistance our community would not have seen the completion of this arduous task. I wish to offer my own personal and public words of appreciation to my Opening Day Committee: Bertram Bernhardt, Jeffrey Brier, Laura Cable, Ray Eichenbaum, Rosalie Fain, Rabbi Wayne Franklin, Kenneth Hersh, Betsy Holland, Maj. Gen. (RET) Leonard Holland, Samuel Jaminik, Mark S. Mandell, Judy Montgomery, Max Riter, Arthur Robbins, Harris (Hershey) Rosen, Judith Rosenstein, Toby Rosner, Helen Schwartz, Samuel K. Suls, Frankie Wellins, Dee Dee Witman, and especially Lola Schwartz, Roberta Segal, Vivian Weisman, Deborah Matterna and Sarah Zacks.

To all of you, to each and every one of you individually, I say "Thanks." Written words are too cold to measure my feelings of gratitude for your willing, ready, helpful participation in this monumental endeavor. The Hebrew expression for such communal concern is "Yishar Kochachem."

Please accept my debt of honor to you.

Jenny Klein

To The Editor:

Australia has asked the World Jewish Congress for assistance in locating witnesses and survivors of the Holocaust.

The Australian government has undertaken a criminal investigation of residents of Australia who were involved in war crimes on behalf of Nazi Germany during World War II.

One of the areas of investigation involves the murder of Jews in and around the city of Libau (also known as Liepaja or Libava) in Latvia. The Australian government would like to speak to witnesses who have any

information regarding the treatment and killing of Jews in Libau or who have knowledge of the activities of the Latvian Security Police, Latvian Political Police or Latvian SD in Libau.

A second investigation involves the murder of Jews in and around the following villages located in Byelorussia (Poland before the war):

1. Kurzeniec (also known as Kurenets);

2. Krasnoye.

The Australian government would like to speak to witnesses who have any information regarding the treatment and killing of Jews in these villages or who have knowledge of the activities of the local police force (known as the Vorschutzkommando) in these villages.

All persons who have knowledge of the aforementioned events should either write to or telephone:

Ms. Bessy Pupko
World Jewish Congress

To the Editor:

I was a very dear friend of a man I lost touch with during the war, forty years ago. At that time he lived or was from Providence. I am currently seeking the good fortune of any knowledge of the whereabouts of him. His name is Mr. Lou Irving. If you or any of your readers could inform me of his status or supply me with any means of contact to him it would be greatly appreciated.

Information can be sent to R.S. Grenadier, 5401 Chimney Rock, Suite 721, Houston, Texas 77081. Please include your name, address and phone number. Thank you.

R. S. Grenadier

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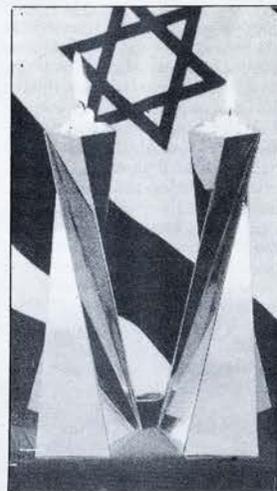
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40th Anniversary Broadcast By Chiam Herzog

This festival of Israel's statehood so clearly rings of a distant time in our nation's past; for forty years, the Jews wandered the desert until they reached the promised land. Today, on the anniversary of Israel's fortieth year of independence, these words have a wondrous meaning for us all.

In forty years, we have created and cultivated, sacrificed but sustained — we have realized a vision. In forty years, through the toil and perseverance of pioneering women and men, we have made the desert bloom. In forty years, we have given substance to the promise of national redemption in

our homeland, predicated on the principles of democracy, equality, and justice. And, finally, in these last forty years, we have ceased to wander. We now nourish the roots of an ancient civilization from which has sprung a new and vibrant society. Our path is clearly drawn to a future of peace and harmony both within our borders and with our neighbors.

As celebrations of Israel's Independence Day begin throughout the world marking forty years of dedication and achievement, we are joined by a world Jewry in the spirit of one nation challenged by a cause. So, too, we proudly stand together

among the family of nations, a democratic state and stalwart contributing partner of the free world. Indeed, we have created a vibrant and thriving democracy, one that will remain resilient to destructive forces and opposing winds — from wherever they may blow. We will not be demoralized by turmoil and terrorism nor will our courage and determination to press on in our relentless pursuit of peace be diminished.

Although the events of the last months in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip are taxing and painful, nothing will cause us to relax our dedication to a peaceful resolution of the burning issues before us. As

a democracy, we have willingly — and often achingly — opened our doors to criticism and debate. We have also allowed our picture to be painted with a brush blurred by double standards and our image viewed through the media's myopic eye. Yet, we have succeeded in standing true to the principles of the Zionist vision and we will continue to do so. We have achieved peace with Egypt, and our hand will forever remain outstretched to all who greet it with a similar embrace of peace.

At this juncture along our route of revival — of language, culture and State — the future resounds with the call of hope, education,

agriculture, science, technology, and industry. The challenges have been great, the advances greater and the potential even more so. We are a people who possess a wellspring of creativity, energy, and wisdom, and with this birthright have charted a course marked by courage, valour, and accomplishment. We pray that we may soon be united with all those Jews who have been barred from joining us on this journey, and that others will be invigorated with the spirit of Aliya. For all of us together must nurture the Zionist dream and with divine help prepare for the history that awaits.

The Dedication Of The Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum

by Morris Gastfreund

May 5, 1988 will be a momentous day for Rhode Islanders, particularly for the small remnant of Holocaust survivors here. On that day a Holocaust memorial museum will be dedicated at the Jewish Community Center in Providence. It will serve as an educational tool for preventing bigotry and hatred in future generations.

As a survivor of the Holocaust, I have for more than forty years tried to find answers to the many questions related to the greatest catastrophe in Jewish history. None have been answered, and the more I read the less I know, the more I study the less I understand why the Holocaust occurred. I understand neither the brutal killers, nor the bystanders. In particular, I fail to understand the deadly silence of the entire world as mass murder was committed on a whole group of people just because they happened to be born Jewish.

To this day no one has an acceptable explanation as to what it was that prevented President Roosevelt or Churchill from sending one or two bombers to cripple the rail lines leading to Auschwitz, where twelve thousand people were gassed daily. Additionally, I find the Saint Louis episode incredulous: A ship with over eleven hundred Jewish refugees, men, women and children, came to the shores of the United States and pleaded to be admitted until the Hitler storm would cease, but somehow the ship was sent back to Germany with refugees still on board. Most of these individuals met their death in the gas chambers. How was this possible? Why didn't the American Jewish community mobilize a march on Washington similar to the protest on behalf of Soviet Jews organized last December prior to President Reagan's meeting with Gorbachev?

I was outraged when, not long ago, I read in the *Jerusalem Post* that at the height of Jewish mass extermination during World War II, Pope Pius XII, asked by an *Observatore Romano* reporter whether he would protest the murders of Jews, responded in the following manner: "Dear friend, do not forget that millions of Catholics are serving the German armies. Shall I put them in conflict with their conscience?" After reading of such a statement made by the Pope, regarded as the world's moral conscience, it was not any more surprising to me that when Hitler triumphantly marched into Vienna on Austria's Anschluss to the Third Reich, he was greeted with the following statement by Cardinal Innitzer, head of the Catholic clergy: "This is the greatest day of my life."

I believe that this era was perhaps the darkest period in the history of mankind. Evil reigned over all the world from the highest authorities down to the brutal killers who carried out their de-

monic orders. And when Hitler's death factories operated day and night annihilating the Jews, when over a million innocent children were thrown into the ovens, the conscience of the world was dead except for a small minority of individuals who risked their lives to save some of us. Where was there to be found an Emil Zola of the twentieth century, who would point his finger at the crimes and stir the conscience of mankind with the cry, "I accuse?"

After Hitler's defeat the world proclaimed that it would never again let anti-Semitism rear its ugly head, yet anti-Semitism has reappeared and again the world has stood by. Today, Nazism in Germany is very much alive. Anti-Semitism is coming back to life all over the globe, including the United States. Strong evil forces exist which are attempting to deny that the Holocaust took place in their efforts to rewrite history. There are also destructive forces whose aim to erase the fact that it was a Jewish Holocaust.

There have been, on the other hand some positive developments in the fight against anti-Semitism. Recently a great number of Christian theologians and others have realized that two thousand years of prejudicial teachings played a major role in the occurrence of the Holocaust. It is heartwarming to see that some positive change has taken place in the Christian attitude toward the Jewish people and that some bridges are being laid for mutual respect and understanding.

I am certain that a Saint Louis episode could not occur today, because the response of the Jewish community would not be silent like it was then. As a result of the bitter lesson the Holocaust taught us, the Jewish community has become involved in a more aggressive fashion. Jews throughout the world used to be timid, bashful and frightened and would not dare to speak out against their government. This was also true here in the United States. Now we dare because we have learned from our tragic past. We speak out when we do not like what is occurring in Washington or in other capitals around the world.

We the survivors see the Holocaust as the labor pains of the birth of the state of Israel which arose from the ashes of Auschwitz, Treblinka, Maidanek and other death camps. A glimpse of Israel shows us a country which has not had a single day of peace. The right of the Jewish people to their homeland has been met with either indifference or hostility in many parts of the world. We have witnessed this over the last few months in what many term an Arab uprising. Jeane Kirkpatrick wisely maintains that this is in fact not an Arab uprising against Israeli repression. It is rather, she claims, a different tactic in the continuation of the war that ignited the Arab-Israeli conflict forty years ago, with a goal of destroying Israel and driving the

Jews into the sea.

Selective news coverage of the Palestinian street violence creates a false impression that Israel is an oppressive society, when it actually wishes to maintain peace and order. Most of the criticism of Israel is laced with hypocrisy. Where were the defenders of human rights when Syria crushed an insurrection in the city of Hama, killing 20,000 people? Where were the bleeding hearts, including the Jewish bleeding hearts when the "moderate" King Hussein killed over 2,000 Palestinians during the Black September uprising? Were there protests and sanctions all over the world against Syria or Jordan? No, only silence. From the perspective of the media, which seems to be playing a somewhat suspect role in this situation, the Jew deserves interest only if he is being beaten, humiliated and persecuted. Oh, how one loved Jews when the final solution was invoked, and a humanistic face could be worn at little cost! But when the proud confident Israeli dares to defend himself, then the tone changes. It appears that the only role for the Jew is that of victim.

The Arab agitation with its media aura was extremely well orchestrated by the terrorist organizations whose charters state as their aim, the destruction of Israel and the expulsion of Jews — in other words, a second Holocaust. What should Israel do to thwart this latest in the forty years of enemy tactics? Capitulate? No, it must meet force with force. The Jewish community in America and Jews in the rest of the world must unite behind Israel in its struggle for survival. We must recognize that Israel is central to our lives, and that as a result, Jewish survival is in our hands. Our remembrance of the Holocaust, our actions for the good of the Jewish people, our insistence on our survival are the best ways to honor the memory of our six million.

