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Dedication Of The Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum

by Sandra Silva

The sun did not shine brightly down on the crowd and only occasionally peeped through the gray-blue clouds that blanketed the sky. Fortunately, rain did not fall. However, one would feel a few drops of wetness borne within the soft, cool breezes that blew upon the courtyard. The weather was an adequate complement to the hushed, subdued atmosphere that prevailed upon the courtyard.

No extreme was shown. The pain of remembering was obvious but tears were shed quietly. Heads were held up high and backs were kept straight as Survivors and Second Generation displayed the strength and purpose that has kept them striving over the past eight years for this very day.

"Long have we all dreamed of this day, long have we all labored for this day. For these we weep and remember—we will live, that life on Earth will be full. We accept this dedication as our solemn pledge and remember that we alone remain witnesses for those who gave their lives, so that Jews and Gentiles alike will say, never again."

These words by Jenny Klein, Chairperson of the Opening Day Committee of the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum, began the Museum's Dedication Ceremony on Thursday, May 5, 1988. Since the Museum represents the hope that through remembrance people will never again allow such a violation of human rights to occur, it was symbolically appropriate that the speaker's podium was bordered by the American flag which represents individual freedom and the Rhode Island flag with its inscription of Hope.

Survivors of the Holocaust, their children, other family and community members, Jewish and Christian clergy and local politicians joined together this day for the moving and reflective ceremonies.

Governor DiPrete spoke for the entire Rhode Island community when he said, "I can assure you that all Rhode Islanders join me in recognizing this historic occasion. This is a place that belongs to all people because in a great sense the ultimate victims of the Holocaust were all humanity. I am here today with the survivors," he continued, "because it is my hope that this memorial will remind us of the importance of brotherhood and understanding in our own lives with our neighbors and all around the world."

The Museum is indeed for everyone. It is open to any individual who desires to enter and will also serve as an educational center for schoolchildren from public and private schools. All denominations are welcome.

The hall itself has framed prints from the Holocaust with explanations below them. Display cases hold various artifacts. There are original photos of people. One photo of a family was taken before the Holocaust, before the realization of danger set in, they all look so unsuspectingly contented. There are others, cameo portraits of individuals, beautiful women and handsome men, some of whom never made it through those dread years.

There are bowls from the camps and there is a tefillin. There are lists of the laws imposed upon Jews during Hitler's regime, the laws that were intended to remove indi-



The small courtyard in front of the museum was filled to overflowing for the ceremony. People were standing in rows outside the gate and on a balcony above. Among the crowd of Survivors and Second Generation were Richard Licht, Joseph Paulino, John Chaffee and Ruth Morgenthau. Also present were Bishop Hunt and Reverends Lassen-Willems of the Episcopal Diocese and Father John Flannery of the Catholic Church.

viduality and humanity from human beings, to break their spirit. There is also a numbered concentration camp certificate from Dachau which seems to drive home, even more so than the pictures, the horrifying reality of becoming namelessly lost within the camps.

This is a reality that the people gathered in the courtyard on that Thursday have sworn will not be forgotten. The museum is one way

to keep the collective memory of the Rhode Island society alive.

"Each of us is unique, each person here is unique. For each of us there are different memories and here we remember that the rest of the world allowed this to happen, they closed their doors. Here we can listen to survivors while there is still time and ensure that never again. The Jewish people resisted the Holocaust with their lives and this Museum is one more symbol of

resistance. Never again." So spoke Laura Chakrin Cable, representative of the Second Generation, the children of survivors.

If knowledge is the great deterrent, then it should be mandatory for every child in the state to visit this Museum.

Museum hours and other information may be obtained by calling the Jewish Community Center at 401 Elm Grove Avenue, Providence, 401-861-8800.

Cantors Assembly Rejects Move To Admit Women

The Cantors Assembly — the professional organization of Conservative cantors — voted this week to reject a move to admit qualified women members.

The vote was 97 to 95 against granting membership to women graduates of the Cantors Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary who have been awarded the diploma of hazzan (cantor). A two-thirds vote in favor was necessary to carry.

The vote was taken after a spirited five-hour debate at the Assembly's 41st annual convention in Kiamesha Lake, N.Y.

Cantor A. Eliezer Kirshblum of Toronto, who led the forces opposed to admitting women, called the vote "a victory for halacha (Jewish law) and for due process." In a statement, he urged that Chancellor Ismar Schorsch of the Seminary, who ruled last year that women graduates of the Cantors Institute would henceforth be granted the diploma of hazzan, reconsider his decision.

Cantor Kirshblum also proposed that the halachic legitimacy of women cantors be referred to the Law Committee of the Rabbinical Assembly, the organization of

Conservative rabbis, for study and an eventual recommendation that would require "a majority consensus rather than the opinion of one man."

Women Cantors Voice Disappointment

Commenting on the vote, a group of four women cantors who hold the diploma of hazzan, joined by 12 women students now enrolled at the Cantors Institute, said they were "disappointed" by the vote. Their statement read:

"The outcome does not surprise us; we understand that change is often difficult. But we are dedicated to our calling. We have chosen this profession because we believe in the power of the hazzan to inspire and to instill in others a love of Judaism and the Jewish way of life.

"We are devoted to the cantorate, proud to serve the Jewish community and optimistic about the future."

Two of the four women cantors attended the convention as nonmember participants. Both are serving as cantors in Conservative synagogues, although they are not members of the Cantors Assembly. They are Marla Rosenfeld Barugel of Congregation B'nai Israel of

Greater Red Bank, Rumson, N.J., and Erica Lippitz of Congregation Ohav Shalom, Orange, N.J.

Plea For Unity

Cantor Solomon Mendelson of Long Beach, N.Y., who was re-elected president of the Cantors Assembly at the convention, issued a call for unity following the vote, declaring: "We must take the lesson of our calling and all of Judaism, which requires understanding and joining together in the face of communal need. Our community of *schlichei tzibur* — emissaries of the congregation in prayer — has spoken. Let it be as one voice."

A similar plea was voiced by Cantor Samuel Rosenbaum, executive vice-president of the Assembly, who urged that the decision be accepted "with dignity and respect." He added: "Let us look beyond the vote to the important task of dealing with its consequences, united and dedicated as before."

Cantor Abraham Lubin of Chicago, who presented the main argument in favor of the admission of qualified women to the Assembly, predicted that the matter would be presented to the body again at one or more future

conventions and that eventually women will be accepted as members with all of the honor and respect due them."

Chancellor Schorsch's 1987 Ruling

The issue of women cantors has divided the membership of the Assembly since February 1987, when Chancellor Schorsch of the Jewish Theological Seminary announced that the diploma of hazzan would be awarded to two women who were completing their program of studies at the Cantors Institute. Two other women who had graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Sacred Music have since been awarded the diploma of hazzan retroactively by the Seminary.

During the debate, cantors who oppose admitting women argued that a woman leading a congregation in prayer was a violation of halacha. This view, expressed by Cantor Kirshblum, made the point that women were not required by Jewish law to perform certain religious obligations that must be carried out at specific times. For this reason, he said, women could not serve as cantors representing male congregations required by Jewish

law to fulfill those obligations.

Those in favor of admitting women to the organization, led by Cantor Lubin, argued that the Schorsch decision was in accord with halacha and represented the culmination of a century-long evolution of the status of women in Jewish law.

"If halacha is to be a living force that impacts in our lives as Jews," Cantor Lubin told the crowded meeting hall, "it will have to address itself to the real world around us — to the present and not to past norms of society."

Proponents of women members cited the shortage of Conservative cantors and said that admitting women to the Assembly would encourage more women to study and serve in the capacity of hazzan. Executive vice president Rosenbaum said that currently more than 40 Conservative synagogues around the country were without cantors. "More cantors will retire this year than will be graduated from the Cantors Institute," he said.

Cantor Rosenbaum also noted that a wide range of scholarships, grants and other financial assistance was available to students seeking to become cantors.

Local News

Sons Of Jacob

The Sons of Jacob schedule:
Friday, May 13, candlelighting at 7:37 p.m.; Minchah service at 7:45 p.m.
Saturday, May 14 - Behar Bichukotai - Blessing of the new month of Sivan. Morning services at 8:30 a.m.; Kiddush immediately after services. The 3rd Meal after Minchah, which is at 7:40 p.m. Maariv at 8:30 p.m. and the Sabbath is concluded at 8:40 p.m. Ethics of the Fathers Number 5 is for this week.

Sunday, May 15 services at 7:45 a.m. and Minchah at 7:45 p.m.

The Minchah service for this week will begin at 7:45 p.m. Since Shevuoth is fast approaching, Rabbi Drazin has chosen to lecture and discuss the preparations, etc. between the Minchah and Maariv services.

Temple Beth David

Temple Beth David, Narragansett, will hold a Friday evening Family Service this Friday, May 6, 1988, at 6 p.m. A delicious dinner will be shared immediately following the service.

Our second Get-Reacquainted Shabbat will be held Sat., May 7. At this service, post Bar/Bat Mitzvah students are honored with Aliyot. A light breakfast at 9 a.m. will precede the 9:30 a.m. Shabbat service.

As always, all are welcome to join us for "Shabbes by the Sea."

Ohawe Sholam

Services this Friday evening are at 7:45 p.m. Saturday morning services are at 9 a.m. followed by Kiddush. Saturday afternoon Rabbi Jacobs' Mishnah class will be at 6:45 p.m., followed by the Third Sabbath meal. Mincha is at 7:35 p.m. Ma'ariv is 8:35 p.m. Havdalah is at 8:45 p.m.

Sunday, May 15 our Junior N.C.S.Y. will have a miniature golf event at 3:30 p.m. We will meet at the synagogue at 3:15 p.m. All children ages (10-13) are invited (5th-8th grade). For more information about this group call the Rabbi at 724-3552.

The Talmud class will meet this Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. All those interested are invited to

Temple Am David

Temple Am David schedule:
Friday, May 13 services 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 14 services 9:30 a.m.; Jr. congregation 10:30 a.m. Services are conducted by Rabbi H. Scott White and assisted by Cantor Steven W. Dress.

Sunday, May 15 - Harry Elkins Midrasha Graduation 10 a.m.
Monday, May 16 - Sisterhood Torah Fund Supperette 6:30 p.m.

Kent County Hadassah

The spring conference of the Western New England Region of Hadassah was held May 1 and 2, 1988. The following awards were given to the Kent County Chapter of Hadassah: Chapter of the year, bulletin award, programming award, fundraising award, membership awards.

These honors were bestowed by the awards committee, headed by Henny Lewin of Burlington, Vt.

Officers of Kent County Chapter of Hadassah for 1987/1988 are: President, Susan Smoller; Membership V.P., Barbara Portney; Fundraising V.P., Donna Ross and Audrey Hirsch; Education V.P., Karen Ostrowsky; Treasurer, Lois Lury; Financial Secretary, Wendy Buckler; Corresponding Secretary, Sharon Finn; Recording Secretary, Karen Jacober; Ex-officio, Rena Dressler and Bulletin Editor, Karen Penn.

Temple Torat Yisrael

Rabbi Maurice Davis, renowned throughout the United States for his success in rescuing young Jews from the influence of cults, will speak at Temple Torat Yisrael on Sunday, May 15, 1 p.m., under the auspices of the Florence Margolis Memorial Fund for the Arts. Admission is free.

According to the Rev. Sun Myung Moon (quoted in *People Magazine*), "Rabbi Davis is the Number One Satan in America!" In response, Rabbi Davis sent Rev. Moon a thank you note.

For most of his career, Rabbi Davis has encountered - if not encouraged - a strange array of foes. The Lyndon Larouche people have accused him of being behind the Son of Sam murders and the attempted assassination of President Reagan!

The antagonism directed towards Rabbi Davis can be traced directly to his impressive success in saving nearly 100 young Jews from cults (most notably, the Moonies). Despite the responsibilities of serving as Rabbi of the White Plains Jewish Center in White Plains, N.Y., for 20 years (just retired), Rabbi Davis found the time to travel extensively to help our young people in need.

As a prominent and popular columnist for the *National Jewish Post and Opinion*, Rabbi Davis has spoken out on many issues touching the Jewish community, and has distinguished himself as a strong and vocal defender of our people.

The Florence Margolis Memorial Fund for the Arts, which is sponsoring Rabbi Davis's visit to Rhode Island, was established by our member Bernard Margolis in memory of his beloved wife, to promote music, the arts, and areas of social and cultural interest at Temple Torat Yisrael.

Sisterhood

The Sisterhood of Temple Torat Yisrael will hold their Donor Brunch on May 15 at 10:30 a.m. at The Inn on the Crossings - Holiday Inn, 800 Greenwich Ave., Warwick, R.I. A special feature will be a complimentary two-day trip to the Concord Hotel, Lake Kiamasha, New York, arranged by Zeldia Kouffman of Cranston Travel. Entertainment will be the Mishalot Dancers from Brown University.

Temple Beth El

Plans are being formulated for our 26th anniversary celebration to be held on Sunday evening, June 5, 1988 at 6 p.m. in the Social Hall of the synagogue at 203 Summit Ave., Providence. Cocktail hour is 5:30-6 p.m. A full course dinner will be served followed by entertainment.

A sisterhood meeting is being held on Sunday, May 15, 1988, in the Social Hall of the synagogue at 1 p.m. The business meeting will be held followed by a coffee hour and entertainment. All members are urgently requested to attend.

57th Post Confirmation And High School Graduation

The 57th Post Confirmation High School Graduation of Temple Beth-El Religious School will take place on Friday evening, May 13, 1988, during Friday evening services. Five students who have successfully completed a full twelve years of religious studies including participation in a teacher training program will be honored. They are: Julie Corwin, Tina Feldman, Julie Levitt, Dawn Pollock, and Sarah Zurier.

133rd Annual Meeting

The 133rd Annual Meeting of Congregation Sons of Israel and David, Temple Beth-El will be held on Sunday evening, May 15, 1988 in the Temple's meeting hall. Judith and Joseph Lubiner will chair the evening which will feature a memorial tribute to Rabbi William Gordon Braude.

Included on the agenda will be the election of officers and trustees. Bruce Sundlun, Senior Vice President of Temple Beth-El for the past two years and chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Outlet Communications has been nominated to become the Congregation's 29th president.

An active community and Temple leader, Sundlun graduated from Williams College and Harvard Law School and has received honorary degrees from both Bryant College and Roger Williams College. Sundlun presently serves as a trustee for the R.I. Philharmonic, the Providence Preservation Society, and Trinity Square Repertory Company. He serves as president of the Providence Performing Arts Center and the Newport Art Museum. He's a member of the Providence School Board and the director of the International Jumping Derby.

In addition to Mr. Sundlun, the following individuals have been nominated to serve as officers of the Temple: Senior Vice President, Henry Litchman; Vice Presidents, Bertram M. Lederer and Patricia Cohen; Treasurer, Irving Schwartz and Secretary, Richard Borod.

The following individuals have been nominated to serve as trustees: Alan Axelrod, Jeffrey A. Brown, Jay Isenberg, Daniel Kane, Judith Lubiner, Anne Presser, Jeffrey Sharfstein, Barbara Singh, Steven Taylor, J. Scott Wolf, and Jeffrey Kasle. The following

individuals will serve as Presidential Appointees: Mark Patinkin, Lee Krasner, The Honorable Robert Krause, Melvin L. Zurier, Norman I. Goldberg and Marvin G. Tesler have been nominated as Honorary Life Trustees.

A formal installation of the new officers and trustees will be held during Shabbat Services on Friday evening May 20, 1988 at 8:15 p.m. In addition to the installation of the Temple officers, a formal installation will be held for the Brotherhood, Sisterhood and new Youth Group officers.

Religion In Politics By Hon. John Buchanan At Temple Beth El

The credibility of "God-selected" political candidates and "God-selected" stands on political issues; the religious right and its assault on Constitutional rights; threats to religious and minority freedoms by the religious right. These will be among the subjects discussed by the Hon. John Buchanan, chairman of People for the American Way, at Temple Beth El in Providence on Thursday evening, May 19, beginning at 9 p.m.

The program will be the third and final session on the Temple's series on "Jews in a Political Year," presented by the Temple's Adult Education Committee, under the chairmanship of Dr. Henry Litchman.

Admission to the presentation will be open, at no admission charge, to all interested adults. It will include arrangements for a question-and-answer period by those attending.

Mr. Buchanan has served as Representative of the Sixth District of Alabama in the U.S. Congress. During that time he was senior member of the House Education, Labor and Foreign Affairs Committees.

He was a member of the United States delegation to the 28th United Nations General Assembly where he served as a member of the U.S. delegation to the UN Human Rights Commission meetings from 1978-1980. He is currently a Senior Associate of the Kettering Foundation and chairman of its International Committee.

People for the American Way, an organization originated by Norman Lear, is concerned nationwide with the attempts of right wing and other religious groups to insert their philosophy into the American political scene and into matters now under constitutional protection. They have also been effective defenders of both personal and minority rights.

The program was arranged under the direction of Arthur Eisenstein, Coordinator of Adult Education Activities at Temple Beth El.

Editorial and Advertising Deadline is Tuesday Noon for Thursday's Paper.

A Year In The Life Of Solomon Schechter Day School

1987-88: it was a very good year, filled with traditional school activities as well as exciting innovations. Here are some highlights, the year in review, from the Solomon Schechter Day School.

September: Dedication of the New Building, Constitutional Peace Garden.

October: Horizons Environmental Study Program, Caratunk Wildlife Refuge Trip.

November: From Sheep to Shawl Demonstration, Haffenreffer Museum, Green Animals Trips, Chumash Ceremony, Grade 3.

December: Zimriyah, Book Fair, Latke Lunch.

January: Parents' Association Tennis Party, Shabbat Dinner, NASA Space Program.

February: Court Visit, Grades 7-8, Jewish Law Project, Family Purim Workshop, Mishloch

Manot Baskets to Jewish Home, Science Fair, Grades 7 & 8, Winners: Jonathan Sadler, "Horizontal Motion & Gravity," Joshua Rappoport, "Light Refraction/Color"; Ellis Bojar, "Acidity and Conductivity: Is There a Connection?"; Scott Sisun, "Desert Irrigation and Underground Oasis."

March: Artists-in-Residence Dance Pageant, Fifth Grade Worcester Overnight, Siddur Ceremony, Grade 1, Shabbat Lunch and Science Fair, winners: David Mangiantine, "Current Solutions," Oren Kaunfer, "Detergent Dissention," Jeremy Isenberg, "Hot or Cold, Which Will Hold?" Gayle Borenstein, "Colors We Get from Plants and Veggies."

April: Tenth Anniversary Gala Celebration, Interscholar Choral Concert, Yom HaAtzmaut

Activities, Yom HaShoah Observance.

May: Music & Art Show, Washington Trip, Grades 7 & 8, Publication, *The Write Stuff*, Middle School Play.

June: Fourth Grade Hebrew Musical, Eighth Grade Graduation.

Eden Garden Club Of Temple Beth El

The Eden Garden Club of Providence will hold its May meeting on Thursday, May 19, at noon at the Museum of Rhode Island History at the Aldrich House at 110 Benevolent St., Providence. Members will bring a brown bag lunch, and coffee and dessert will be served.

The program will be an interesting exhibit named "The Raising of Rhode Island."

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Dvorah-Dayan Club

The next meeting of Dvorah-Dayan Club of N'Amat USA will be held at the home of Elaine Levy, 31 Taft Ave. on Monday, May 16 at 7:45 p.m.

Plans will be drawn up for the Yard Sale to be held on Sunday, June 5 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the premises of Ceil and Seymour Krieger at 381 Cole Ave. Friends and members of the Club are asked to help make this sale a financial success by contributing any items you have including children's clothes. Please do not include other clothing. We would appreciate having appliances, large and small furniture, jewelry, books, plants, drapes, and any other household goods. We need your assistance as workers and/or customers! If you have anything you wish to contribute, please call Ceil Krieger at 351-2139 and your saleable items will be picked up and receipts for Income Tax will be issued.

All proceeds from this sale will go toward the financial help which we give to benefit Israel's families, especially to children as well as supporting the struggle of our brethren in Soviet Russia. Na'Amat is part of an 850,000 member, worldwide movement of working women and volunteers committed to strengthening Israel.

Our guest at this meeting on May 16 will be Eleanor Elbaum, Director of Pediatric Nursing at Rhode Island Hospital who will tell us about her life "Growing Up Jewish in Japan." Friends and guests are welcome.

Na'Amat USA

Na'Amat USA Club One (formerly Pioneer Women) met at the home of Gaya Segal to formulate plans for the Annual Donor Luncheon to be held Thursday, June 9, at noon, at Temple Emanu-El.

Due to illness many of our key workers are not able to make calls to all our past donors and contributors, so please send your annual donation to our reservation chairperson, Mrs. Jennie Uffer, 210 Poplar Dr., Cranston, R.I. 02920, or call 943-3877 or 944-8595.

The funds realized from this effort will enable us to continue to service the over 1000 educational, vocational day care and social service installations operated by Na'Amat Israel for the benefit of Israel's families.

Regular Meeting

Na'Amat will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, June 19 at noon at the Jewish Community Center in Providence. All members are urged to bring their donor luncheon monies.

Brown-RISD Hillel Annual Meeting

The community is invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the Brown-RISD Hillel Foundation, which will be held Wednesday, May 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the Samuel and Reika Rapaport Hillel House.

Highlighting the evening will be the dedication of the Ress-Hillel Auditorium. Ress currently serves as chairman of the campaign for Chaplaincy at Brown University, from which he was graduated with Phi Beta Kappa honors in 1926. He served as a trustee of Brown for 16 years and as the University's treasurer for nine years. Ress was instrumental in the acquisition of Brown University's Samuel and Reika Rapaport Hillel House, formerly Froebel Hall.

Ress served as trustee of Temple Emanu-El, the Jewish Community Center and the Jewish Home for the Aged. As one of the founders of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, Ress served as its president from 1960-1964, and is an honorary trustee. There will be an election of officers and trustees of the Foundation.

JCC News

Tax Education Seminar

Tax changes required by the 1986 "Tax Reduction Act" have been a challenge to taxpayers and experts alike. Now that advantages to the taxpayer have been clarified, the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island is holding a "Tax Education Seminar" to establish an informed approach to the 1988 tax year. The seminar will be held at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence on Monday, May 16 from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

A panel of professionals will discuss accounting, the legal and financial planning aspects of the new tax law and offer suggestions for ways to reduce an individual's tax bite. The panel will be moderated by Leonid Margolin, Registered Representative for The Equitable Financial Companies. Speakers will be Edward Gemma, CPA; Richard Applebaum, Esq. of Rosedale and Sivitolo; and William Palmisciano, CPCU, CLU, MBA, CFHC of Equitable Financial Companies. Following the presentation, there will be time for questions and answers.

The fee for the seminar is \$3.50 for JCCRI members; \$5 for nonmembers. For information call Karen Lowe at 861-8800.

Reeder, Robinson Winners Of Service To Sports Awards Rhode Island Jewish Athletic Hall Of Fame

The Rhode Island Jewish Athletic Hall of Fame will induct Michael Reeder and David Robinson in the Service to Sports

Division at ceremonies to be held at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence on Sunday, May 15. The program, sponsored by the Health and Physical Education department of the JCCRI will begin at 6:45 p.m. with a reception followed by the induction ceremony at 7:30 p.m.

Michael Reeder graduated from Pawtucket West High School in 1958 and that year was a member of the all-state basketball team. He officiates both boys and girls high school basketball, has served as president of the Rhode Island Board of Women's Officials. He is involved with Little League baseball where he has coached and run tournaments to benefit the mentally retarded.