The study of the Holocaust has already entered the curricula of high schools, colleges, universities and the mainstream of American culture. This imposes an important responsibility upon the survivors and especially their children and the entire Jewish community to ensure that the Holocaust memorial which is about to be dedicated is not cheapened, commercialized, vulgarized or dehumanized. It should always serve as a reminder of what prejudice and hatred can do to mankind.

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Echoes Of Terrorism

by Eric Rozenman

Khalil al-Wazir, second to Yasir Arafat in the umbrella grouping of terrorist factions the world complacently calls the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), was shot down in sight of his wife and two of their children in Tunis on April 16. Wazir — also known as Abu Jihad (father of holy war) — headed PLO "military operations." In addition, he apparently was coordinating the Palestinian Arab uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Intisar Wazir — her *nomme de guerre* is Umm Jihad (mother of holy war) — was quoted as saying that after commandos killed her husband with automatic weapons, "I turned toward the wall and prayed, waiting for my turn. It never came."

Her fate and that of her children differed from that of those caught in other bursts of violence connected with Abu Jihad. For example: On March 11, 1978, terrorists landed on the Israeli coast. They murdered the first person they found, American photographer Gail Rubin.

Then they hijacked a bus filled with families on an outing. Before security forces stopped them — killing nine and capturing two — the terrorists had murdered 32 civilians, including many children, and wounded 82, firing from the bus at other travelers.

Several years ago the *Jerusalem Post* wrote of one of the wounded. He was a young father, wheelchair-bound as a result of the attack. He had seen his wife and children immolated when the hijackers ignited an incendiary grenade. Israel blamed Abu Jihad for organizing the coastal road massacre.

The point? Not to trade stories of violent loss, but to distinguish between criminals and victims, the prerequisite for justice. Israel — which did not claim responsibility for killing Wazir — held him accountable for other such "military operations." These included the 1975 attack at Tel Aviv's Savoy Hotel — 12 civilians died — and last month's Negev bus hijacking. Then three Israelis — including the widower father of two young children — perished along with the three terrorists.

News stories almost invariably described Wazir as a moderate, comparing him to Salah Khalaf — Abu Iyad — Arafat's ideological chief. Wazir's moderation could be seen in his reported description of the Negev hijacking as "a success."

Coincidentally, on April 18 — as U.S. naval forces blasted Iranian oil platforms and navy ships in the Persian Gulf in retaliation for the mine explosion which nearly sank the USS Samuel Roberts — the State Department termed the Wazir killing "an act of political assassination. ... This violence is not going to be part of the solution. The solution is going to come through a negotiated settlement ... that works toward a comprehensive peace."

Like Wazir and the PLO, Iran and Iranian-backed Lebanese Hezbollah (Party of God) members believe in terrorism. Of course, when they kidnap people like the U.S. hostages in Lebanon, or murder people on buses or planes like the Kuwaiti airliner recently hijacked to Algiers, it is not terror but "armed struggle."

Other armed strugglers include the Japanese Red Army members suspected of involvement — together with "Middle Eastern terrorists" — in the recent bombing in Naples which killed one U.S. servicewoman and four Italians, and the Red Army member stopped in New Jersey with three bombs in his car

Among the Red Army's earlier exploits alongside Middle Eastern terrorists was the 1972 machine-gun and grenade attack at Lod — now Ben Gurion — Airport in Israel. Twenty-seven people, including 17 Christian pilgrims from Puerto Rico, were murdered in that joint Red Army-Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) assault.

Again coincidentally, the PFLP was an early practitioner of air piracy.

The American message after the attack on two Iranian oil platforms asserted: "Any further provocative or hostile Iranian military or terrorist actions against U.S. personnel or targets will receive a firm U.S. response." The killing of Wazir was a similar response.

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Social Events

Alison Silver To Wed

Lila and Bernard Silver of Cranston announce the engagement of their daughter, Alison Carol to Marcelo H. Chinsky. Mr. Chinsky is the son of Lea Chinsky Cohen of East Hartford, Ct. and the late Pedro Chinsky. A November wedding is planned.

Napears Announce Birth

Merrill and Barry Napear of Burke, Virginia, announce the birth of their second daughter, Ashley Elena on April 6, 1988. She is the sister of Julie Shaina Napear.

Grandparents are Frances and Jerry Magner of Providence, R.I., and Blanche Napear of San Diego, CA, and the late Joel Napear.

Social Seniors Of Warwick

The Social Seniors of Warwick will hold a meeting Wednesday, May 11, at 1 p.m. at Temple Am David.

Entertainment will be by Sandy Gertz. Frank Davis will show slides of Booth Bay Harbor trip to Maine.

Refreshments will be served.

Dr. Leeman Joins Deaconess Hospital

Dr. David E. Leeman, son of Rabbi and Mrs. Saul Leeman, has accepted an appointment as cardiologist on the medical staff of the Deaconess Hospital in Boston. He will be assistant director of their Cardiac Catherization Laboratories and will serve as a member of the faculty of the Harvard Medical School. He will assume his new position on May 1.

Chernik and Kritz Announce Birth

Debra Chernick and Jerome Kritz are pleased to announce the birth of their second daughter, Alizah Josette Chernick Kritz, on April 5, 1988. Alizah's and her sister, Elana's, maternal grandmother is Mrs. Helen Chernick of Pampano Beach, Florida. Paternal grandparents are Cantor and Mrs. Karl Kritz of Narragansett, Rhode Island and Long Beach, New York. Paternal great-grandmother is Mrs. Minnie Kritz of Warwick, Rhode Island. Paternal great-great-grandmother is Mrs. Matilda Neroslavsky of Providence, Rhode Island. Alizah's parents are partners in the law firm of Kritz & Chernick of Wakefield and Westerly.

Dr. Leeman received his early education at the Providence Hebrew Day School and at the Maimonides High School in Brookline, Mass. He is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Harvard College and received his medical degree at the New York University Medical School. His post-doctoral training consisted of a three-year residency in Internal Medicine and a three-year fellowship in Cardiology, both taken at the Beth Israel Hospital in Boston. He holds membership in the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society as well as in the Massachusetts Medical Society and the American College of Physicians. The main focus of his research as well as his practice will be in angioplasty. During the past year he held a similar position at the Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn, N.Y.

His wife, Dr. Ramona Leeman conducts a dental practice in Boston. The Leemans reside in Newton and have three children: Rebecca 8, Joshua 6 1/2, and Jonathan 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rappoport Announce Birth Of Son

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rappoport of 150 Auburn St., Cranston, proudly announce the birth of a son, Brendan Michael, on April 11. The mother, Helena Rappoport, is the daughter of Mr. Milton Bader of Florida and the late Sheila Bader, and the granddaughter of Mrs. Bertha Ritter of Fall River. Mr. and Mrs. Norton Rappoport, the paternal grandparents, reside in Warwick.

Brendan Michael was born at Women and Infants Hospital in Providence. Mr. and Mrs. Rappoport also have a daughter, Meredith Brooke.

National Arthritis Month - May

The Rhode Island Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation is proud to announce the hiring of a new Executive Director, Dawn M. O'Brien, who will be starting work with us on May 9, 1988.

A number of important events will be going on this May as part of the National Arthritis Month program. We will be hosting a May Breakfast on Sunday, May 1, at the Metacommet Country Club in East Providence starting at 10 a.m. Tickets may be obtained either by writing to or calling the local chapter office (850 Waterman Ave., East Providence, R.I. 02914 434-5792).

We will be starting a new edition of the Self Help Course on Tuesday, May 3, 1988. This is a comprehensive program designed to teach people with Arthritis about their disease and how to live and cope with the problems that Arthritis creates. Preregistration will be required. This too, can be done through the R.I. Chapter office.

An education program open to the public is going to be held on Friday, May 20. The location is the Barus-Holly Building on the campus of Brown University on the East Side of Providence. The program will begin at 7 p.m. and will cover a variety of topics including:

- 1) Less Common Forms of Arthritis
- 2) What is Lupus?
- 3) Physical and Occupational Therapy
- 4) Surgery for Arthritis
- 5) Fibrositis Syndrome

Award Luncheon



Jane Nelson, chairperson of Community Service Award Luncheon, lower right hand corner, with several committee members and workers at kick-off coffee hour.

Mark the date: Wednesday, May 11 for a noon luncheon at the Marriott Inn in Providence. At that time, the Rhode Island Section of the National Council of Jewish Women will be holding its annual Community Service Award Luncheon. This year, NCJW will be honoring three very special women: The Markoff Sisters - Dorothy M. Nelson, Bernice M. Gourse, and Gloria M. Winston.

As lifelong residents of Rhode Island, Council's three Honorees have been very active members of the community for many years. They have participated in various phases of community service. Although they have now moved to Florida, their hearts are still in the Rhode Island community.

Dorothy Nelson is a past president of Jewish Family Service.

Bernice Gourse is a past president of Temple Beth-El Sisterhood.

Gloria Winston was the Chairwoman of Rhode Island School of Design's First Annual Fund Drive.

All three women are past board

members of NCJW. In recognition of these activities, as well as many other contributions to the community, NCJW is pleased to be honoring them this year. The award will be presented by Lila Sapinsley, who received the Community Service Award in 1978.

National Council of Jewish Women is dedicated to furthering human welfare locally, nationally, and internationally through programs of education, service, and social action. In 1978, the award was established to honor an individual (or individuals) who best exemplified the highest ideals of the organization.

Proceeds from the event directly benefit the scholarship program and Council's other community service projects.

Please send in your reservation as soon as possible as the response has been very enthusiastic. Categories for the event are: Over \$100.00 - Special Gifts; \$75.00 - Angel; \$50.00 - Benefactor; \$30.00 - Patron; and \$20.00 - Sponsor. Men are welcome to attend. For more information, call 274-2080.

Doctor Richard Solomon Honored

The Rhode Island Department for Children and Their Families has received notification that Dr. Richard Solomon, President of the Rhode Island Chapter of the National Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse (NCPA) will receive the 1988 U.S. Administration for Children, Youth and Families' (ACYF) Commissioners Award. The award will be presented at a National Symposium on Child Victimization in Anaheim, California on April 27-30.

The award is presented to an individual from each state who best exemplifies dedication and commitment to the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect." Dr. Solomon was selected as the Rhode Island Department for Children and Their Families' nominee as an individual who has provided leadership and guidance in developing the local National Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse Chapter resource center on child abuse information and as the editor and contributing author to the first Rhode Island Families Magazine which will be released on April 25. Dr. Solomon has urged others to join in the effort to prevent child abuse and neglect through a public awareness campaign in Rhode Island. He is a psychologist in private practice and recognized as an outstanding advocate in the prevention of child maltreatment. He is married, the father of two children and resides in Warwick, Rhode Island.

Dr. Edward W. Collins, Director of the Rhode Island Department for Children and Their Families, said, "We are proud and honored that Dr. Solomon is being nationally recognized for his outstanding work in the area of child abuse prevention and treatment both as a volunteer and a professional. His efforts in Rhode Island

Cranston Senior Guild

The Cranston Senior Guild will hold its next regular meeting on Wednesday, May 4, 1988, at Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Avenue, Cranston at 12:30 p.m. Dorothy Ann Weiner of Wiener Travel will speak to us on our visit to Israel. The Nominating Committee will present the slate of officers for 1988-1989.