In March 1974, David Robinson was the youngest Jewish bowler to bowl a 300 game. Still one of the top bowlers in Rhode Island, he is a past president of the Rhode Island Jewish Bowling Congress and has played in the Temple Beth El leagues for seventeen years. A graduate of Hope High School, he played varsity basketball for the JCCRI and is a volunteer of the Summit Club of Rhode Island.

Masters of Ceremonies for the induction is Eric Reid, New England Sports Network broadcaster. Co-chairs of the event are Jeffrey Goldberg and Stephen Litwin.

For ticket information and reservations, call Elliott Goldstein at 861-8800.

were produced between 1955 and 1982, and range from *They Were Ten*, Baruch Diener's portrayal of the struggles of nineteenth-century chutzim, or pioneers, to *Hide and Seek*, Dan Wolman's study of adolescents growing up during the time of the British Mandate.

All the films, except for the English-language *Hill 24 Doesn't Answer*, are multilingual or in Hebrew with English subtitles.

ISRAEL Focus Of Video Series

NEW YORK (JTA) — A series of Israeli film classics has been released on video in celebration of the country's 40th anniversary.

The series, entitled *Lens on Israel: A Society Through its Cinema*, features seven films: six dramas and a documentary. All

Majestic Senior Guild

The Majestic Senior Guild will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday, May 17, 1988, at Temple Torat Yisrael, Park Avenue, Cranston at 12:30 p.m. The new slate of officers for the 1988-1989 season will be presented by the Nominating Committee. Our speaker will be Mr. Max Riter who will talk on the volunteer work program in Israel. He and his wife, Jeannette, took part in the program. He will show slides and give first hand information on what is taking place.

All deposits for The Pines in the Catskills must be made at this meeting. The balance is payable by June 1. This is an eight-day trip, June 19 through June 26 and always proves to be a very enjoyable experience.

Our annual luncheon and installation of officers will take place on June 28 at noon at the Venus DeMilo in Swansea. Make

Touro Fraternal News

Attention Golfers: Touro Fraternal Association, the largest Jewish Fraternal Association based in New England is looking to hold a charity golf tournament. What do we need? Golfers. If you would be interested to have a good time and also help a charity, please contact us at Touro Hall. Please contact Mr. Barry E. Newman at Touro Fraternal Association, P.O. Box 3562-0562, 960 Reservoir Ave., Cranston, R.I. 02910.

Touro membership is on the rise again. Younger members and older members are finding that Touro Fraternal Association is providing them with a good time and also a sense of being a Jew. We at Touro are having our annual membership drive and are looking for a few good men. Please contact us at our Reservoir Ave. address or call 944-4412 and someone will return your call.

Jewish Federation Of Rhode Island Women's Association



The 43rd Annual Meeting of the Women's Division of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island will be held on Monday, May 16, 1988, at 1:00 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El. Elaine Odessa, left, will be installed as President for a second term. The women's Division, under Elaine's leadership, will continue its theme of "From Generation to Generation." Roberta Holland will serve as Installing Officer. Mitzi Berkelhammer, right, is chairman of the Annual Meeting Committee. Following the meeting, dessert and coffee will be served. The meeting is open to the community.

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Opinion

Happy Birthday, Israel?

by Jacob Neusner

Just now the State of Israel celebrates its fortieth birthday. Who can imagine a less auspicious time for the celebration! Beset with self-doubt, struggling with a political system unable to gain consensus, facing a wearing struggle of attrition with the Arabs presently subject to Israeli occupation ("Samaria and Judea" or "the West Bank," as you may prefer), Israelis must wonder what there is to celebrate.

As a matter of fact, a great deal. In forty years a half-million have become more than four million, a state besieged, with its enemies' armies within ten miles of severing its mid-section, without an economy, without a government, with little more than the courage afforded by desperation, the Israelis populated their country, built a state, worked out a viable economy, made themselves a presence in the world.

In 1948 no one knew whether or not the State of Israel would survive. Today no one doubts it.

In 1948 no one imagined that the State of Israel could achieve political standing and economic clout. Today everyone takes it for granted.

In 1948 no one could even identify the common language and culture that would draw together disparate populations with nothing shared by the common classification, "Jew," whatever that word meant in the 100 countries from which Israelis had come. Today there really is a well-defined Israeli culture, transmitted as a firm and vigorous national identity in schools and in the media of culture.

True, today the State of Israel faces a serious problem in finding a way to make lasting peace with the

Palestinian Arabs, such as it has already accomplished with Egypt and, de facto, with Jordan, Saudi Arabia, what there is of Lebanon, and even, in its odd way, Syria. The headlines in this very newspaper leave no doubt that the end of time has not yet arrived for the State of Israel. And that brings us to the one acute and urgent question facing Israelis today.

But forty years of astonishing national achievement place into perspective a currently-serious problem. Does the Palestinian Arab uprising call into question the future or the viability of the Jewish State?

I think not. I celebrate the fortieth birthday of the State of Israel with full and complete confidence in the future and, as a Jewish American, with enormous pride in the past and present of the Jewish state. But what, you ask, about the troubles of the hour?

Now that nearly four months have passed since the beginning of the present troubles, issues begin to sort themselves out. Clearly, the Palestinians offer the State of Israel nothing more than they were ready to grant in 1897, 1919 and 1920, 1936-1939, or in 1947-1949: peaceable evacuation of the Jewish population. They have never accepted, and do not now accept, the right of the Jews to the Jewish State in the Land of Israel. Since the integrity of the State of Israel therefore is at stake, there is nothing to negotiate, no basis for compromise.

No one therefore can be deceived by current events into confusing with mass resistance to foreign occupation, with which we all can sympathize, what is in fact a sustained attack on the State of Israel and its right to endure. We deal with what is merely another chapter — an effective,

well-crafted one indeed — in the Palestinians' long war against the State of Israel. It is a war that the Israelis cannot afford to lose and will not lose.

It is equally clear that Israeli policy, now subject to intense debate within the State of Israel, does encompass more choices than are presently worked out in deed. Whether or not a different policy from the one now in force can produce results other than the ones everyone sees and most people profoundly deplore is for Israelis to decide. But party to their decision are many more participants than the Israeli electorate; that too is now clear.

I for one retain boundless confidence in the capacity of the State of Israel to solve its problems, as it has so successfully in many areas. Offered a real peace, the Israeli electorate has always made the sacrifices necessary to make peace. But the one fact that awaits change is the intransigence of the Palestinians, as distinct from the position of the Jordanians, the Egyptians, and many other Arab and Muslim parties to the region and the Israeli-Palestinian dispute (not to mention the U.S.A. and the USSR). And that assuredly places in a different light the unfortunate spectacle acted out each day in the public arena. So in all, happy birthday, State of Israel — and many more, many many more!

Jacob Neusner holds the positions of University Professor and Ungerleider Distinguished Scholar of Judaic Studies at Brown University, where he has taught for twenty years. This year he received honorary degrees from the University of Rochester and, in celebration of its 900th anniversary, the University of Bologna, Italy.

The Nightline Series On Israel Revisited

by Abraham H. Foxman and Kenneth Jacobson

Mr. Foxman is national director of the Anti-Defamation League; Mr. Jacobson is associate director of ADL's International Affairs Division.

Ted Koppel's five-night series from Israel was a unique example of television coverage of the Middle East. It addressed many of the criticisms that have been leveled against the media. It treated the subject seriously and at length. It recognized that history is not an abstraction but a living reality and must be understood if today's conflict is to be understood. It gave participants a chance to voice their opinions — to the camera and to each other.

And yet, a supporter of Israel watching these shows in their totality had to walk away with a queasy feeling, a sense that something was wrong. Now maybe it was simply a product of one's subjective feelings and a difficulty in accepting disturbing images.

On reflection, however, there was something wrong. It was not simply the fact that in the third segment, certain outrageous Palestinian portrayals of the conflict's history were allowed to go unchallenged. The problem lay in the fundamental premise of the shows, out of which almost inevitably a picture emerged which was less than fair to Israel.

The premise that guided *Nightline* was that the Middle East saga is a story of conflict between Israel and the Palestinians. Thus the debate of three hours brought forward three Palestinians and four Israelis; the history of the conflict was history as seen from the Israeli and Palestinian perspectives.

The real story of the conflict,

however, is one between the Arabs and Israel. And what a different look it has to it from that perspective. It is the story of twenty-one Arab states engaged in a 40-year struggle against this one non-Arab, democratic state in the region. It is the story not only of military warfare from the outset, but economic warfare through the continuing boycott of Israel. It is the story of a powerful oil weapon being used to try to isolate Israel on the world scene. It is the story of Arab countries — Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Iraq — deliberately not resettling Palestinians refugees because they saw the refugees in their deprived status as an opportunity for them to continue the war against Israel. It is a story of the lives of Jews living in Arab countries for hundreds and even thousands of years being made so intolerable that they were forced to flee in numbers equalling the Arab refugees from Palestine.

What *Nightline* has done by essentially viewing the conflict as one between Israelis and Palestinians is to give the Arab side a major victory. This has been the goal of the Arab world for twenty years, seeking to create the image that the underdog is the Palestinians facing a strong Israel, rather than the array of Arab force, money, land and influence against Israel.

None of which is to deny the fact that the Palestinian issue is a critical element in the equation; nor is it to deny the fact that Palestinians have experienced deprivation. But the Palestinian problem, and all others, in the conflict long ago could have been resolved had not the real problem been something much larger. Similarly, when the larger Arab

world, including the Palestinians, is ready to end the war against Israel and negotiate directly without preconditions, then the Palestinian issue is subject to resolution as well.

Ultimately, the kind of approach embodied in the *Nightline* series unwittingly fosters the PLO in its dual effort to block a solution and project Israel to the world in the worst possible light. By reducing the responsibility of the Arab states, it gives license to those states to continue its war by any means against Israel and it gives license to the PLO cause.

Despite the show's good intentions and generally fair execution, this fundamental flaw turned it into a counterproductive exercise. I believe that the messages that the Arab world will draw from it will be all the wrong ones. Arab leaders will conclude that this helps them continue their war against and rejection of Israel with impunity because the images projected to the American people onus was placed elsewhere. And the PLO will take heart that the images projected to the American people (no matter the efforts at balance, they ended up being images of Palestinian suffering) will foster its longstanding twin goals of blocking any solution to the problem and weakening Israel in the eyes of the international community.

In many ways, this *Nightline* series was television at its best. Drama and immediacy, but also depth, and time, and perspective. But the failure to ask the right question at the outset, indeed the failure to consider the many layers that make up the Arab world's hostility to a Jewish state in its midst, led to an unsatisfying product.

Ironies Of The Uprising

by Eric Rozenmann

Danny Rubinstein has covered the West Bank and Gaza Strip for *Davar*, the daily newspaper affiliated with the Histadrut trade unions, ever since Israel gained control of the territories in the 1967 Six-Day War.

"Five months ago I was sure I'd seen everything," he told reporters in Washington recently. But in December came the uprising, and, like everyone else, including the Palestinian Arabs themselves, Rubinstein was surprised.

"We all knew the bitterness, the frustration and political despair. ... We were expecting such an explosion. But why after 21 years?" It was the timing, not the violence, which caught him off guard.

Rubinstein noted several "triggers":

- The November hang-glider attack in which one guerrilla killed six Israeli soldiers before being killed himself — and which drew no immediate reprisal;

- The Arab League summit the same month which focused not on the Palestinian Arabs but the Iraq-Iran war;

- An exchange of more than 1,150 terrorists and terrorist suspects for three Israeli prisoners of war in 1985.

But, ironically, Palestinian disappointment with other Arabs helped the situation reach "critical mass" now, Rubinstein said at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy. "The Palestinians see themselves as an integral part of the Arab world. ... They expected their Arab brothers somehow to liberate them since 1967."