Balances are due on the trip to the Nevele Cluntry Club: 6 days - 5 nights. This is our annual "Kick-Off to Summer Vacation" - June 19-24 and once again promises to be super!!

Reservations are now being accepted for the installation paid-up membership luncheon, which takes place at the Venus de Milo, Swansea, Wednesday, June 8. Helen Forman is chairman for this outstanding event. Call her at 521-0455.

Many summer activities are also being planned, with a special event - Tanglewood, Sunday, August 14 - a performance of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, Kurt Masur, conductor.

Don't miss this interesting and informative meeting where further details on this and other events will be presented: Atlantic City - Williamsburg & Israel to help celebrate her 40th birthday!

Hope High Reunion Class Of '63

Hope High School, Class of 1963, is planning its 25th reunion on Saturday, August 6 at the Marriot in Providence. There are still many classmates who have been unable to locate. If you have not been contacted by us or need more information, please contact Ann (Feldman) Brown, 723-0135 or Debbie (Kushner) Blitz, 751-7155.

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Providence Chapter Hadassah



Carol Goldsmith, who has Special Status on the National Board of Hadassah and is Associate Chairman for the National Directories Control Department, will be the guest speaker at the Donor Luncheon, Thursday, May 5, 1988, to be held at the Ledgemont Country Club in Seekonk. Topic: "Hadassah's Role in Israel!" Mrs. Goldsmith, immediate past president of the Suffolk Region of New York State has recently concluded a portfolio as chairman of Project 2002 in the National Membership Department.

Currently Carol Goldsmith is chairman of the Soviet Bar/Bat Mitzvah Twinning Program at

Congregation Beth Sholem, Babylon, N.Y. Her community involvement includes membership on the Steering Committee of Bi-County Political Actions Committee which encompasses Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

In 1984, Carol and her husband gave one month as civilian volunteers to Israel serving with the Israeli Air Force.

The State of Israel Bonds has conferred upon Carol the prestigious Negev award and Hadassah selected her Woman of the Year.

This past December Carol and her husband went to the Soviet Union to meet with Refuseniks. Upon their return they played a direct role in securing a visa for one particular Refusenik.

Donor Co-Chairman for the event will be Roberta Blum and Erna Oelbaum; Treasurer, Rita Millen; Reservations, Selma Halpern; Decorations, Madeline Gurwitz; Program, Doris McGarry; Invocation, Mrs. Diane Silk; and Arrangements, Helene Bernhardt.

Esther Share and Diane Silk are Ad Book Co-Chairman; Nellie Silverman Ad Book Treasurer; and Claire Bell Ad Book Editor.

For reservations please call Selma Halpern at 272-6342, Roberta Blum at 944-8519, or Erna Oelbaum at 353-6826.

Access RI Update

An interesting variety of programs will be presented in the upcoming month by Access Rhode Island, the Cable TV team sponsored by Temple Beth-El Brotherhood. Be sure to watch for these informative programs.

Sunday, May 1, 8 p.m.; Monday, May 2, 8:30 p.m.; Sunday, May 8, 8:00 p.m.; Monday, May 9, 8:30 p.m.

Volunteers from Dorcas Place talk about solving problems of

adult illiteracy.

Sunday, May 15, 8:00 p.m.; Monday, May 16, 8:30 p.m.; Sunday, May 22, 8:00 p.m.; Monday, May 23, 8:30 p.m.

Yiddish Eldercamp — a summer "camp" for seniors sponsored by the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island and the Jewish Community Center.

All programs are shown on Cable Interconnect A, Channel 49.

Radio Program Schedule '88

The Eternal Light, award winning radio program produced by The Jewish Theological Seminary of America in cooperation with the NBC radio network, announces the following programs for May. Please check your NBC station for local time.

May 1 — Dr. Ronald Sanders, author of the recently published *Shores of Refuge* talks with Dr. Jack Wertheimer, associate professor of American Jewish history at The Jewish Theological Seminary of America about a century of Jewish emigration.

May 8 — Dr. Arthur Green, president of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, talks with host Robert Cohen about the chal-

lenge of educating leaders for American Jewish communities.

May 15 — Eli Evans, president of the Revson Foundation, and author of *Judah P. Benjamin, the Jewish Confederation*, talks with Rabbi Malcolm Stern, eminent American Jewish historian, about the man who served as secretary of state for the Confederacy.

May 22 — Shabuot - No broadcast.

May 29 — Monica Devens, editor and public relations practitioner, who directed the department of communications of The Jewish Theological Seminary during that institution's recent centenary, talks about the *Seminary at 100*.

Jewish Women's Association

The Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged will hold a board meeting on Wednesday, May 4, 1988 in the Martin M. Chase auditorium at the Home.

A petite luncheon will be served at 12:30 p.m. The meeting will begin at 1:15 p.m. with the President, Charlotte R. Goldberg officiating.

In anticipation of Mother's Day, a Gift Shop Boutique will be held at the Home on May 1, 2, 3, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

Barrington Library

Materials On The Constitution

During the month of May, in connection with the town's celebration of the 200th anniversary of the U.S. Constitution, the Public Library will be featuring its Constitutional materials.

A book display on the subject will be offered to the public. In addition, the Library's video collection includes two copies of "That summer in Philadelphia." This video cassette captures the excitement of the 1787 Federal Convention through "on the spot interviews" with famous participants there. Several of the participants in this drama (including Ben Franklin, George Washington and George Mason) are portrayed by local Rhode Islanders.

Am I Normal?

The Associates for Adolescent and Family Psychotherapy, Inc. will present a workshop entitled "Am I Normal?" for parents of pre-adolescent children in grades 4-6 at the Barrington Public Library on May 10 from 7:30-9:00 p.m. The free program will be led by Barrington resident Bonnie Cooper, an experienced Psychoeducational Workshop Leader and Teacher, and Livia Weinstein, who has developed and presented workshops on parenting skills throughout Rhode Island.

Topics will cover how to communicate, stress in school, peer relationships, feelings, self-esteem, and how the family impacts on the child. The workshop is limited to 20 participants. To register, please call the Barrington Public Library, 247-1920, and ask for the Children's Department.

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R. I. Holocaust Memorial Museum Dedication



Standing in the entrance to the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum are: (l to r) David Newman, First President of the Rhode Island Holocaust Survivors; Helen Schwartz, President; and Ray Eichenbaum, Past President

The vision of many Rhode Islanders will become a reality on Thursday, May 5, 1988, at 5 p.m. at the community dedication of the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum. The structure, a memorial to victims of the Holocaust, is located on the site of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Avenue in Providence.

For many years, the survivors of the Holocaust living in Rhode Island dreamed of erecting a structure that would be a community presence with a twofold purpose: to remember the victims of Hitler's death camps and to teach future generations what can happen when bigotry triumphs.

On May 5 the doors will open on the gray granite structure with panels of smoked glass encasing

barbed wire, a symbol of the death camps. The Museum will serve as an educational center with an active speakers' bureau, an outreach program for schools and organizations and a small exhibit area. A Book of Remembrance with the names of Rhode Islanders who survived the holocaust and the names of their loved ones who perished will permanently be in place.

To enter the Museum, one walks down a ramp, either to the left or the right, through the Memorial Garden, an area of peace and meditation with the Star of David marking its center.

The community is invited to the historic dedication on May 5. For further information call Sarah Zacks, Director at 861-8800.

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Around Town

by Dorothea Snyder



"My wife Jeanette and I have been to Israel three times, but our fourth recent trip is the most fulfilling trip we've ever had," says Max Riter.

"On March 13th, we were fortunate to be able to join the Unity Flight, Volunteers to Israel, through SAR-EL, an organization that recruits volunteer workers.

"Founded by Retired General Davidi and represented in Rhode Island by Sheldon Sollosy, SAR-EL requested 500 volunteers to join others who were coming from Canada, England and France. This group eventually swelled to about 1500 volunteers.

"The purpose of this special trip called Unity was to demonstrate both to Israelis as well as to others less well inclined towards us the unswerving loyalty of friends. The response from Jews and gentiles were so overwhelming that hundreds from all over the United States had to be turned away.

"Upon our arrival at the Ben Gurion Airport, we were given a choice of work places such as army and navy bases, a hospital, warehouses, kibbutzim or wherever we were needed.

"We chose the navy base Bat Galim in Haifa, which translated means Daughter of the Waves. We lived in the same barracks, ate the same meals as the regular navy ... certainly not a five-star hotel, but adequate.

"Our day began with breakfast at 7, fare of hard-boiled eggs, whole cucumbers and sliced cucumbers, whole tomatoes and sliced tomatoes, diced tomatoes and diced cucumbers mixed together, yogurt, cheese, sweetened coffee, and cans of halavah.

"And Jaffa oranges. Oranges by the cases. Every meal we had oranges. We'd load our pockets in the morning. The uniforms have very large pockets and we filled them up. During the day, we snacked on oranges. They're very easy to peel. When we ran out of oranges, we went in the kitchen and re-filled.

"The oranges helped prevent dehydration. The hot sun can really fool everybody. One day I was a little bit dehydrated, but that didn't last long.

"The Israelis eat a tremendous amount of fresh vegetables with their meals. We ate our biggest meal at lunchtime, either fish or chicken.

"We were issued regular I.D.F. (Israeli Defense Force) uniforms, except our heavy parka jackets were blue to designate the navy. The small blue ribbons worn under our shirt epaulets identified us as volunteers. That's how we

were distinguished; otherwise, we all looked alike.

"At 8 o'clock in the morning when attendance was taken, we waited for the camp commander. He arrived exactly two minutes before 8, and we all snapped to attention.

"The boatswain would sound his high pitched whistle as the Israeli and navy flags were raised. It was quite a sight to see the flags raised, especially when they'd allow both a sailor and volunteer to raise them. I had the privilege one day. It was quite a thrill to see that flag go up fluttering against the sky.

"Immediately after work began, we built fences, painted buildings and fences, cleared brush three feet high, and built gravel walkways where walkways never existed.

"They don't have time to do these things, so this is where we fitted in. Instead of working on different details in different areas, we pulled together on the second and last week of our volunteer mission to build Unity Park which would be a visible result of what we accomplished.

"Most of the people in our group were 20 and up. We were the oldest, but believe me, we worked as hard as anybody. They came from all over the United States."

Referring to a list containing their names and addresses, Max's index finger stops at a name. "It's really remarkable to see somebody like this young woman from Red Oak, Texas who had never met a Jew.

"She came along with a minister on his fourth or fifth trip to Israel who had convinced her to come along. Another amazing thing was that it was only a first-time experience for a few people. Most had come for their second, third and fourth tour of volunteer work.

"One day we visited our next door neighbor, another navy base. No ships were on our base, but sections of ships. The training, though, was the same mechanics done on ships. This way ships don't have to be tied up.

"We toured all the ships and submarines. It was interesting to see the women who are in the navy. There were two women who caught my eye on top of the mast repairing a piece of electronic equipment. They were happy and jiving along.