But gradually — after Egypt's peace with Israel, Syria's backing of non-Arab Iran against Iraq, the Arabs standing aside as Israel forced the PLO out of Lebanon in 1982 — "the Palestinians understood they were abandoned by the Arab nation. ..."

Another irony leading to the uprising, according to Rubinstein, was Israel's successful integration of its economy with that of the West Bank and Gaza. After a generation, the Palestinian Arabs no longer compared themselves advantageously to Arabs elsewhere, but invidiously to Israelis.

A third irony: their comparisons — political and social as well as economic — were amplified by the freest press in the Arab world, which Israel permitted to operate out of east Jerusalem.

Then in the early 1980's,

recession hit the Arab oil states and echoed through the territories. Remittances from Palestinian workers abroad fell, many returned home and "Arab despair became stronger."

And after the assassination of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, Egypt deported hundreds of fundamentalist students from Cairo back to Gaza. Israel, hoping to weaken pro-PLO groups, encouraged their activities.

On the West Bank, "the permanent population is the most moderate" component of Palestinian Arab nationalism. Never refugees, they never lost anything, although they, too, "are under foreign occupation ... but doing well." However, Rubinstein sees no possibility that they will negotiate by themselves.

More important in Palestinian politics are those in the slums in the territories and in Lebanon, Syria and Jordan. They are not refugees after two or three generations, Rubinstein stressed, and the slums — from which people with enough money leave, and into which the poor move — "are not camps anymore after 40 years."

The rioters have achieved one success so far: the meeting between Secretary of State George Shultz and two American members of the PLO's Palestine National Council: "They (the PLO) try to achieve recognition from America without giving anything in return."

Meanwhile, a popular view among the Palestinian Arabs holds that as the Shah of Iran's forces could not prevail before women and children, so too will Israel yield. Rubinstein discounts that analogy, seeing not a civil war but a clash between completely different societies.

The uprising has grown so that the killing of PLO number two man Khalila al-Wazir — Abu Jihan — "does not make any difference. ... But he was responsible for terrorism throughout the '70's."

Rubinstein said he fears an escalation of instability on both sides. "Five or six times a day Molotov cocktails are thrown at buses, cars and so on. ... About 30 buses have been burned so far," either unoccupied or from which the passengers escaped.

What happens, he wondered, if a fire-bomb ignites a loaded bus?



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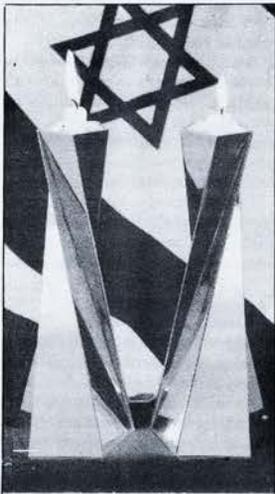
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Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

Shalom. I want to thank you for your story (May 5) on our Mishpahton program. Please allow me to share a few additional facts that the community should be aware of in order to fully understand the realities of any new program. Needs, plans and proposals are a mere beginning. Funding is one of the biggest stumbling blocks to bringing any new and exciting program to fruition. Investing in an idea is not always feasible.

Our school has been extremely fortunate over the past six years, in that we have been the recipient of funding from the Bureau of Jewish Education. The Bureau has invested in some of our ideas, and has provided us with seed monies in support of new and innovative programs. In each instance, the understanding has been that if the programs are successful, and if our goals and objectives are met, that Torat Yisrael will maintain them. I am happy to report that we have received Improvement Grants for our listening center, learning center, hands-on-holidays workshops, library enrichment, and tot shabbat programs, and that each of these programs has not only been a success, but that each is still actively operating and is fully supported by our congregation. This year, the Bureau invested in our proposal for a Mishpahton child care program for the children of our faculty members, with the support and commitment that it would truly enrich our total program. And, enrich it has! Mishpahton has been an absolute delight and a much needed educational resource.

I must add, however that start up costs for Mishpahton involved materials, equipment and staffing. In addition to the partial funding that we were awarded by the Bureau of Jewish Education, our Torat Yisrael Men's Club, our faculty parents, and a number of individual donors added their generous financial support to bring Mishpahton to fruition. The investment has been accruing a high rate of interest. Its results are indeed exciting. It is truly wonderful to see how our community can join hands in the interest of Jewish education.

Lonna S. Picker
Director of Education
Torat Yisrael School

Editor:

An uninformed reader might have gotten a terribly wrong impression from the front page article in last week's *Herald* regarding the Solomon Schechter Day School.

The article described that school as a much-needed alternative to the "Orthodox Providence Hebrew Day School," and then went on to define the Schechter school's "unique perspective" as "a policy of open questioning ... any legitimate question a child has (is) dealt with ... even questions doubting Judaic principles."

The impression left, no doubt inadvertent but no less delusive for the fact, is that the Providence Hebrew Day School does not allow its students to ask certain questions. As parents with four children in PHDS, my wife and I can wholeheartedly testify that children's curiosity and their challenging natures are encouraged and nurtured, and never squelched, in that school's educational environment. Open-mindedness is cultivated in its students as the inherent part of Judaism it is, not as antithetical to it.

Which is probably why so many children from decidedly non-Orthodox homes feel so comfortable at PHDS and why they learn so much about Torah (as well as about math, science, and literature) there.

Orthodoxy has surely not become the fastest growing movement within the American

Jewish community (and especially so among young people) by stifling questions.

As it happens, PHDS is a true community school. It does not force "Orthodoxy" on any student; it teaches the tenets, literature and practices of Judaism, doing its very best to accommodate every one of its beloved children, whatever his or her family's lifestyle.

The religious studies teachers at PHDS are indeed Orthodox, but that fact should only be seen as bespeaking their excellence as examples of the fullness of Judaism's praxis in our times. If those teachers' Orthodoxy has somehow intimidated any well-meaning parents, that is sad, but no result of any discomfort felt by any student, and certainly not the result of any discouraged questions.

There are indeed profound differences between the Jewish educations the two schools provide; here is not the place for elaboration. But PHDS's decades of success are verily the result of precisely those positive elements your article seemed so excited to hear about from the Schechter school.

And, from the large number of PHDS's graduates who continue their Jewish education and growth, and who go on to lead intelligent, productive and profoundly Jewish lives, I would venture to say that all its children's questions are not only heard but apparently met with satisfying, and fully Jewish, answers.

Rabbi Avi Shafran
Providence

To The Editor:

Enclosed herewith is the statement worth repeating concerning Rabbi Emanuel Jacobovitz, Chief Rabbi of England who was recently appointed to the House of Lords by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher:

"The *London Daily Mail*, December 31, 1987, in an commentary entitled "A Life Peerage for the Great Moral Crusader," contends:

... Undoubtedly his firm stance at a time when the Church of England is wracked by moral doubts, has been welcomed in high circles. He takes the view that adultery, homosexuality and (promiscuity) are wrong under all circumstances, and he would like to see homosexuality and adultery made illegal. He has argued that only a moral revolution can contain the scourge of AIDS."

Thomas W. Pearlman
President, Rhode Island
Federation of Orthodox
Jewish Organizations

To The Editor:

This is an appeal to the Friends of Israel.

This appeal is directed to those people outside of Israel, both Jews and non-Jews, for whom the democratic and moral character of the State of Israel has a special significance.

For many of you, the recent events in Israel, the violent repression of the Palestinian uprising, the squalor of the refugee camps in the Occupied Territories and the despair of their population are a source of profound concern and shame.

However, some of you feel that you have no right to criticize or openly condemn Israeli policies. This stems from a widespread and a priori loyalty to the State of Israel, whose existence — regardless of its policies — is perceived as a guarantee of refuge for the long persecuted Jewish people and a safeguard against the possibility of a future Holocaust. Thus, many non-Jewish liberals dare not voice their condemnation of Israeli policies, fearing that they might be accused of anti-Semitism, while critical Jews are branded as

masochists and defeatists. People who care for Israel find themselves facing a grave dilemma which has a restraining effect on their desire to express their concern. Unfortunately, this abstention from condemnation is not presented to the Israeli public as stemming from honest and well-meaning consideration, but rather as an implicit approval of the current policies.

As Israelis who represent a wide spectrum of Israeli society opposed to the Occupation and to the deterioration of our democracy, we appeal to you to voice your disapproval and thus actively support our common cause. In so doing, far from weakening Israel, you would be strengthening those elements in Israel whose values you share and would be assisting in the prevention of the moral and physical collapse of Israeli society.

We appeal to you to put pressure on your government and on Israeli officials in your country to take steps for bringing about an end to the oppression of Palestinians in the Occupied Territories and initiating negotiations between Israel and the chosen representatives of the Palestinians.

We would appreciate any support you feel you can offer to our movements here in Israel. Any of the undersigned organizations will gladly answer your requests for further information.

"Yesh Gvul" — There is a Limit. A support group for soldiers unwilling to serve in the Occupied Territories. P.O. Box 4172, Tel Aviv 61041.

"Hasshana Haesrim Veachat" — The Twenty First Year. An organization acting within Israeli society, against the Occupation and its consequences. P.O. Box 24099, Jerusalem 91240.

"Dai Lakibush" — An End to the Occupation. A movement engaged in protest against the Occupation and peaceful coexistence with a Palestinian state. P.O. Box 3742, Jerusalem 91036.

"Reuth" — Friendship. A joint youth movement providing a framework for efforts by Arab and Jewish youngsters to promote respect, equality and mutual understanding for all Israeli citizens. Yonathan Peled, Kibbutz Maabarot, 60980.

"Gesher Leshalom" — Bridge for Peace. An Arab-Jewish movement bringing together Jews and Arabs for the purpose of promoting cooperation and mutual understanding. Miriam Spielman, 16 Nordau St., Herzlia. 46541.

"Tnuat Nashim Demokratot Be Israel — Tandi" Movement of Democratic Women in Israel. A Jewish-Arab women organization dedicated to the promotion of political cooperation between Arab and Israeli women. 70 Achad Haam St., Tel-Aviv 65205.

"Israelis by Choice." A group of Olim working against the Occupation. Haya Beckerman, 37/7 Emek Refaim St., Jerusalem 93104.

"Israeli Friends of the New Jewish Agenda." A network of Israeli former members of the North American Progressive Jewish Organization, P.O. Box 4319, Jerusalem 91042.

To The Editor:

The political pundits have ignored the basic causes of the tragedy of the Mideast, viz., the counter-productive, self-destructive activity of Arab leaders.

(1) For 19 years both Egypt and Jordan subjected Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza to abject deprivation, to a minimum of civilized values and human rights. (I got a glimpse of Gaza in June 1952 — conditions there said to be the worst in the world.)

King Hussein feared Palestinian competition, their threat to his throne. In 1970, his troops massacred 3000 PLO conspirators. In 1976 Arab aggression forced Israel to take over territories,

hegemony to which belonged to her historically and legally because Jordan had seized the West Bank in violation of the Mandate — and forfeited all rights by aggression, according to international law. Israel spent huge sums and expertise to create hospitals, universities, trade schools (previously almost nonexistent in the territories), agricultural developments, etc. Infant mortality greatly diminished, health education prolonged life. In 1969, democratic elections were held, allowing even Palestinian women to vote (unheard of in the region).

If "Munich"-type pressure forces Israel out, the result: a mortal threat to her security, and also a certain reversion to the pre-1967 standards to notorious Arab inefficiency, corruption, internecine fighting. The Palestinian elders appreciate their extraordinary benefits under Israeli administration but are cowed by fear of assassination and by pressure from their youth who are whipped up to nationalistic frenzy.

(2) Ousted from Jordan, the remnant of PLO took over Lebanon, creating a government within the host country. So obnoxious were they that the invading Israelis, in 1972, were joyously welcomed as liberators from oppressive PLO. Thanks to Saudis' powerful beholden American customers, the PLO was saved by Western powers from utter defeat. Now they have returned to Lebanon, again attacking Israel. But the native Lebanese, remembering past torment, fought against a restoration of Palestinian power. Syria, worried about a threat to its domination, originally backed Amal in opposing Arafat's minions. Amal leader Berri, weary of fighting Arafat, agrees to join in an expanded crusade against

Israel. Syria's Assad yields to Iran's strictures against constraining Ayotalla's Party of God in Lebanon which aligns itself with the Palestinians. Emerging, a gangup on Israel's border! Overlooked, the danger of Lebanon turning into an Islamic state patterned after the one in Iran. What can be more destructive to the well-being of the Arab world!

(3) Palestinian youth have been brainwashed by unconscionable self-seeking religious and political leaders ... inculcated since childhood with hate of infidel Jews. They survived, grew up healthy — thanks to Israel's reduction of infant mortality and health education. They have been over-educated in the many universities that Israel built, unwilling to sink into menial labor like previous generations, frustrated over dim prospects of desirable employment. Their anger could well be directed to Arab warlords responsible for the terrible price they pay in fighting Israel.

It's the Arab trade boycott which hampers Israel's economic growth, providing more good jobs. And the worries of Israeli employers fearing fifth-column terrorists, add Arab leaders who reject proffered Israeli knowhow, advanced technology which could expand Arab efficiency and provide increased employment.

What mitigates against a solution is the dislike and fear of Palestinians by entrenched states like Saudi Arabia et al — and also the ingrained hatred of infidel Jews. These are three strikes, self-inflicted, against the true interests of the Arab world, the Gods decree destruction upon those whose unrelenting hate shuts out sanity, good judgement — and peace!

Norman Gourse
New York, N.Y.

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Social Events

Dr. and Mrs. Randall Feld Announce Birth

Dr. and Mrs. Randall G. Feld of Lexington, Mass., are happy to announce the arrival of their first child and son, Adam Richard, on April 7, 1988.

Proud grandparents are Charlotte and Bernard Feld of Warwick, R.I., and Edith Singal Katz and the late Richard Singal of Chestnut Hill, Mass., and Palm Beach, Fla.

Great-grandparents are Gussie Goldman of Warwick, R.I., and the late J. Samuel Goldman; and the late Rebecca and Jacob Feld.

Helene Davis To Wed Cameron S. Hanna

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Davis of 650 East Greenwich Ave., West Warwick proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Helene Marcia Davis of Warwick, to Cameron S. Hanna. Mr. Hanna, also of Warwick, is the son of Edward Hanna of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.

Ms. Davis is a graduate of Cranston East High School and attended the Community College of Rhode Island. Mr. Hanna is a graduate of the Johnson & Wales School of Culinary Arts.

The couple will marry September

Murray Resnick To Wed In Israel

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth K. Resnick of Haifa, Israel, formerly of Providence, R.I., announce the engagement of their son, Murray B. Resnick of Jerusalem, Israel to Nitzan Rogal, daughter of Drs. Emanuel and Rina Rogal of Jerusalem, Israel.

Murray will be completing his studies at Hadassah Hebrew University Medical School and will be receiving an M.D. degree in Medicine and a Ph.D. degree in microbiology this fall. His undergraduate degrees were obtained at Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Nitzan is a candidate for a Ph.D. degree in the field of biology at Hadassah Hebrew University. Her undergraduate degrees were also obtained at Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

A July 27, 1988, marriage will be held at "Liftah" in Jerusalem.

Murray is the grandson of Mr. Israel and Mrs. Rose Becker Resnick of 79 Sayles Ave., Pawtucket, R.I.

Bermans Announce Birth Of Second Child

Sheryl and Jesse Berman of Pawtucket are pleased to announce the birth of a son, Jason Scott, on March 23, 1988. The couple also has a daughter, Cara Beth.

Rosalie and Myron Guttin of Pawtucket are the maternal grandparents. Mr. Berman's parents are Gladys and Samuel Berman of Providence. The great-grandparents are Minnie and Sam Guttin and Anita and Jack Goldstein.

Mr. And Mrs. Barry Schechter Announce Birth

Professor and Mrs. Barry Schachter of Vancouver British Columbia, Canada, announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Devra. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Schachter of Warwick, R.I. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fitzsimmons of Norwood, Mass.

Miriam Hospital Women's Association

Successful Fund Raising

The Miriam Hospital Women's Association reported that their fund raising efforts for the fiscal year have been extremely effective and as a result will be able to provide The Miriam Hospital with vital state-of-the-art medical equipment. Claudia Deutsch and Patricia G. Cohen are co-presidents of the association.

The Miriam Gift and Coffee Shop, co-chaired by Rachel Rakatansky and Sandra Simon, is an ongoing fund raising endeavor under the aegis of the Women's Association. Mrs. Rakatansky has reported due to the success of the Gift and Coffee shop, the net profits of the last three years totaled \$200,000. This amount will be presented to the hospital and will be used to equip an operating room and second stage recovery room in the new Ambulatory Care Facility.

Miriam Women Report

The 1988 Annual Equipment Event, co-chaired by Claudia Deutsch and Patricia G. Cohen, has exceeded its goal of \$20,000. Funds from this event will be used to purchase a kidney dialysis machine for the Department of Medicine. For the past sixty years, the Women's Association has been raising funds to purchase major pieces of medical equipment for the hospital. To reach this year's goal, one hundred women reached out to the 2000 members of the Association and, thereby, attained funds to purchase this life saving machine.

For the third year, *Simply Delicious*, the organization's popular and financially successful cookbook, co-chaired by Harriet Samors and Sylvia Brown, is providing medical equipment for the hospital. Mrs. Samors reported that profits totaling \$16,000 will be used to purchase three pulse oximeters for the operating room.

The Women's Association is proud that its fund raising efforts enable Miriam physicians to provide the highest quality of medical care to patients. The checks will be presented to the hospital on Tuesday, May 17 at the Women's Association 91st Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers at the Holiday Inn at the Crossings, Warwick.

Castleman Elected To 40th Presidential Term

The Woonsocket Hebrew Free Loan Association recently elected Benjamin Castleman to his 40th term as President of the organization during a meeting at Congregation B'nai Israel.

Other officers elected are: Samuel Stein — Vice-President; Louis Rosenthal — Treasurer; Alexander Hanna — Recording Secretary; Marshall Erenkrantz, Harry Garelick, David Daniels, James Golden, and Louis Mack are Trustees.

Currently in its 73rd year, the organization meets in the synagogue on the fourth Sunday of each month at 10 A.M.

Susan Share Weds Barry Berkowitz



Susan H. Share and Barton W. Berkowitz were married Sunday, March 27, 1988, at the Atrium West in West Orange, N.J. Rabbi Kenneth Poplack of the Congregation Ahavas Israel of Passaic officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Harold and Barbara Share of Clifton, N.J., and the granddaughter of Mrs. Evelyn Krasnoff of Cranston, R.I. The bridegroom is the son of Marvin and Bernice Berkowitz of Newtonville, Mass.

Karen Neiman was the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Hope

Harrison, Robin Smith and Elaine Vullemier, sister of the bridegroom.

The bride is a graduate of Passaic High School and Boston University, where she received a degree in Communications. She is employed by Amnet, in Framingham, Massachusetts. Her husband was graduated from Newton North High School and attends Central New England College. He is employed by Stratus Computer in Marlboro, Mass.

After a wedding trip to Hawaii the couple will live in Marlboro.

NCCJ Honors Eddy Hunt And Metcalf

Dr. Edward D. Eddy, president of the University of Rhode Island, the Rt. Rev. George N. Hunt III, bishop of the Episcopal Church of Rhode Island, and the late Michael P. Metcalf, former chairman and chief executive officer of the Providence Journal Company, were cited May 4 for top citizenship awards by the region's National Conference of Christians and Jews at their 36th Annual Brotherhood Award Dinner at the Venus de Milo Restaurant in Swansea.

Eddy, who has been president of URI since 1983, was cited as "a deeply respected leader in American higher education" and for providing "excellent leadership in directing the growth of URI."

Bishop Hunt, who has headed the Episcopal Church in Rhode Island since 1980, was cited for having "combined local and national church leadership with a commitment to a greater understanding among religious groups."

Metcalf, who died as a result of injuries from a bicycle accident last September, was honored for newspaper editorials that "championed access to public meetings, press freedom, the economic development of Rhode Island and the preservation of open spaces and the environment."

In addition, Erskine N. White, chairman of the board of the NCCJ

Rhode Island and Southeastern New England Region, announced the establishment of the Michael P. Metcalf Award. The award will be open to all print and electronic media stories or series which demonstrate excellence in the field of human relations. The first award will be given in 1989.

The NCCJ is observing its 60th anniversary this year. Founded in 1928, the NCCJ was the first cohesive good-will movement in America to combat prejudice and convince Americans that the ideal of brotherhood was vital to the nation's unity and strength. In 80 cities nationwide, NCCJ officers and staff continue to maintain the purposes and goals set by the original founders.

As a major program thrust for 1988, the NCCJ has adopted "DEMOCRACY IS US: Rights, Risks and Responsibilities," the 1988 Youth and Education Theme of the National Conference. It grows out of the highly successful 1987 program "This Is My Constitution" in which more than six million students learned about, and pledged themselves to, the democratic process symbolized by the 200-year-old U.S. Constitution.

The 1988 theme both continues and expands the emphasis on active citizenship as the guarantor of the rights and responsibilities of a democratic society made up of diverse persons and groups.

Great American Bike For Heart

Bikers from throughout Rhode Island are expected to participate in the Great American Bike for Heart on Saturday, June 18 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Roger Williams Park. Proceeds will support the research and education programs of the American Heart Association, Rhode Island Affiliate.

Sponsored by the East Bay Cycle Club, the 2.5 mile bike route will include a "bike corral" location to check out bicycles and a mini health fair featuring free blood

pressure screening. Participants will do as many laps as they like and will pre-collect pledges. A 10-speed bicycle will be awarded to the top fund raiser and bicycle computers will be awarded for farthest distance ridden, youngest and oldest participant. The first 100 to register will receive a Road Gear water bottle.

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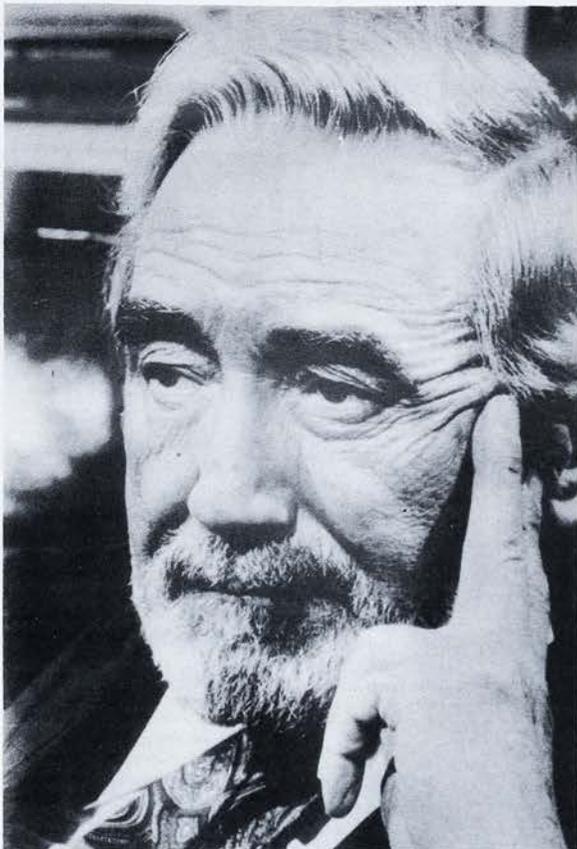
Korff To Receive Tribute

The Providence Hebrew Day School/New England Academy of Torah, one of this nation's most comprehensive centers of Jewish learning for youth of all ages, will be honoring Rabbi Baruch Korff at the organization's 42nd annual Amudim Award event on Tuesday, May 31, at Brown University's Alumnae Hall. The reception will begin at 7:15 p.m. followed by the award presentation at 8:15 p.m. Joining in the tribute will be the school's parent organization, the National Society of Hebrew Day Schools, which represents over 600 schools throughout the United States and Canada, and the Agudath Israel of the State of Israel. Rabbi Korff will be recognized for the critical role he played in the rescue of thousands of Jews during the tragic Holocaust years.