"We quit work at 4 p.m. We did have a few breaks in between. At night we'd attend lectures. The nights that we didn't have lectures we'd relax.

"One night, the navy bulldozed

Building Unity Park

Photos by Max Riter



Shovel and wheelbarrow in hands, Max and Jeannette Riter adapt to the land easily.

a whole area along the waterfront and covered it with rocks so we could have a bonfire. We built a tremendous one. And how cold it was! We covered our heads with our parkas. The wind was wicked.

"On another night, the base brought in some people to teach us Israeli dancing. Those who didn't want to attend were allowed to leave the base and go into Haifa. One evening, Jeanette and I went in to the city.

"My gosh, I think I'm the only one who doesn't like felafel because everybody eats felafels. On one block in Haifa, there must be

15 felafel stands. Evidently, it does them no harm because they look nice and healthy looking."

Though it is now all behind Jeanette and Max Riter except for the lingering memory and many pictures they look at fondly, would they go again.

"Oh, I'd love to," Max responds instantly. "I'm going to try. I'd love to go back. It was without doubt the most fulfilling experience I have ever had in my life."

Jeanette agrees. "I feel more people ought to try it, and see how nice it is. I got more out of it than I gave!"



Unity Park underway at Galim Navy Base in Haifa, Jeanette takes time out to kibbitz.



Unity Park completed, the Ritters' volunteer group enjoy the fruits of their labor. The stainless steel sculpture topped with a Mogen David, Max says, was designed by an artist in the group. Another volunteer welded the angle iron structure. Set in a cement base, its exterior is surrounded with geraniums.



Jeanette Riter with Retired General Davidi, founder of SAR-EL, Volunteers for Israel.

Goldowskys

(Continued from page 1)

RIJHA's secretary. "I did all the secretarial work," she explains.

However, with the membership of the Association growing, the feeling was that the infrequently published *Notes* was not enough. "We felt the membership was entitled to know more about what was going on," Mrs. Goldowsky says, "and so we instituted a newsletter in 1977 and I edited that — put it in type, the whole thing." She served as Editor until 1987, and continues to assist in its production as Co-Editor.

Finally, she was the founder and chairman of the highly acclaimed Temple Beth-El Choral Society.

In addition to his work with RIJHA, Dr. Goldowsky remains the editor of the *Rhode Island Medical Journal*. He has completed a book, *Yankee Surgeon: The Life and Times of Usher Parson, M.D. (1788-1868)*, which is being published by The Countway Library of Harvard Medical School. Never one to rest on his laurels, he is currently working on a second book, a history of Temple Beth-El.

Mrs. Goldowsky remains furiously busy as well. In addition to her Historical Association work, she is currently a board member of a number of local organizations: The Miriam Hospital Women's Association, the R.I. Section of the National Council of Jewish Women, the Providence Chapter

of Hadassah, the Sisterhood of Temple Beth-El, and the R.I. Lung Association.

Officially, Dr. and Mrs. Goldowsky are retired.

Retirement sounds exhausting.

Seebert and Bonnie Goldowsky have been a vital part of the preservation of a great deal of this community's history. In addition, their lives have crossed paths with some of the community's local historic figures. History, it seems, is an important part of their lives.

So they must have always loved history, right?

Wrong.

"In school, I found history boring," says Seebert.

"I wasn't particularly interested in history, either," chimes in Mrs. Goldowsky.

Dr. Goldowsky stares at the floor, lost in his thoughts for the moment. Slowly shaking his head, he smiles broadly, musing, "You never can tell how these things are gonna turn out."

The AJHS National Conference and Annual Meeting takes place this weekend, April 29-May 2, at the Omni Biltmore Hotel in Providence. Featured speakers include Dr. Anita W. Novinsky ("The Inquisition and the Crypto-Jews in the New World") and keynote speaker Dr. Malcolm H. Stern ("Jews Without Rabbis: How Colonial Jews Observed Their Judaism"). For information on the conference, call 617-891-8110.

Setting Priorities In The Soviet Jewry Crisis

by Mark Schneier

At the Moscow summit beginning May 29, President Reagan has promised to press the Soviets on the issue of Jewish emigration. From the very beginning of the Soviet Jewry movement, the highest priority has been given to this basic human right. But when activities in the West relegate to secondary status efforts to train Russian rabbis, supply kosher food, provide Russian-Hebrew bibles and make available other educational materials, I must disagree.

Such a shortsighted policy miscalculates the dimensions of the Soviet Jewry dilemma. And it does our brothers and sisters in the Soviet Union a disservice by ignoring the great majority of Soviet Jews who have not expressed interest in emigrating.

In many cases, their decision to stay is a consequence of religious ignorance and spiritual lethargy. Indeed, if Mikhail Gorbachev were to open the gates tomorrow, a majority of Soviet Jews would most likely choose to remain. And that is the potential tragedy of an "emigration only" approach. It ignores the possibility of a Jewish future for nearly two million Jews in the Soviet Union who know little of being Jewish beyond the word "Ivrei" stamped on their internal passports.

The reality of the problem was underscored for me personally earlier this month when I was privileged to become the first rabbi from the West to officiate at a major holiday observance in the Soviet Union. I conducted Passover services and led the communal seder in Moscow's historic Choral Synagogue during the first two days of Passover. Joining me was Dr. Joel Selzer, a member of my congregation who chanted the services and the seder, and our cantor, Moshe Geffen, who conducted services during the last two days of the eight-day holiday.

Our group was substituting for the Moscow synagogue's two regular clergymen, Rabbi Adolph Shayevich and Cantor Vladimir Pliss, both of whom are currently enrolled in an intensive study program at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary at Yeshiva University in New York.

The opportunity to conduct services in Moscow was an emotional experience, permitting us as it did to meet Soviet Jews whose strong sense of Jewish identity and synagogue-orientation reflected spiritual courage and determination. Equally significant was the opportunity to meet many Jews who were bereft of any sense of religious identity and who declined to recognize their Jewish heritage because they were brought up in a state where opportunities for religious training have been virtually unavailable for more than half a century. These Soviet Jews are, simply put, the victims of spiritual starvation. Yet I could not help sensing, even among the most apathetic, an unrequited curiosity — perhaps even a deeply-sublimated need — to understand more about themselves by learning more about their Jewish roots.

We went to Moscow bringing with us two tons of kosher food and other Passover supplies contributed by our synagogue in New York to Moscow's Jewish community. The shipment marked the first time that kosher food had been shipped directly to the Soviet Union from the U.S. The food was a source of wonder among the Jews of Moscow; the matzoh and wine and other ceremonial foods led in many cases to long and animated discussions of the meaning of Passover.

On our first night in Moscow, some 20,000 people crowded into the synagogue and overflowed into the street. For many among the religiously ignorant who, out

of simple curiosity or a deeper need, came to the Moscow synagogue that evening to mingle with those who came to worship, there seemed to be a new sense of awakening, a sense of solidarity with other Soviet Jews never felt before. I believe this experience may turn out to be their first step on a journey toward understanding their Judaic heritage.

One leaves with the conviction that Soviet Jews must be provided with the opportunity to learn about Judaism and the means, even on a token basis, to quicken their sense of Jewish identity.

Some things are already being done. Prayer books and bibles have been sent to the Soviet Union, as have Hebrew language materials. Through negotiations with Soviet officials, the Appeal of Conscience Foundation — an ecumenical organization dedicated to

advancing freedom of religion around the world — has arranged for the recent opening of a kosher take-out restaurant in Moscow. Other projects aimed at building awareness and understanding of the Jewish cultural and religious heritage are being planned.

These are small but remarkable gains. The age of glasnost has already seen advances in the religious sphere that would have been unthinkable during previous regimes. I returned from Moscow persuaded that opportunities will soon arise to bring Judaism to a community that knows little if anything about what it means to be a Jew.

By taking advantage of these opportunities, we can help trigger a spiritual awakening among the third largest Jewish community in the world.

The Poems And The Pandering

by Eric Rozenman

It has become simply "the poem." Highlighted first in the Israeli press, then in the *New York Times* and *The New Republic*, a poem by Palestinian Arab writer Mahmoud Darwish, tells Israelis to:

"Pile your illusions in a deserted pit, and be gone . . .

"For we have that which does not please you here, so be gone

"And we have what you lack; a bleeding homeland of a bleeding people . . .

"It is time for you to be gone

"Live wherever you like, but do not live among us

"It is time for you to be gone

"Die wherever you like, but do not die among us

"For we have work to do in our land . . ."

Ten times in the 52 lines of *Those Who Pass Between Fleeting Words* Darwish tells Israelis to "get out." The poet, now living in Paris, handles "cultural affairs" for the PLO's executive committee. He was formerly considered an organizational "dove," calling for coexistence between Palestinian Arabs and Israeli Jews.

The poem "unnerved Israelis," according to the *New York Times*. So Darwish explained that he meant for them to leave "only the territories captured during the Six-Day War, not the state of Israel."

But the *Jerusalem Post* noted Israeli poet Haim Guri's response: "The poem returns us to the true demons. It speaks truth, poems do not lie . . ."

Another Israeli writer, Amos Keinan, described by the *Times* as "a consistent critic of the government's policies," also attacked the poem:

"What is so terrible is that all those thousands of Israelis, who were asleep until now and only because of the uprising started wondering if the time hadn't come to start talking with you, now may decide there is nothing to discuss with you, except through the barrel of a gun."

Darwish's work is not the only signpost pointing toward desolation. In "Arab Rage Inside Israel," in the April 3 *New York Times* magazine, Ze'ev Chafets

quotes the poem "Here We Will Remain":

"We will lie on your chest like a wall

"Stick in your throat like a piece of glass . . .

"We will sing the songs

"Fill the streets with demonstrations

"Fill the jails with honor and make children,

"Every generation more revolutionary than the one before it . . ."

The author, Tawfik Zayyad, does not write from European self-exile but shares with Darwish Galilean roots. Zayyad is the Communist Mayor of Nazareth and a member of the Knesset (*NER*, Oct. 20, 1986).

Does what Darwish and Zayyad write matter?

Jews, defined and united by a book for millenia, do not have to be taught the importance of a people's literature. And as an early eighteenth-century writer on government put it: "If a man were permitted to make all the ballads, he need not care who should make the laws of a nation."

Israel's task is to prevent the Palestinian ballads from becoming laws, while remaining true to its own songs and statutes.

Now, Haynes Johnson, in the April 8 *Washington Post*, writes that Sen. Albert Gore, Jr. (D-Tenn.) "is the great exemplar of the tactic. He has been aggressively courting the so-called Jewish vote . . . by attempting to portray himself as the best and truest friend of Jews and Israel still in the race."

If that is pandering, what is a politician doing when talking to assembly-line workers about factory closures, or to farmers about gain prices, or to Poles about Poland?

And why "the so-called Jewish vote"? That vote is not monolithic, but who writes of the black, Hispanic or women's vote as "so-called"?