During World War II, Rabbi Korff was the director of rescue activities for the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe, and key advisor to the Vaad haHatzala of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada. Commenting on the upcoming tribute, Rabbi Sholom Strajcher, Dean of the Providence Hebrew Day School said: "Although it has been over 40 years since the end of World War II, the significance of Rabbi Korff's heroic effort is still with us today. From amongst the devastation of the Nazi reign of terror, Baruch Korff, along with a deeply committed group of rabbinic and lay leaders cried out and snatched thousands from certain death in the ghettos and concentration camps of Europe. As a result, the individuals saved during those days of destruction formed the nucleus from which the Jewish community of today has gained its strength. Little attention has been paid to these rescue operations and the time has come to remember and to give fitting, proper recognition to Baruch Korff for the crucial part he played in this period of history. We must, indeed, never forget." Strajcher added: "Rabbi Korff was also at the forefront of the battle for the creation of the state of Israel, a cause for which he literally put his life on the line. His contribution is, therefore, a lasting one."

In addition, Rabbi Korff will be cited for his continuous support of and commitment to Jewish education, his love of Torah scholarship, and his humanitarian service to all people.

The school's committee for the event includes Jerome I. Baron, Thomas W. Pearlman, Hershel Smith, Roger Pearlman, Samuel I. Shlevin, Mark Brown, and Joshua Pearlman. The Honorable Frederick Lippitt will serve as honorary chairman for a distinguished group of national and local leaders who will comprise the honorary committee. Dr. Maurice Glicksman will be the Master of Ceremonies for the



evening. All proceeds will benefit the Providence Hebrew Day School Scholarship Fund. For more information call the School at 331-5327.

Background

Rabbi Baruch Korff has had a long, distinguished career of community service spanning over fifty years on the local, national and international scenes. An ordained rabbi and educator, he has served schools and congregations in the New York and New England areas, and as Chaplain in the Department of Mental Health for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

During World War II Rabbi Korff functioned as consultant to the Vaad haHatzala (Rescue Committee), Advisor to the War Refugee Board, and Director of the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People in Europe. Following the Holocaust, he was the Executive Vice President and United Nations Observer for the Political Action Committee for Palestine. He is well known as a diplomat with missions to the Middle East and trouble spots around the world, and as an advisor to United States Presidents. He gained national attention in the 1970s as the architect and chief spokesman of the National Citizens' Committee for Fairness to the Presidency.

Locally, Rabbi Korff is a panelist on a weekly program aired on WLNE-TV entitled "Confluence." In 1985 he

established the Rabbi Baruch Korff Archives in Brown University's John Hay Library which contain his papers encompassing the years of the Nazi and Soviet persecutions, the Holocaust, the establishment of the State of Israel, relations with the Middle East, the struggles for the survival of European Jewry, and involvement with six U.S. Presidents. Rabbi Korff has a daughter, Zamira, who is a graduate of the Providence Hebrew Day School.

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South County JCC

Plans are well underway for the 8th Annual Spring Fair sponsored by the South Area Jewish Community Center preschools. The Spring Fair will be held on Sunday, June 5th from 1 to 4 p.m. on the grounds of the Canton Preschool, 1 Blue Hill River Road, Canton. Ample parking is available. The fair is co-chaired this year by Meryl Manin, Claire Castleman and Ilene Fabisch.

The fair will include games, face painting and arts and crafts for children, a safety program by "Officer McGruff" and an indoor mime show. Tables will display new and used toys, nearly new children clothes, white elephant items, books and baked goods — all for sale at reasonable prices. Food may be purchased throughout the day.

Raffle prizes will be given away periodically throughout the

afternoon. Highlighting the prizes are hotel overnights, restaurant and food gift certificates, museum and theatre tickets — and much, much more. Raffle tickets may be purchased through the SAJCC preschools or by calling the Stoughton Center at 341-2016 or 821-0030. They will also be on sale at the fair.

The South Area Jewish Community Center preschools are located in Brockton, Canton and Stoughton, serving children in the surrounding communities. Parents and teachers from all three schools are working in cooperation to once again make the Spring Fair a success. Proceeds from the Fair help support the operation of the preschools, which are available to all children in the community between the ages of 18 months and 5 years.

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Around Town

by Dorothea Snyder



Blue skies, brilliant sunshine and crisp air . . . a perfect combination for last Sunday's annual Torah Freedom Run at Providence Hebrew Day School.



Stacking cones appeals more to Aryeh Raskin than watching runners. The child's father, Russell Raskin, is director of the Torah Freedom Run.



Quench Your Thirst headquarters.



Waiting at the sidelines for racers to glide in, spectators socialize.

Torah Freedom Run



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At the time and score corner are Dvora Segal, Debby Raskin, Jeff Garfinkel, Mike Cukor, Guy Tsaidi, all from left.



A few more yards to the finish line for Elliot Fijman.

photos by Dorothea Snyder

The Dedication Of The Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum



Jewish War Veterans Phil Woled (left), David Kopech (center) and Eli Leftin await the start of the ceremony.



Boy Scouts David Ryder (left) and Aaron Thibault pass out programs.



Governor Di Prete, who has been involved with the museum since its inception, spoke for all when he said that the Holocaust was a crime against all humanity.



Cantor Dress recites the Kaddish for all who perished in the Holocaust.

Tiny Memorial Tiles Of The Holocaust

by Barbara Gamarekian
WASHINGTON — As a 10-year-old named T.J. took up his brush and painted the words: "Why Hate? Why Hate Kids?" on a bisque tile, he explained earnestly, "The whole thing probably got started because of hate and I think they got everybody else to hate too."
 Seated next to him, his classmate Adam printed "Never Again" and drew a black swastika, superimposing in pink paint a slashed circle. "That's like a 'don't sign,'" said Adam, pointing to the bisected circle.
 The two boys and their class from the Green Belt Center Elementary School in Maryland had just spent an hour in an exhibit, "Remember the Children," about the 1.5 million Jewish children who died in the Holocaust. Now they sat at tables to paint, if they wished, their thoughts, their feelings, on tiles, some of which will be incorporated in a Wall of Remembrance, a permanent exhibit planned for the

U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum now being built on the Mall.
 "It is such an emotional subject that you need to provide some means of expression, and painting is such a wonderful release," said Ann W. Lewin, the director of the Capital Children's Museum, where the exhibit will be on view through July.
Themes In Paintings
 She said their tile paintings have captured "all the themes of the Holocaust: the tragedy, the desecration of personal lives, the taking away of personal freedoms, the hatred, the singling out of the Jews." But, she added, "They also paint hopeful messages because even during the Holocaust there were remarkable acts of bravery and courage and love and triumph of the human spirit."
 Indeed, along with the despised Yellow Star that Jews were forced to wear and the Nazi swastika, the children depicted other symbols: the American flag, a dove of peace, the Liberty Bell, a butterfly, the Statue of Liberty, flowers spilling

from a swastika.
 The concept of incorporating tile painting into an exhibition on the Holocaust for children was the idea of Addie Yates, whose husband, Representative Sidney R. Yates, Democrat of Illinois, is a member of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council.
 "I was searching for a way to memorialize the children who were killed," said Mrs. Yates.
Kit Developed For Schools
 An educational kit has now been developed and more than 300 educational institutions in 40 states, including 30 schools in the New York City metropolitan area, are participating in the program. To date, some 2,000 of the 30,000 tiles that have been disseminated have been returned to Mrs. Yates. The best 6,000 tiles are to make up one wall of the Holocaust Museum's concourse.
 Two hundred of the tiles painted by schoolchildren greet visitors to the "Remember the Children" exhibition.
 The visiting children, who are

held to groups of 30, sit on the floor in an intimate room and are told the story of the Holocaust through a video narrated by a child. A dialogue, led by especially trained docents, some of them Holocaust survivors, follows.
 In groups of four and five, the young visitors are then led on a chronological walk through a series of environments, a journey made by many Jews: a serene 1930's street scene of well-kept homes, a cozy middle class living room in pre-1933 Germany complete with lace doilies and family photographs, a ghetto street scene of barricaded shops and barbed wire, and a stark ghetto room furnished with burlap bedding and tin plates.
Heroism Is Recalled
 Then a series of heroic tales are narrated by children on video and portrayed in evocative photographs: of Mordechai Anilewich who led the Warsaw ghetto uprising; of Janusz Korczak, director of a Jewish orphanage who went to the gas

chambers with his young charges; and of Aart and Johtje Vos, a Dutch couple, now in their 80's on Long Island, who hid 36 Jewish children in a tunnel in their garden.
 The exhibit is also used as a springboard to discuss with the children as they sit down to paint how prejudice and stereotypes can lead to discrimination and persecution — even today.
 On this particular morning, Erika Eckstut, who was 12 when she was separated from her family, was the volunteer "Eye Witness" who sat down to talk with the children about her Holocaust experience.
 "It is not as easy as I thought — it is the first time I have done this," she said, tears welling in her eyes, as she told the transfixed children of throwing herself on top of her father's body as he was being beaten.
 "But," she told them, "it was my father who taught me not to hate."
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World and National News

Victim Of Arab Firebomb Attack Making Remarkable Recovery

JERUSALEM — The Israeli victim of an Arab firebomb attack which left him with severe burns over 70 percent of his body is making a "remarkable" recovery, specialists at the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center here report.

Dov Kalmanowitch, 31, an accountant who lives in the Beit El settlement on the West Bank, suffered the injuries when a "Molotov cocktail" was hurled through the windshield of his car near the Arab village of Al-Bireh just outside Jerusalem on January 31.

Kalmanowitch, married and the father of three children, "has a very positive attitude," according to Dr. Shamai Cotev, head of the Intensive Respiratory Care Unit at the Medical Center where Kalmanowitch spent 11 days attached to a respirator after inhaling flames, smoke and heat in the attack.

"He displayed a very positive attitude even when suffering the severest pain," Dr. Cotev added, an observation confirmed by Dr. Menachem Ron Wexler, head of the Medical Center's Plastic Maxillofacial Surgery Department. "Kalmanowitch is very energetic and cooperative," Dr. Wexler said. "Considering the

severity of his injuries, his recovery is truly remarkable."

Dr. Wexler and his surgical team so far have performed 14 operations to repair the burns on Kalmanowitch's face and head, arms, hands, chest, abdomen and legs. Forty percent of the surface of Kalmanowitch's body had to be removed down to the layer of connective tissue beneath the skin. The first joint of his fingers and thumb on his left hand, and of the fingers on his right hand, were also lost to the intense flames of the home-made bomb.

The heat of the bomb melted Kalmanowitch's seatbelt coupling, trapping him temporarily in the flames. The damage to his face was so extensive that for weeks he refused to allow his children — ages 6, 3 and nine months — to see him. He will undergo additional surgery to his face and hands, his doctors said, but may return to work in Jerusalem in as little as six weeks.

Beit El, where Kalmanowitch, his wife, Adina, and children live, was built around a yeshiva of the same name and is known for its intense and deeply religious beliefs and lifestyle of its residents. Kalmanowitch went home to Beit El on April 1 to celebrate the first seder of Passover with his family

and neighbors.

"I thank God for the miracle that my husband was saved," Adina Kalmanowitch said from her husband's bedside. "We are believers in God and we believe that God will take care of all.

"At first, the doctors warned me that my husband might not survive," she went on, "but I had faith that he would. I told the doctors to take him off the medication they were giving him for pain because I believed in his willpower. When they realized how strong his will to live is, they stopped the medication. It is all in the will of God."

Despite the enormous physical and psychological trauma of his injuries, Kalmanowitch speaks about his experience with little bitterness. "The Arabs are my neighbors," he said simply. "But one thing is sure — I am never going to leave Beit El. The land is ours and those of us who live there have proved our right to own it and live on it."

West Bank Underground Growing Desperate

by Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A new series of instruction leaflets circulated in the West Bank and Gaza Strip by the clandestine Palestinian underground were seen by Israeli observers as a desperate effort to retain the momentum of the uprising.

According to the Israelis, the Arab population in the territories is weary and in financial distress. Increasing numbers of Arab day laborers are reporting for work in Israel proper each day despite threats and exhortations by the underground leadership.

Meanwhile, a tense quiet prevailed in the territories after a weekend of violent disturbances in several areas. East Jerusalem merchants continued to circumvent police orders to maintain regular business hours or shut down altogether.

Six Palestinians have been placed under administrative detention. One of them is Dr. Zakaria al-Agha, 45, president of the Gaza Medical Association, who was arrested over the weekend. The other five are residents of the Nuseirat refugee camp in the Gaza Strip. All may be held in custody for six months without trial or formal charges.

The latest instructions to the West Bank and Gaza Strip Arabs contained in Leaflet No. 15 demands the immediate resignations of the mayors of Hebron, Ramallah, El-Bireh and Jericho, all of them appointed by the Israeli authorities.

It also repeats calls for Arab policemen to leave their jobs and warns those who have done so, not to return.

The leaflet ordered students at the Arab colleges and schools to return to classes on May 5 in defiance of military closure orders. It also called for a general strike on May 9 and 10, to mark the start of the sixth month of the uprising and to commemorate Palestinians killed in the unrest.

The East Jerusalem merchants, whose strike has become a test of wills between the Israeli authorities and the Palestinian underground, opened their shops in the morning hours as ordered by police. But they shut down two hours before the official closure time.

They were thus obeying both the police and the underground. They explained the morning hours as an accommodation for the month-long observance of Ramadan, the Islamic holiday.

South African Police Arrest Woman For Desecration

JOHANNESBURG (JTA) — Police have arrested a 38-year-old Irish woman in connection with the so-called pigs' head incident when pigs' heads marked with swastikas on their foreheads and Stars of David on each ear were placed on the doorstep of the Great Synagogue and at the Jewish Club in Durban.

The woman, Yvonne Tina Malone, who is believed to have been in the country for two and a half years, was arrested after South African detectives worked around the clock to make an arrest.

The incident took place April 20, the eve of Israel's Independence Day and the 99th anniversary of Adolf Hitler's birthday.

According to the police in Port Natal, the public played a great

Israel Takes 7th Place In Song Fest

by Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Israel took seventh place of 21 countries competing in the Eurovision song festival in Dublin.

The annual event, sponsored by the European Broadcasting Union, was held in Ireland. That country won the contest in 1987 and with it the privilege of hosting this year's contest. The 1988 winner was Switzerland; Britain was runner-up.

Israeli singer Yardena Arazi was satisfied to rank among the top third of the contestants with her specially written song, "Ben-Adam" (Human Being). Many Israelis felt that anti-Israel sentiment in Europe this year, generated by the situation in the administered territories, would have prevented Israel from winning no matter how great its song and performance.

Arazi and her back-up musicians were greeted with media hostility when they arrived in Dublin. The Israeli group was under heavy police guard throughout its stay.

Kitty Dukakis Is Bad Role Model, Says Intermountain Jewish News

by William Saphire

NEW YORK (JTA) — Will the glamour of the White House accelerate intermarriage among American Jews?

The Intermountain Jewish News thinks so, and explains why in an editorial appearing in its May 6 edition entitled "The Hushed-Up Quandary Which Kitty Dukakis Could Create for the American Jewish Community."

Kitty Dukakis is the wife of Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis, who is expected to become the 1988 Democratic presidential nominee. She is Jewish, and if her husband is elected, would be the first Jewish first lady.

"What kind of role model would Kitty Dukakis be for our Jewish children?" asks the Intermountain Jewish News, a weekly published in Denver.

The editorial makes clear it is not questioning anyone's right to marry whomever they choose or to run for any political office.

"We're talking about a woman who married out, who reportedly does not even raise her children exclusively in the Jewish tradition, and who might well be projecting all this from the most visible arena in the world," the editorial explains.

"What kind of role model is this for Jewish children? Only the naive can believe that Kitty Dukakis will not be an object of attention and admiration by Jewish children, especially if seders and the like become visible in the White House," the editorial

part in helping with the arrest. Following the advertisement of a monetary reward, several people contacted the police, who were then able to track down the butcher where the woman allegedly bought the pigs' heads.

The woman was detained and then appeared in the local magistrate's court on two charges of criminal injury. The case was adjourned until June 1, and the accused was released on warning.

The investigation officers in charge of the case said, "At this stage we do not believe there were any more people involved. The woman has not implicated anyone else, however the police are still investigating."

The incident prompted South African President P.W. Botha to issue a strong warning to neo-Nazis in South Africa, that he was no longer prepared to tolerate their antics.

Jewish Emigration Breaks '81 Record

NEW YORK (JTA) — A total of 1,088 Jews left the Soviet Union during the month of April, according to figures provided by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry and the Geneva-based Intergovernmental Committee for Migration.

This is the highest number of Jews to leave the Soviet Union in a single month since May 1981, when 1,110 emigrated.

The April figures bring 1988 emigration to date to 3,526 Jews, surpassing the 1982 year-end total of 2,688, and totals for all years since.

Soviet Jewry activists, however, note that emigration levels are still well below those of 1979, when more than 51,000 Jews were allowed to leave the country.

Of the 1,088 Soviet Jews who left in April, 11 took direct flights to Israel via Bucharest, Romania. But 908 Jews or 83.5 percent chose to go to countries other than Israel, making April the worst ever month for neshira, according to the Public Council for Soviet Jews in Israel.

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In A Tiny Outpost Of Judaism, A Rabbi Walks Out

by Serge Schmemann

EAST BERLIN — His arrival here was hailed as a breakthrough, the coming of a retired American rabbi to serve a minute East German congregation that had been without a rabbi of its own for more than two decades.

Now, only eight months later, Rabbi Isaac Neuman is quitting. Frustrated and bitter, he maintains that the leadership of the East Berlin congregation resented his arrival from the outset and did everything to restrict his ministry. Just as angry, the leadership and some members of the congregation say Rabbi Neuman himself was the problem, spending little time with his flock yet demanding that everything be done his way.

The American Jewish Committee in New York, obviously distressed about the blow to a project it had spent four years negotiating with the East Germans, deplored what it described as a "personality clash." But Eugene DuBow, director of community services, said that if the East Germans wanted another rabbi, the American Committee would help them find one.

East Germans Unsettled

The dispute also embarrassed and angered the East German authorities, who had given permission for Rabbi Neuman to serve in East Berlin as part of broad effort to improve relations with the United States.

Rabbi Neuman's decision to talk publicly of his frustrations, including some swipes at what he said were instances of anti-Semitism in the East German press coverage of Israel, coincided with the arrival in Washington of the highest-ranking East German Communist ever to visit the United States. He is Hermann Axen, a member of the Politburo

and secretary of the Central Committee, and a Jew who, like Rabbi Neuman, survived the Nazi concentration camps.

While the East Berlin Government issued no statement, it made clear its irritation by publicizing the angry retorts of leading East German Jews.

Though both the rabbi and his detractors cited many complaints, the core of the dispute appeared to be the frustrated expectations and false preconceptions of a rabbi who thought he was taking charge of a moribund congregation and a small flock defensive of the style and practices it had evolved in its isolated and difficult setting.

The Remnant Of German Jews

Eight Jewish congregations across East Germany have a membership of only about 360, of whom about 180 are in East Berlin. Rabbi Neuman said as many as 50 came to Friday evening services. East Germany is also home to several thousand unaffiliated Jews. In West Germany and West Berlin together, there are about 27,000 practicing Jews and as many as 25,000 more who are not affiliated. Before the war, Germany's Jewish population was more than a half million.

The new rabbi's tenure turned into what the American Committee described as a "personality clash." The antagonists were Rabbi Neuman, a Polish-born survivor of several concentration camps who had recently retired as rabbi of a congregation in Champaign, Ill., and Dr. Peter Kirchner, a physician who in 17 years as head of the congregation had become accustomed to calling the tune.

In an interview in the comfortable apartment supplied him by East Germany, Rabbi Neuman spoke of Dr. Kirchner with considerable rancor, accusing

him of "pomposity and arrogance" and worse, and charging that "from the very beginning he attempted to limit my activities and make things difficult."

In a statement issued by the official East German press agency, Dr. Kirchner said that "the assertion that Rabbi Neuman was hindered by the members of the board or by other people in the execution of his duties must be rejected outright."

A Witch Doctor Simile

Rabbi Neuman said that Dr. Kirchner refused to cede authority on matters like circumcisions, conversions and official calendars, and that board members intercepted his mail, denied him a private telephone line at his office and in general frustrated his efforts to instill change.

"They're like a village which had only a witch doctor for many decades, and when a real doctor came they, naturally didn't want to give up their habits," Rabbi Neuman said. "I don't scare easily — I've been interrogated by the Gestapo — but when you can't meet your goals, there's no point staying."

In an interview with East German television, the president of the Association of Jewish Communities in East Germany, Siegmund Rotstein, assailed Rabbi Neuman for "slandering and twisted remarks of the most revolting sort" and his "completely shameless defamation of the chairman of the Berlin community."

A congregation member who asked that her name not be used said charges about blocked letters, sermons and telephone calls were nonsense. "He's packing up and leaving of his own accord," she said.

Congregation members complained that Rabbi Neuman

spent too much time in the United States or West Berlin, that he rarely attended congregation meetings and was often unavailable for counseling. Rabbi Neuman, for his part, charged that he was excluded from meetings. He also said his trips to the United States were necessary for medical reasons.

In any case, the specific complaints seemed to be symptoms rather than causes of the broader mutual dissatisfaction. Rabbi Neuman also acknowledged that he had felt isolated in East Berlin. "I had no social life of any significance," he said.

Though Rabbi Neuman said he was resigning, he added that he still might return before the end of the year. He did not say why, but someone well informed about the matter said the 65-year-old widower, who has two grown sons in the United States, had become engaged to marry an East German member of his congregation.

Hospitality From East Berlin

Rabbi Neuman said he had received excellent cooperation from the Government and its Secretary for Church Affairs, Klaus Gysi. In addition to allowing the rabbi in, the state provided him with an apartment, a car and driver and a housekeeper, he said.

The rabbi said he had found that anti-Semitism had been cut away but not totally uprooted in East Germany. He was most critical of the coverage of Israeli actions against Palestinian protesters in the occupied territories, in which he said Israel was "demonized" in a way that could foster anti-Semitism.

"I do not say that there was open anti-Semitism, but in this country more than any other they have to be careful," he said.

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News In Brief

Israel Ready To Compromise On Taba

By David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel is ready and eager to settle its dispute with Egypt over Taba by compromise, before a five-member international arbitration panel issues its binding ruling, expected some time this month.

That was stated officially recently following consultations on the matter between premier Yitzhak Shamir, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

But the three government leaders have failed to agree on the nature of the compromise, and it is in fact doubtful that Egypt is interested in one at this late stage.

U.N. Body To Discuss Lebanon Sweep

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS (JTA) — Members of the Security Council will meet at the UN for consultations on Lebanon's request recently for a Security Council meeting to condemn Israel's incursion into Lebanon last week.

According to diplomats, the council will meet for a formal debate following the consultation. They said Lebanon may seek, in addition to condemnation, the imposition of "punitive measures" against Israel for its latest anti-terrorist operation inside Lebanese territory.

Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar sharply deplored the Israeli operation recently, terming it a violation of Lebanese sovereignty.