And why is the embassy not in Jerusalem — west Jerusalem, anyway, which Israel has always held? Probably just U.S. pandering to Arab intransigence. Pandering or appeasement.

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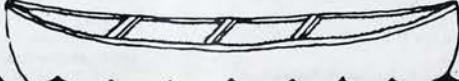
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World/National News

Ukrainian In Toronto Says Jews Will Pay For Demjanjuk Verdict

by William Saphire

NEW YORK (JTA) — A warning in Toronto that Jews will pay for the conviction of John Demjanjuk as they paid for the crucifixion of Jesus has shocked and angered Canadian Jews.

The threat was attributed to Peter Jacyk, a member of the local Ukrainian community. He was quoted by the Toronto Star after a Jerusalem district court last week found Ukrainian-born John Demjanjuk guilty of war crimes, including the murder of 800,000 Jews in the Treblinka gas chambers.

Jacyk is vice president of the Canadian Charitable Committee In Aid of John Demjanjuk's Family, a Ukrainian group that has raised funds for the Nazi war criminal during the 15 months he was on trial in Israel.

According to the Star, Jacyk commented on the guilty verdict, saying "Through the 2,000 years, Jewish people paid for that — rightly or wrongly — but they did pay for that crucifixion. I believe this will have similar results in the future for this conviction of Demjanjuk."

Frank Diamant, executive vice president of B'nai B'rith Canada, called the statement by Jacyk "outrageous and provocative."

"The innuendo that the Jewish community will be held responsible for bringing to trial a Nazi war criminal is repulsive. Jewish people in Canada, and men and women of good faith of all religious persuasions, will not condone the hostility and aggression manifested through these remarks," Diamant said.

There has been friction between the Ukrainian and Jewish communities in Canada ever since Demjanjuk went on trial in Jerusalem in February 1987. The 68-year-old former automobile worker from Cleveland, Ohio, had been stripped of his American citizenship in 1985 for falsifying his wartime activities. He became the first accused war criminal extradited to Israel for trial.

Within hours after the verdict was announced April 18 in Jerusalem, a rock was hurled through a window of the Hillel House on the University of Toronto campus.

Ukrainians, who may number

as many as a half million in Canada, are also disturbed by last year's amendment to the Canadian Criminal Code, which allows Canadian courts to try suspected war criminals for crimes committed on foreign soil. Some Ukrainians and other Eastern European and Baltic ethnic groups have attributed the new measure to Jewish influence.

The amendment, in fact, was recommended by a special commission headed by Quebec Superior Court Justice Jules Deschenes, who spent more than a year investigating alleged war criminals living in Canada.

The Deschenes Commission found only 20 suspects and 200 others who warranted further investigation. So far only one of the 20 has been publicly identified and brought to trial, Imre Finta, a Canadian of Hungarian descent.

Abu Jihad Assassination May Have Dire Consequences

by Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The assassination of the Palestine Liberation Organization's No. 2 man, Khalil al-Wazir, will have grave consequences for Israel, whether or not Israel did the deed.

That is the opinion of several experts on terrorism, according to Avi Benayahu, writing in *Al Hamishmar*. They believe the Palestinian unrest in the administered territories will escalate in the absence of a guiding hand from PLO headquarters.

Wazir, also known as Abu Jihad (father of war), headed *Al Fatah*, the PLO's military branch. Israelis considered him the mastermind of the Palestinian uprising.

According to the experts cited by Benayahu, if his death results in weakening the PLO's links with the territories, local nationalist leaders will consider themselves "freed" from whatever restraints the PLO might have imposed — such as the prohibition of the use of firearms.

In addition, the new situation could give rise to a local leadership that is much more extreme than the PLO and more hostile to both Israel and Jordan, Benayahu wrote. There is also no guarantee that the PLO will be less brutal without Abu Jihad, he added.

Al Hamishmar quoted Palestinian sources as saying that PLO chief Yasir Arafat will assign responsibility for the West Bank and Gaza Strip to Abu Ali Shahin, who will be in charge of military affairs, and Mahmoud Abbas, who will oversee political matters.

Tourism Down Despite Higher Figures

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — A rise in tourism in March and a 15 percent increase during the first three months of this year are a statistical illusion, according to experts who analyzed the figures released recently. The actual trend is downward, they say.

In March, 138,700 tourists arrived in Israel, compared to 124,000 in the same month of 1987, an 11.7 percent hike. But this reflected the Passover-Easter holiday, which began on April 1. Adjusted on a seasonal basis, March tourism amounted to 106,000 arrivals.

Similarly, the adjusted figure for April was 110,000, compared to 113,000 in April 1987, according to the experts.

The net decline, linked to continuing unrest in the administered territories, is reflected in the poor bookings and heavy cancellations reported by El Al, Israel's national airline.

An unidentified airline source quoted by Yediot Achronot recently said the number of canceled reservations in recent weeks was "catastrophic."

The largest decline in bookings has been on flights from the United States. But there also has been a substantial drop in reservations made in other countries. El Al's computers show a large decrease in the number of Israelis flying abroad, Yediot Achronot reported.

Israel Plans To Expand Navy

by Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Israel's navy is negotiating for the construction of three new Saar-5 class missile boats and two Dolphin-class submarines, Rear Adm. Avraham Ben-Shoshan, commander of the navy, disclosed this week.

The vessels, to be built in the United States and West Germany, will cost about \$1.2 billion. Ben-Shoshan said the decision culminated nine "wasted" years of discussion during which no agreement was reached by the defense establishment on the navy's procurement requests.

The original plans were scaled down from four to three missile boats and from three to two submarines. The missile boats more-over will be of 1,200 tons displacement instead of the rumored 3,000 tons. But they will carry the same size crew as the Saar-4 class missile boats presently in the fleet.

The new submarines will be among the most modern conventionally powered undersea craft in the world, Ben-Shoshan said. They will be custom built to the Israel navy's requirements.

Israel's navy is the smallest of the three branches of the Israel Defense force. Its personnel consists of 10,000 regular sailors and 10,000 reservists. According to the Middle East balance of power listing published by Tel Aviv University's Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies, Israel's navy in 1986 consisted of 26 fast missile patrol boats of various types, three submarines, two hydrofoils, 47 small patrol craft and 151 landing craft.

Do you want to know what is going on in your community? Read the Herald.

Passover In Ethiopia: Remembering The Past, Praying For The Future



This Passover, even in the most remote villages and towns, Ethiopian Jews were able to celebrate a traditional "Seder" as did their fellow Jews all over the world; all read the same prayers of hope for freedom.

The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) launched a special operation on the eve of Passover and delivered matzah, wine, and other Passover necessities to the Jews of Ethiopia.

Michael Schneider, the Executive Vice-President of JDC, visited Ethiopia on the eve of Passover and personally witnessed the distribution of Passover goods to a Jewish community whose problems are many and complex. "In addition to pursuing JDC's various ongoing programs in Ethiopia, we wanted to make sure that every Ethiopian Jew would have the means to celebrate a traditional seder," said Schneider.

NBC, Washington Post Accused Of Violating Censorship Rules

by David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Senior government officials are urging the Israel Defense Force to take legal action against NBC News and The Washington Post for allegedly violating military censorship rules.

NBC broadcast a report that Israel's policy-making Inner Cabinet decided by majority vote to authorize the assassination of Khalil al-Wazir, the No. 2 man of the Palestine Liberation Organization. The Washington Post published over the weekend what it said was a blow-by-blow account of the decision-making process that sent a hit team to gun down Wazir at his villa in suburban Tunis on April 16.

The Israeli media reported that there was pressure from the Prime Minister's Office to act against the two American news

organizations and other media that file reports overseas without submitting them to the military censor.

Action could result in loss of accreditation or even of residency permits for American correspondents reporting from Israel.

NBC acknowledged that it had not submitted to the censor its report that the Inner Cabinet voted to eliminate Wazir with dissent only from Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Ezer Weizman, a Labor Party minister without portfolio.

The network said it had received no prior notice from the censor requiring it to submit stories on this subject to the censor before transmission. It noted it had often done so in the past with no adverse reaction from the censor or other officials here.

Jackson Meets With Jewish Leaders In New York

WASHINGTON — "Jesse Jackson didn't get many Jewish votes. No surprise. Now on to the second most populous Jewish state, California. If Jackson continues to substitute fancy but empty rhetoric for substance, his problem with the Jewish community will remain."

Speaking for B'nai B'rith, the world's largest Jewish organization, Executive Vice President Thomas Neumann also made these comments about New York State's Democratic primary:

"In the days to come, we'll see all sorts of theories and explanations about the Jewish vote. Let us be clear about it. Jews chose not to vote for Jesse Jackson because his long-term record and actions still weigh heavily on their minds. Jackson refused to meet with any mainstream Jewish organizations. Despite his protestations to the contrary, he did not reach out. The result? Most Jews still remain unconvinced that anything except the language of political pragma-

tism has changed. Jews listened to the words uttered in Iowa as well as New York.

"Jews are always in the forefront of supporting minority candidates. Jews supported Tom Bradley in Los Angeles and Wilson Goode in Philadelphia. Jews supported Harold Washington in Chicago when his opponent was Jewish.

"For the first time, Jackson was subjected to some of the same intense questioning and scrutiny the other candidates had faced for months. Until now, because of racial sensitivity, he had a free pass. No one laid a glove on him. Now that's changed, and while he's still ducking the Jewish issue, perhaps he'll deal more forthrightly in the future. As Jackson moves on to California, let him spell out his current position, deal with the tough questions, so that the community can make a judgment, not on rhetoric but on substance."

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Anti-AIDS Drug Licensed For Testing

Israel's Bar-Ilan University reports significant progress with a synthetic compound, developed by its researchers, that is designed to increase the body's ability to fight AIDS.

The drug is called AS-101, with the initials representing the names of its inventors, Michael Albeck, the University's president, and Benjamin Sredni, associate professor of life sciences.

Testing has led the inventors to conclude that the drug may also be useful in treating certain cancers and other immune-deficiency problems.

Now Bar-Ilan, with National Patent Development Corporation, has licensed a leading U.S. drug company, American Homes Products Corporation, to manufacture the drug. Payments from the company will provide the University with additional funds to con-

tinue its program.

AS-101 is under "active development" by the U.S. government's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, according to a lengthy report on the drug's status in the March 17 issue of *The Wall Street Journal*.

Testing of the drug will soon begin at a major New York medical center that is treating AIDS patients. Additional testing of the drug for AIDS and certain forms of cancer are going on in Israel, France and Mexico.

Bar-Ilan's research program is generating a significant proportion of the funds for its operating budget. The University actively seeks to produce income from its scientific developments.

Israel's third largest university, Bar-Ilan has its main campus at Ramat Gan, near Tel Aviv. It is celebrating its 35th anniversary

this year.

The University is widely known for making Judaic studies a required minor. Yet, it is not a yeshiva because it offers the full complement of university studies, and it attracts a wide range of students. They comprise religious and nonreligious Israelis, including Moslems and Christians, and foreign students, all studying together in harmony.

Widely known also for its personal relationships between students and teachers, Bar-Ilan recently decided to downsize to 100,000 students in order to maintain a 10:1 student-faculty ratio and further develop these relationships.

Financial support from donors in the U.S. and other countries has contributed significantly to Bar-Ilan's growth.



Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir is the subject of a special Israel 40th anniversary feature in the May issue of *Life Magazine*. The exclusive photo essay by (UJA documentary photographer and National Young Leadership cabinet member) Robert A. Cumins profiles Israel's head of state during the recent Palestinian Rioting and U.S. peace initiative. In a photograph by Cumins, Shamir is seen here looking at a picture of himself taken forty years ago when he was a commander in the Jewish underground. (Photo credit: Robert A. Cumins via the UJA Press Service)

New Invitations To Soviet Jews Require Direct Flights To Israel

by David Friedman

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Israel is now issuing invitations that Soviet Jews need to apply for exit visas with the requirement that they go directly to Israel via Romania. The move is an effort by Israel to stop most Soviet emigrants from going to other countries, including the United States.

But an Israeli Embassy source, who confirmed that the new invitations have been sent out for the last month, stressed that for now, there is no change in how Soviet Jews who receive exit visas leave the USSR.

Emigrants can go to Bucharest, as a small number have done for the last six to eight months, or to Vienna, as most emigrants do, and then on to either Israel or another country.

If the Israeli requirement were to become mandatory, those who receive invitations would not receive their exit visas until they reached Bucharest and would thus have no choice but to go on to Israel.

Karl Zukerman, executive vice president of HIAS, suggested that this mandatory policy would not go into effect until Israel is allowed to open a mission or consulate in the Soviet Union.

Negotiations have been going on for some time between Israel and the Soviet Union, which broke diplomatic relations after the 1967 Six Day War.

The Dutch Embassy in Moscow continues to handle the invitations from Israel, and no changes

have been made despite the new wording, according to Jerry Goodman, executive director of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry.

Both Goodman and the Israeli Embassy source said the new requirement would not prevent Soviet Jews who have relatives in the United States, Britain, Canada or other countries from seeking to join them. Since last July, the Soviets have permitted persons with relatives in the United States and other countries to receive invitations from them, and not just from Israel, as was the previous practice.

Goodman noted that for the past year-and-a-half, the National Conference has advocated a "two-track" approach whereby Soviet Jews who want to go Israel can do so directly, while those who want to go to the United States or another western country can also go there directly without the subterfuge of asking for a visa to Israel. Morris Abram, chairman of the National Conference, and Edgar Bronfman, president of the World Jewish Congress, raised the Romanian route directly with Soviet officials when they were in Moscow in March 1987.

"Israel is putting in place what we accepted in principle a year-and-a-half ago," Goodman said. "If you come out on an Israeli invitation, you pick up your visa in Bucharest."

Goodman added that "everyone supports the two tracks, as long as we make certain that those

Jews who wish to come to America will not be hurt or prejudiced by it."

But the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews charged the new policy will do exactly that. The policy threatens Soviet Jews "by violating their Helsinki-guaranteed freedom of choice to immigrate directly to any country of their choice that will accept them," the group said.

Pamela Cohen, president of the union, and Micah Naftalin, its national director, have been meeting with U.S. and Israeli officials, and prominent Jewish leaders to discuss a response.

"We have found almost universal accord in the need to respect the Israeli government's legitimate concern for the dignity of its visas, while assuring that Soviet Jews retain their internationally guaranteed freedom of choice," Cohen said.

Naftalin suggested the new policy could result in making most of the 400,000 Soviet Jews who want to emigrate "more vulnerable," and reduce the present emigration levels.

"Realistically, Israel is a far weaker advocate than the United States, and the Soviet Union may become increasingly influenced by its client states in the Middle East to set even lower quotas of Jewish emigration than at present," Naftalin said.

Israel has long sought to find a way to stop the "dropout" rate among Soviet Jews who leave the USSR with visas to Israel, and then go to the United States or some other country. Estimates of those carrying Israeli visas who travel instead to another country

range as high as 80 percent.

During a visit to Washington last year, Premier Yitzhak Shamir asked the United States to stop giving Soviet Jews refugee status, allowing them to come to the United States. But the Reagan administration rejected the request, arguing that it believed in freedom of choice.

Shamir argued that it was an insult to Israel to call the Jewish emigrants refugees, since they automatically had Israeli citizenship once they left the USSR.

He also said that Soviet Jews, once in Israel, were free to immigrate to the United States. But the Union of Councils noted that they would then no longer be refugees and have to apply for emigration on the same basis as do other Israelis.

While the union expressed its opposition to the new Israeli initiative, out of fear of what would happen to Soviet Jews who want to join their relatives in the

United States, this was no less a concern for HIAS and the National Conference. All three groups stressed the need to press the Soviet Union to honor the invitations from the United States.

Zukerman said that HIAS has been expanding its program of encouraging letters of invitation from the United States. He said he feels as "the word gets around, many more American letters" will be sent.

He said HIAS was "optimistic" that a "very neat and appropriate system" will be put into effect, "but we are not taking it for granted."

Goodman said that once the two-track system of letters from Israel and the United States is firmly established, the American Jewish community will have to "advocate more strongly for the right" of Soviets Jews to immigrate directly to the United States as well as to Israel.

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Arabs And Jews Live And Study Together

"Despite the riots in the West Bank and Gaza and the enormous pressures from within the Israeli Arab community, not one of our Arab students has absented himself from class or refused to participate in joint cultural and educational programs with Jewish colleagues."

This report highlighted an address to educators this week by Aaron Seidenberg, provost of the Israeli State College, the country's only institute of higher learning that concentrates on promoting Arab-Jewish coexistence and on bridging Israel's social gaps. He spoke at a conference organized by the New York-based Friends of the Israeli State College, in Manhattan's Princeton Club.

Prof. Seidenberg cautioned that although the campus is quiet, "there is growing tension and agitation beneath the surface." He continued:

"Our Arab students — most of them on sabbatical from teaching in Arab schools — are beginning to ask themselves questions about the viability of co-existence with Jews. And they are expressing

increasing difficulty in reconciling their identity as citizens of Israel with their emotional support for their Palestinian brothers in the territories."

While relations between Arab and Jewish students at the college have been "polarized" by the riots, they have not broken down, Prof. Seidenberg said, adding:

"This is especially significant because the Arab and Jewish teachers and intellectuals who meet at the college will not only train the next generation of Arabs and Jews of Israel, they are also likely to become leaders in their respective communities.

Arabs Are 13% Of Student Body

Israeli Arabs comprise 13 percent of the student body, Prof. Seidenberg said. They live in dormitories together with Jewish students at the college, where they pursue liberal arts degrees, receive advanced teacher training and learn about each other's cultures.

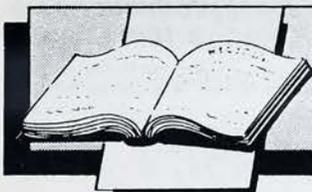
At the Israeli State College Arabs study early childhood and elementary education and participate jointly with their

Jewish counterparts in programs geared to community education, youth work and teaching in junior high school.

They also participate in the College's Center for Jewish-Arab Relations, housed in two buildings on the college campus near Kfar Saba, about 15 miles northeast of Tel Aviv. The Center publishes two journals — *Know the Region*, a bi-monthly collection of translations from the regional Arabic press into Hebrew, and *Encounter*, a quarterly literary magazine published in both languages. *Encounter* is published in 15,000 copies and is distributed widely in Israel and also in the Arab world. Some 200 copies of each publication go to Cairo University.

The Center for Jewish-Arab Relations, which is supported jointly by the College and the Histadrut labor federation, also provides cultural activities and summer camps for both Arab and Jewish children and runs science and math clinics for several hundred children from the nearby Arab villages of Taibe and Tirah.

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Books in Review

Understanding The Zionist Revolution

Zionism: The Crucial Phase. David Vital. Oxford University Press, 200 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10016. 1987. \$65.00.

Zion and State: Nation, Class and the Shaping of Modern Israel. Mitchel Cohen. Basil Blackwell, 432 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10016. 1987. \$24.95.

Reviewed by Asher Arian

In the growing library of scholarly research on Zionism, these two books will have a prominent place. They are books for those who have already acquired a solid introductory background to Zionist diplomatic history and Israeli internal politics. The novice should strive to reach the level of these books, but he or she should not start with them.

The books share two assumptions which are crucial to understanding them. Both agree that Zionism is something unique in Jewish history, and not merely a resurrection of earlier patterns. In its wake, Zionism has generated processes which have changed the ways Jews think and act about things political. Zionism was and is a revolution.

Second, politics is the single most important element in molding and in understanding the revolution. Whether in Vital's history of diplomacy and international politics in the pre-World War I era, or in Cohen's analysis of the internal tensions between left and right in Israel, politics is king. Theology and ideology, sociology and demography all play their parts, but they have impact only when channelled by organized groups and individuals attempting to

further their interests by achieving political goals.

Vital's is the last volume in his trilogy on the political and diplomatic history of Zionism through the end of World War I. This volume highlights the "crucial phase" between the years 1907 and 1920, from the decline of the Ottoman Empire to the emergence of Great Britain as the power relevant to the Zionist revolution in the making.

This is the period in which the waves of pioneers who will have the most lasting impact on Israeli politics, on its economy and on its society, arrive. This is the period in which the British Empire spreads its influence over Palestine and Trans-Jordan. This turn of history will later imprint forms of British law and administration into Israeli political culture in an indelible, if idiosyncratic manner.

Vital's concern is with the unfolding of events in the capitals in which Zionist diplomacy mattered. He pays scant attention to development in Eretz Israel — only later would change there have an impact. This is perfectly legitimate, for the fate of Zionism in this "crucial phase" (and in other periods as well) depended to a large extent on the interests and reactions of the world powers of the time.

If the task of the historian is that of selection, Vital is a skilled craftsman. He focuses on a relatively small number of significant incidents, including the Sykes-Picot agreement and the Balfour Declaration, and recreates the multitude of sentiments, interests, calculations, and forces which played a role in shaping

these pivotal arrangements.

Cohen's focus is on domestic Israeli politics. He analyzes the struggles between contending political ideologies and their organizational expressions from the beginning of Jewish settlement to the present, emphasizing developments in the 1920s and 1930s. Cohen delineates the sources of dominance of the labor movement and the challenges to it by the political right.

His special emphasis is on *mamlachtiut*, the notion of "statism" which calls for the concentration of legitimacy and power in the state. Championed by Ben-Gurion in order to enhance nation-building, Cohen argues that the transfer of emphasis by the labor movement from the concept of class to the concept of state was an important reason for Labor's loss of power to the Likud in the 1977 elections and the subsequent sharing of power with the right.

Vital assesses the intentions, strategies, and personalities of the leadership of the fledgling Zionist movement. With the benefit of perspective and in-depth research, he shows that what seemed terribly important at the moment might in retrospect be much less than that.

These volumes remind us again how much has happened in the last century, and yet how much of the current news is foreshadowed in history. How contentious was the planting of the roots of a sovereign state and how difficult it was for them to take hold. The Arabs were in Palestine and the Zionist leadership was well aware of that fact, Vital documents. Cohen

shows how the Labor party attempted to systematically deny legitimacy to the Revisionists (the precursors of Herut and the Likud) for political as well as for ideological reasons.

Both authors are explicit about the personal stake they have in their topics. This involvement does not detract in the least from their scholarship. Vital's father, Meir Grossman, was one of the group led by Ze'ev Jabotinsky in opposition to the Zionist establishment in the early years of the century.

Cohen identifies himself as a

The Origins Of The Kabbalah

Origins of the Kabbalah. Gershom Scholem; edited by R.J. Zwi Werblowsky; translated from the German by Allan Arkush. Jewish Publication Society, 1930 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19103, and Princeton University Press, Princeton, N.J. 08540. 1987. xvi, 487 pages. \$47.50.

Reviewed by Jay Harris

This very important book is an updated English translation of Scholem's German work on the origins of the *kabbalah* published in 1962. It deals with the rise of Jewish mysticism in Provence (southern France) in the period before the composition of the *Zohar* toward the end of the thirteenth century. It is a magisterial and definitive work, displaying Scholem's investigative talents at their best.

Scholem begins with a statement of the problem: attempts at dating, locating, and explaining the rise of the pre-Zoharic *kabbalah*, in particular the book *Bahir*, the first kabbalistic text, have given rise to a range of theories. Scholem's at-times vicious polemics against earlier writers on the subject are, for the most part, convincing; thus, readers of this work are witness to a revolution in our understanding of the rise of Jewish kabbalistic speculation.

After setting out the problem, the work proceeds to discuss the *Bahir* at great length; from there Scholem surveys the "first kabbalists in Provence," including such figures as RABAD (Rabbi Abraham ben David, d. 1198), best known for his criticisms of Maimonides' code of Jewish law, and his son, Isaac the Blind (d. around 1236), again at great length. From there we move over the Pyrenees to the rise of the kabbalistic center in Gerona, whose most famous representative is Moses ben Nahman, or Nahmanides (d. 1270).

A short review does not allow for a more extensive discussion of the contents; indeed, even a much longer review would not permit one to convey the enormous depth of Jewish learning that is manifest on every page of this book. Suffice it to say that anyone interested in the Jewish spiritual quest will want to struggle with this book.

A struggle it shall be, however.

supporter of the Israeli Labor party and peace movement. Yet his analysis is characterized by a mature mix of scholarly analysis and political involvement. Cohen is penetrating and incisive; compared with some "objective" research which is in reality highly political, it is even refreshing.

Both volumes are attractively presented with extensive bibliographies and useful indices. Vital's high-priced book has plates of some of the actors and useful maps; Cohen's has a helpful glossary.

To some extent this is due to the complex nature of the subject; no serious treatment of *kabbalah* can be easily digested. That having been stated, however, one can still imagine a reorganization of this work that would have facilitated matters. Scholem discusses many texts in painstaking detail; but the reader is often provided with the most meager of summaries of the contents of these texts.

This is particularly the case with Scholem's discussion of the *Bahir*, in which he often refers to a particular paragraph of the text by number, in some cases, many pages after it has been summarized in a cursory way. In some cases no summary is provided at all. I suspect that Scholem assumed his German readership would have access to his German edition of this text, and that Hebrew readers would have access to the many other texts he had published elsewhere, and therefore the mode of presentation would not be that burdensome. The English reader, however, sometimes has to guess as to the contents of the kabbalistic text under discussion based on Scholem's treatment. While this can be done, it requires much time and effort. Perhaps the editor could have appended more extensive summaries, if not translations, of some of the pivotal texts analyzed by Scholem's incisive mind.

The English reader could also have been better served by the translation, which is heavy and at times far too influenced by German syntax. This is particularly the case with the excessive use of pronouns whose antecedents are not clear, a problem far more likely to occur in English than in German. Still, despite having to re-read an occasional sentence or two, the translation can be penetrated. The enormous amount that can be gleaned from this text will surely repay the efforts one must put into it.

Happily, the footnotes are precisely that — footnotes, found at the bottom of every page. The publishers are to be commended for that, and for the handsome format of the book as a whole. In every respect, then, this work will be a welcome addition to every Judaica library.

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Mensch Meier At Trinity



Richard Kavanaugh, and Mary Francina Golden in Trinity Repertory Company's production of *Mensch Meier* by Franz Xaver Kroetz. (Photo by Mark Morelli)

by Lois Atwood

Trinity's newest play, *Mensch Meier*, offers one of the best evenings of theater around. Firmly directed by Adrian Hall, with strong performances by the cast, this is a German family drama of father, mother and teenage son. Eugene Lee has designed flat gray walls and ceiling that almost surround the audience, broken only by plain natural-wood doors and the white enamel of the kitchen.

The apartment reflects the drabness of Otto's work on an automobile assembly line and gives visual backing to the parents' insistence that their son Ludwig must not take a laborer's job like his father's. Otto, played by Richard Kavanaugh with strength and delicacy, is like Walter Mitty in that his dreams sustain and enlarge his world. But when he has driven away both his wife and son, he finds the dreams have gone, too.

Mary Francina Golden, as the mother, has never a false note. Everything she is and does flows

integrally and inevitably with the play's structure. At first she is a normal, typical wife and mother taking care of house, husband and son with a kind of bubbly good humor, and she ends as a woman who knows that individual identity is necessary to life and must even precede ties with others. Michael Cobb as Ludwig begins as a smouldering if not yet rebellious teenager whose very presence irritates his father, and he emerges from a scene of deep humiliation to start taking responsibility for himself.

In many ways this is an everyday drama, and though set in a society that seems to have fewer choices than ours, it speaks to our condition and that of any industrialized nation where drab work must be done by people. There is humor and beauty in this play by Franz Xaver Kroetz, and hope rather than despair, at least for mother and son. But Otto, diminishing slowly, has yet to know where to turn to get out of his binds. Kavanaugh's performance is probably his best so far at Trin-

ity. He makes us suffer with Otto even while we wish he could loosen up (and we know that if he had more options, maybe he could). Three scenes, mostly quite short, may make a few theatergoers uncomfortable: they involve, intercourse, nudity and masturbation. However, one is very moving, one rather funny, and the third just sad.

Kroetz is a playwright with a strong voice; with luck, Hall will direct another of his plays for us in Providence.

ACT Presents Comedy Of Errors

The All Children's Theatre Ensemble, under the direction of Wrenn Goodrum will present William Shakespeare's *Comedy Of Errors* April 29 through May 8 at the First Unitarian Church on the corner of Benefit and Benevolent Streets in Providence.

Shakespeare's first play, written approximately four hundred years ago in 1588, is a hilarious comedy about the mistaken identities of two sets of twins. Director, Wrenn Goodrum has adapted the script for a cast of 25 actors ranging in age from 7 to 15. "The language remains the same, although the play has been cut and some of the words updated. We've also added the character of William Shakespeare to our play. His function is to introduce his first play and its characters by using the format of a prologue." Goodrum chose to direct *Comedy of Errors* because of its visual and farcical humor as well as its quickness of pace. "My actors wanted to do Shakespeare again, so what better way to learn comic timing than with a Shakespearean comedy." Performances are Friday, April 29 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, April 30, May 1 at 3 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, May 6, 7 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 8 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$2.50 for children and \$5.00 for adults. For reservations, call (401) 331-7174.

Ron Lister At BCC

The pastel paintings of Ron Lister will be shown at Bristol Community College May 11 through May 22. The free exhibit, entitled *Between "ISMS"*, will show over 50 examples of Lister's work. People tend to compact art work that has come before into "isms," such as realism, impressionism, fauvism, cubism and on, according to Lister. Although his pastels vary and overlap into many of these "isms," the majority of his work could be classified as expressionism.

This is Lister's first solo show at BCC, where he works as instructor of art. He also teaches pastels at the Cambridge Center for Adult Education. He has shown regularly in Newport and throughout the Boston area. The show will be moving to Boston when it leaves the College.

He will present an opening talk about "isms" and the meaning of his work on May 11 at 12 noon. The opening reception takes place from 1 to 3 pm in the brick area of the Arts Center. Refreshments will be served. Lister will also be available to speak with people before the Saturday and Sunday presentations of Fall River Little Theater's, the *The Unsinkable Molly Brown* on May 14 and 15.

Final productions Of Trinity's 10th Class

Trinity Rep Conservatory in Providence will present two plays and one original musical as the final productions of its tenth graduating class. The plays are Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*, *A Lovely Sunday for Creve Coeur* by Tennessee Williams, and *Sarah*, a musical drama based on a Rhode Island vampire legend and written by Conservatory Director David F. Eliet and Conservatory music teacher Nancy Rosenberg.

The shows will be presented in rotating repertory May 4-15 at the Conservatory's Arnold Studios, 124 Washington Street. *Sarah* will play May 4, 7, 10 and 13, *Merchant* on May 5, 8, 11 and 14, and *Creve Coeur* on May 6, 9, 12 and 15. All performances are at 8 pm, and all tickets are \$5. For more information, call the Conservatory at (401) 521-1100.

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Sadly, Gershwin died at an early age (39). Marvelously, Irving Berlin celebrates his centennial. He invented the modern love ballad and while he knew some people thought his lyrics "corny," he wasn't afraid to say what or how he felt, simply and poetically and to the point.

One of Berlin's tunes was the first to be sung in a "talkie" movie by Al Jolson. And it wasn't *Mammy* but *Blue Skies*. One of Ethel Merman's greatest Broadway hits, *Annie Get Your Gun* (1946) was written just for her by Mr. Berlin. Fred and Ginger danced "Cheek to Cheek" to many of his scores or show-stopping tunes: *Top Hat*, *White Tie and Tails*; *Puttin' on the Ritz*; *Steppin' Out with My Baby*. Irving Berlin wrote Yip Yip Yap Hank as a Broadway revue during World War I to help sell Liberty Bonds

then went off to France to serve in the Army as a private. In WWII he wrote the all-GI revue, *This Is The Army*, to help sell Victory and War Bonds. At war's end, he, Bob Hope and a USO troupe flew the Berlin (the city) airlift to entertain American servicemen.

In late 1938, sensing what Hitler and his lunatics were up to, Kate Smith went to Berlin and asked him to write a patriotic song that would inspire a United States then divided by the prospects of another war. He demurred saying some people might regard his love for his adopted country as "corny and too personal." When the great singer persisted, he took a faded yellow, 20 year old music sheet from a drawer and gave her *God Bless America* saying "it's not too much."!!!

Arguably our unofficial national anthem (along with Fox Pointer George M. Cohan's *Yankee Doodle Dandy* or Woody Guthrie's *This Land Is Your Land*), Irving Berlin never made a nickel from the song — instead he donates all proceeds and royalties to the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts of America.

In 1955 when awarded a Medal of Honor by a grateful nation for his generosity and service to America, he turned the tables and thanked the country for "... giving me the freedom and inspiration to write *God Bless America*."

It's only fitting that we honor

this really great music man on his 100th. In the lyrics of our current musical genius, Stephen Sondheim, he has given us so many "hummable, mummable" tunes:

Alexander's Ragtime Band, Soft Lights and Sweet Music, Doin' What Comes Naturally, How Deep Is the Ocean?, What'll I Do?, I've Got My Love to Keep Me Warm, There's No Business Like Show Business, Let's Have Another Cup of Coffee; and two songs celebrating Christian holidays: *Easter Parade* and *White Christmas*, to name just a few.

Not bad for a fellow who couldn't read or write music, played the piano by ear, and then in only one key! Today his first piano is on display at the Smithsonian between Judy Garland's *Wizard of Oz* red slippers and Archie Bunker's easy chair.

Irving Berlin has reflected our moods, defined our dreams, taught us to trust and, above all, made us forget our problems. His message is for peace, family, home and country. Things we should all think about.

Happy birthday, Mr. Berlin. We *Count (Your Blessings)* for having the pleasure of your company and music and integrity through the years. Happy birthday to you. And if that sounds "corny" in this age of Cool, so what! As the *Apocrypha* enjoins us in the Book of Ecclesiasticus (XLIII, 1): "Let us now praise famous men."



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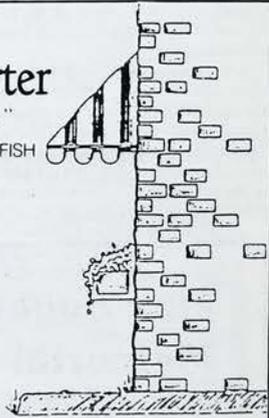
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Obituaries

PAULINE BELL

PROVIDENCE — Pauline Bell of the Jewish Home for the Aged, died April 26, 1988, at the Miriam Hospital. She was the widow of Samuel Bell.

Born in Russia, she was the daughter of the late Morris and Bessie (Wexler) Locke, she lived at the Jewish Home for three years previously residing at the Knightsville Manor, Cranston.

Mrs. Bell was a member of the Jewish Home for the Aged and its newspaper staff, the Knightsville Manor Tenants Association and Congregation Shaare-Zedek Synagogue.

She leaves two sons, Nathan Bell of Binghamton, N.Y. and John Bell of Brockton, Mass.; and one daughter, Marilyn Kabalkin

DR. HENRY D. MARCUS

SOUTH KINGSTOWN — Dr. Henry D. Marcus, 84, of Ledgerwood Road, a dentist in Mineola, Long Island, N.Y., for 43 years before retiring in 1972, died at South County Hospital. He was the husband of Janet (Aberback) Marcus.

Born in Nemtz, Romania, a son of the late David and Carol Sue Marcus, he lived in Kingston for two years. He formerly lived in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Dr. Marcus was a graduate of the City College of New York, and Tufts University Dental School, cum laude, with a degree in dental surgery.

He received a commendation from the Midtown Hospital, New York City, in 1960 for volunteer work with the poor. He also received a commendation from Tufts Dental School for 50 years of professional service.

Dr. Marcus was a member of the Tufts Dental Alumni Association, the Friends of the Kingston Library, Temple Shalom of Mineola and the Friends of the Mineola Library. He was a member of the American and New York Dental Associations.

Besides his wife he leaves a daughter, Carol Englander of Kingston; a son, Dr. David L. Marcus of New York City, and four grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at Riverside Chapel, Amsterdam Avenue, 76th St., New York City. Burial was in Mount Ararat Cemetery, Farmingdale, Long Island. Services were coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

of Cranston; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St. Burial was at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Wawick.

DOROTHY R. ROTHBERG

PROVIDENCE — Dorothy R. Rothberg, 84, of 500 Angell St., died April 25, 1988, at the Rhode Island Hospital. She was the widow of Irving R. Rothberg.

Born in New York City, she was the daughter of the late Harry and Ida (Avner) Avner.

Mrs. Rothberg was a member of the Jewish Community Center Senior Citizens Program, Providence and the Samuel Fields Y.W.H.A. of Little Neck, N.Y. Mrs. Rothberg lived in Providence since 1986, formerly residing in Little Neck, N.Y.

She leaves one daughter, Geraldine Kass of Barrington; two sisters, Jeanne Aberman of Holbrook, N.Y. and Esther Bookbinder of Valley Stream, N.Y.; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held in Mt. Ararat Cemetery, Farmingdale, L.I., N.Y. Arrangements by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St.

Public Issues Forums

PROVIDENCE — Public libraries across the state will present forums on three issues critical to Rhode Island's future . . . Land Use, AIDS, and Literacy.

Sponsored by the Rhode Island Foundation and the Governor's Office, the Rhode Island Public Issues Forums were designed to bring together small groups of neighbors, co-workers and friends to discuss important public issues. The discussions will provide insights that help in understanding the issues and the choices we must make about them, as well as how citizens can participate in public life.

AIDS will be the topic at the first forum to be held at the Mt. Pleasant Branch on May 23 at 7:00 p.m. For further information contact Mary McKenna at 521-8770.

Land Use will be discussed at Knight Memorial Library on May 24th at 7:00 p.m. and is co-sponsored by the South Side Community Gardens Land Trust. For more information about this meet-

ing contact Shirley Long at 521-8707.

Literacy will be the final forum topic to be held at the Rochambeau Branch on June 7 at 7:00 p.m. This forum is co-sponsored by the Lippitt Hill Tutorial and the contact for this meeting is Jackie Cooper 521-8774.

Issue Papers on each subject explaining the dilemmas, benefits, consequences and possible alternatives to each of the issues will be available at the designated library in advance of the programs for public review.

Very Special Arts Rhode Island

Very Special Arts Rhode Island (VSARI) Director Barbara Conley is gathering proposals from RI arts groups that serve persons with disabilities or individual artists with disabilities to represent VSARI at the International VSA Festival in Washington, D.C., June 14-18, 1989.

Each state can nominate up to ten participants in four different areas: Performance, a 20-minute presentation of drama, dance and/or music; Art Shop, activities set up for a 2-3 hour period that allows participants to come and go (such as clay, sculpturing, button-making, face-painting, visual arts, paper-weaving, collage or print-making); Participatory Workshop, 30-40 minute periods of group activity (includes music, dance/movement, drama/mime, creative language, literature and puppets); and Art Exhibit, a display of artwork that may include a demonstration of the art form by the artist(s) at an Art Stop.

Proposals from interested groups should be submitted to Conley by May 16, 1988.

The 1989 VSA International Festival is expected to draw more than 1,000 participants from all 50 states and 50 countries. Locations in Washington will include the White House and Capitol Hill, Georgetown University and John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

For more information, call Barbara Conley at 277-3880.

Edward B. Robin Named Chairman UJA-North America

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Edward B. Robin of Los Angeles has been elected Chairman of the North American Jewish Forum, a program of the United Jewish Appeal, Martin F. Stein, UJA National Chairman announced today. "Ed's integral involvement in the creation of the North American Jewish Forum makes him an ideal candidate for the job," said Stein. "His desire to chart a new course in Israel-Diaspora relations is evident in the outstanding programs instituted by the Forum thus far."

Robin, whose experience in Jewish philanthropic work is extensive, has served as Chairman of the UJA Young Leadership Cabinet, Vice Chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry Strategic Assessment Task Force, Vice President of the Jewish Federation Council of Los Angeles and Vice General Chairman of the United Jewish Fund Campaign.

The idea for a North American Jewish Forum came about in 1983, while Robin was Chairman of the Young Leadership Cabinet. Eager to have Israelis actively involved with the YLC, Robin invited several Israelis to participate fully with YLC members at their annual retreat. This led to increased reciprocity and a strong feeling on both sides that personal contacts must be expanded. In December, 1983, 150 Young Israeli and American Jews met for several days at the Moriah Hotel in S'dom to get to know one another and look for ways to bridge the widening differences between the groups. The Assembly was so successful that by the next Moriah conference, in 1985, the Israelis had formed their own leadership group, called The Israeli Forum, based loosely on the organizational structure of the YLC.

The Israelis encouraged the Americans to form a group comparable to the Israeli Forum, one which could devote its time to the implementation of programs designed to further Diaspora-Israel relations. In 1987, with a grant from the CRB Foundation of Montreal, the North American Jewish Forum came into being, under the auspices of the UJA and Director Naomi Patz.

Currently the NAJF is sponsoring several programs including:

• LEHAVA III — a three-week summer experience for American

and Israeli youth in Israel — July 11-31;

• The 5th International Young Leadership Assembly (June '89) — representatives of Jewish organizations, academia and the rabbinate from the U.S., Europe, and South America will meet with Israelis from all walks of life;

• OTZMA — a Jewish year-of-service program which emerged out of the International Youth Leadership Assembly process. Otzma is administered by the Council of Jewish Federations in cooperation with local federations.

For more information about the North American Jewish Forum please contact Naomi Patz at the United Jewish Appeal, 99 Park Ave., Suite 300, New York, N.Y., 10016, (212) 818-9100.

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American Murderer To Serve On Kibbutz

by Hugh Orgel
TEL AVIV (JTA) — An American Jew serving a 25-year-to-life prison sentence for murder arrived in Israel last Tuesday to begin a rehabilitation program at a kibbutz.

William Shapira, 62, was paroled by the governor of Florida after Herut Lapid, head of the kibbutz movement's prisoner rehabilitation program, interceded on his behalf.

Under the agreement with the Florida authorities, he will be responsible for Shapira for the 12 remaining years of his sentence. Shapira will reside at a kibbutz and

will share in the routine duties expected of all members.

Border Dispute Brought Before Jury

GENEVA (JTA) — An array of boundary disputes between Israel and Egypt was placed in the hands of an international arbitration panel here recently.

The panel has 90 days to prepare its report, but could render a verdict sooner.

It will determine the ownership of 14 localities along the Israeli-Sinai border, the most important of which is Taba, a half-acre beach resort on the Red Sea, near the Israeli city of Eilat.

Lubavitcher Rebbe Calls For More Meaningful Birthday Celebrations

NEW YORK — "A birthday is an important and joyous milestone in a person's life, and Jewish people should celebrate their birthday in a manner meaningfully Jewish," said the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, world leader of the Lubavitch movement. The Rebbe's remarks about birthday celebrations came in a brief address on the 25th of Adar, the day that his late wife, Rebbetzin Chaya Moussia Schneerson, who passed away a short time ago, would have turned 87.

"Birthdays could and should be of vital significance when marked properly," the Rebbe said. "A birthday, is a unique time of renewal, when the mazal of the celebrant is dominant. It is a golden opportunity and a propitious time for spiritual stocktaking. On this day, which is like a personal New Year, one should reassess the past and firmly resolve to strengthen his or her commitment to matters Jewish by increasing the measure of Torah study, prayer and helping others.

"As we embark on a new year, we enter a new stage in our development, and as we grow older we must grow spiritually as well," the Rebbe said.

"Meaningful birthday celebrations are particularly important for children. A child's birthday should become a very special day. Under the guidance of their parents and teachers, they should gather with friends and discuss matters pertaining to their own level of growth, making good resolutions for the coming years," the Rebbe said.

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