Holland Remembers Anne Frank

By Henrietta Boas

AMSTERDAM (JTA) — A 70-minute documentary entitled "The Last Seven Months of Anne Frank" was televised in Holland recently on the occasion of National Remembrance Day for victims of the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands.

American Wins Bible Contest

NEW YORK (JTA) — A 17-year-old student at Yeshiva University High School in New York became the first American in 15 years to win first place in the 29th Annual International Bible Contest in Israel.

Kenneth Wieder of Monsey, N.Y., edged out 16 finalists from around the world to share first place honors with Zehava Hadad of Beersheba.

More than 10,000 Jewish students from the United States participated in the contest, which has invariably been won by an Israeli.

Wieder said he studied Bible two hours a day for seven months in preparation for the contest.

Rabin Warns Arabs To End Uprising

By David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin warned Palestinians from the Knesset podium recently to end their uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, saying they "will achieve nothing through violence."

Rabin spoke in reply to no-confidence motions, introduced by the Hadash Communist Party and the Progressive List For Peace, protesting the Israel Defense Force's conduct in the territories.

U.S. Criticizes Closing Of Weekly

By Howard Rosenberg

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The State Department recently criticized Israel for closing down the Palestinian weekly *Al-Awda*.

Israel defended its action on the grounds that the East Jerusalem publication is guided and funded by terrorist organizations.

ADL And Police Combat Violent Youth Gangs

NEW YORK (JTA) — Officials of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith are working closely with South Florida and Southern California law enforcement officials to tackle the growing problem of violent youth gangs.

According to Arthur Teitelbaum, ADL Southern Area director in Miami, the ADL will assist detectives in tracking the activities of the gangs. The ADL's primary interest lies in teenage gangs with racist ideology, most notably Skinheads, Teitelbaum told the *Miami Jewish Tribune*.

An ADL update on Skinhead activities has noted an increase in the organization's national membership, up from 400 members four months ago to about 1,500 members today.

In Los Angeles, where youth gangs have gained particular notoriety, Pacific Southwest regional director David Lehrer said the ADL will share with the Los Angeles Police Department information drawn from a national network of regional offices. The ADL has been actively seeking a more vigorous response to hate crimes in San Francisco and San Diego, for instance, also working closely with police departments there. ADL also publishes the *Law Enforcement Bulletin*, which contains information on groups such as the Skinheads and the Ku Klux Klan.

As an example of the help his office can provide the police, Lehrer described the recent desecration of a synagogue. Amid the damage the vandals left a trademark that allowed the ADL to identify the Skinhead gang responsible.

"L.A. is full of discreet law enforcement jurisdictions who barely talk to each other," said Lehrer. "We help provide a sharing of information."

In Miami, the ADL and law enforcement agencies have formed a tri-county task force. Although it was initiated by the ADL, it will be run by the law enforcement agencies, including the Metro-Dade, Miami, Miami Beach, Davie and Sunrise police departments.

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, along with police departments in West Palm Beach and Boca Raton are also involved.

There are an estimated 57 gangs operating in Dade County, Miami Police Det. David Cortes and other officers explained at a press conference. Gang members, who are sometimes heavily armed, are involved in various illegal activities, ranging from drug dealing to car thefts, Cortes said.

Until the formation of the task force, there was no existing structure for the exchange of information between the law enforcement agencies, said Teitelbaum. The ADL has secured the use of a computer to store data on gang-related activities and trends.

"Gang members will be less apt to be involved in anything if they know that police departments throughout South Florida are tracking their movements," said Davie Police Det. Gary Killam.

United Synagogue Headquarters Defaced

In the early morning hours of Wednesday, May 4, the entrance of the United Synagogue of America headquarters on Fifth Avenue was sprayed with two swastikas and the proclamation "Juden Verboten" — German for "Jews not allowed." The police have not identified any suspects.

Franklin D. Kreutzer, International President of United Synagogue, expressed shock and dismay at this overt act of anti-Semitism. He noted that "as we prepare to mark the 50th

anniversary of Kristallnacht, this disgraceful incident is a bitter reminder of the discrimination and oppression of the Jews under the Hitler regime in Nazi Germany."

Rabbi Jerome M. Epstein, Chief Executive Officer/Senior Vice President, said that "this occurrence underscores the need for Jews to be ever so vigilant of hatred and animosity against any segment of humanity." He indicated that he generally sensed a growing fear of bigotry and acts of prejudice against all minority groups. Rabbi Epstein also noted that "Jews must react strongly to every act of violence. We have an obligation to combat such indignities not only because of our own experience in history — but also because of the value system by which we live."

The United Synagogue, founded in 1913, is the association of 850 Conservative congregations in North America. Its two million members make it the largest branch of the Jewish faith.

Ex-Knesset Member Taken Into Custody

by Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Shmuel Flatto-Sharon, a former Knesset member who used parliamentary immunity to avoid extradition to France, was ordered held in custody for six days by a Tel Aviv magistrate.

The police accuse him of fraud and the embezzlement of \$9 million from Swiss firms, conspiracy to commit a crime and passing bad checks.

He also is believed to be under investigation for his alleged involvement in large-scale, illegal currency transfers, via the administered territories, to Europe.

Flatto-Sharon, still a fugitive from French justice, was arrested at his luxurious villa in the fashionable Sayvon suburb of Tel Aviv. His arrest culminated a

six-month police investigation of which few details have been released.

Police who searched his home hauled out crates of documents. They reportedly found a small quantity of hashish and unlicensed firearms. Flatto-Sharon cooperated in the search, opening his safes for the police. Three of his associates have also been detained.

Flatto-Sharon, once described as a multi-millionaire, fled to Israel from France in the late 1970s to escape arrest on charges of embezzlement and fraud.

Extradition proceedings were under way when Flatto-Sharon managed to get himself elected to the Knesset, where he sat as a one-man independent faction. Many said he bought the votes in order to enjoy parliamentary immunity.

He served one term and was later disqualified on grounds of election fraud.

Hoosiers To Train Rabbis

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (JTA) — The first rabbinical college in Indiana's 170-year history has been incorporated here.

The Rabbi Naftali Riff Yeshiva will formally begin its college-level rabbinical studies program in August, but already operates a kollel, or advanced Talmud study, division composed of ordained rabbis. The yeshiva will offer a high school program for boys beginning in the fall of 1989.

The new yeshiva is named for the grandfather of its founder, Rabbi Yisrael Gettinger, and its dean, Rabbi Raphael Moshe Gettinger. According to Yisrael Gettinger, spiritual leader of the Hebrew Orthodox Congregation of South Bend since 1980, the city provides an ideal atmosphere for the yeshiva because it is "quiet and picturesque with tree-lined streets and a special small-town quality of life."

Business and Finance

College Saving Simplified

by David DeBlois

Supporters of Rhode Island General Treasurer Roger Begin's college savings program were out in full force Wednesday, May 4 at a special joint hearing of the House and Senate Finance Committees on the topic. The testimonies were led by none other than Begin himself, and included an impressive array of local education dignitaries.

In his opening statements, the General Treasurer stressed the need for a plan of this type. "We cannot," he said, "allow higher education to become the sole preserve of the wealthy."

The Begin plan, known as College Bound 2000 — The College Savings Program encompasses three major objectives:

Help parents plan and save. Through the purchase of relatively inexpensive bonds (none priced) over \$5000, parents will be able to set up accounts which would have their interest tax exempt. Once

matured, the education bonds may be used for any institute of higher education. They are not restricted to R.I. schools. In this respect, the plan is much more flexible than those already adopted by some other states (Michigan, for example), which require that the bond be used toward education at an in-state facility. In addition, Begin expressed hope that a system allowing for purchase of the bonds through a payroll deduction process, making the plan even more accessible.

Remove "disincentives" to save. The tax exclusion mentioned above would largely accomplish this purpose. No longer would parents hesitate to save for fear of the backlash when tax time arrives. Also, a payroll deduction process might make saving "less painful" for many.

Demonstrate R.I.'s dedication to higher education. In addition to the savings incentives, Begin's plan would double the funds allocated for higher education

grants and scholarships.

After the brief presentation of the plan, a barrage of luminaries endorsed it, including Dr. Eleanor McMahon, the R.I. Commissioner of Higher Education, Herbert D'Arcy, President of the R.I. Association of College Financial Aid Administrators, and Robert Casey of the R.I. Federation of Teachers.

Sarah Flanagan, a staff member of the U.S. Subcommittee on Education, delivered a statement of support from Senator Claiborne Pell, who was in Geneva and could not attend personally. She stressed that while Pell strongly endorses Begin's plan, he views it as a supplement to existing programs, not as a replacement of them. Flanagan also stated that loans now account for almost half of all student financial aid, and the situation is worsening. This is not only the concern of prospective students, but of the whole nation, as the frequent defaults of these loans affect the whole economy. In addition, the number of blacks and Hispanics pursuing higher education is declining sharply. Thus, said Flanagan, the urgency of the situation demands action immediately.

The questions posed by the Committees to Mr. Begin centered on the fiscal effect of such a program. Begin assured that the loss in revenue caused by the tax exemption of these bonds would be minimal. Also, by utilizing the state's present bond system, the program would cost little to implement. Begin was not, he assured the Committees, creating a huge bureaucracy to oversee the implementation and maintenance of the program.

The Committees seemed impressed with the proposal, and early speculation would seem to favor the success of College Bound 2000 — The College Savings Program.

Israel Bond Pacesetters



Over \$430,000 in Israel Bonds was sold at a kick-off event recently held at the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Wayne Franklin. Standing left to right: Daniel S. Kaplan, R.I. State Chairman, Israel Bonds; Professor Stephen Berk, guest speaker; Mrs. Wayne Franklin and Rabbi Wayne Franklin; hosts for the event. Funds raised through the sale of Israel securities are utilized to strengthen every facet of Israel's economic infrastructure, including energy, industry, transportation, high technology and communications.

JAC-PAC

by Cheryl Teverow

Three Rhode Island women recently returned from an enriching educational conference in Washington, D.C. Joyce Starr, Susan Ross and I were privileged to be part of JAC — no not JAP, although many thought that, upon seeing 85 Jewish women from around the country converge on Capitol Hill for three days!

JAC PAC, which stands for Joint Action Committee for Political Affairs, is an all women pro-Israel PAC (Political Action Committee). It is the 2nd largest pro-Israel PAC in the country. Susan Ross spearheaded the formation of the R.I. chapter of JAC last year. We were pleased to boast to the National Conference of our recruitment of 50 members in such a short period of time. We were also proud of R.I. since both Claudine Schneider and Richard Licht were asked to address our conference.

We were in Washington to meet with the 49 Senators and 102 Congressmen and Congresswomen which JAC supports, and to personally speak to them openly about their concerns and ours for

Israel and the U.S. amidst the recent happenings in Israel.

We three from R.I., along with 83 others, had much to absorb at numerous in-depth Congressional briefings in one afternoon. We were briefed by JAC and AIPAC (American Israel Public Affairs Committee) representatives about Congressmen's positions on the issues, the importance of U.S./Israeli relations, and frequently posed questions and answers concerning the current affairs of U.S./Israel.

On Tuesday we spent the entire day meeting with various Congressmen and Congressional staff, splitting into small groups of five to make our meetings more personal. The JAC PAC Conference was very important to us for a few specific reasons:

— How gratifying to know that congressmen like Mickey Leland-Tex. and Tim Johnson from S. Dakota, who don't have many Jewish constituents, if any, are staunch supporters of Israel. They may not agree with everything Israel does, but the commitment to Israel is there and true.

— How comforting to realize so many Senators and Congressmen are aware of the importance of Israel as a strategic ally of the United States and as a democracy surviving in a nondemocratic part of the world factors to which should lead to support of Israel for all people in the U.S.

— And how enlightening to understand that Senators and Congressmen from all over the U.S., not just our own state, should be of major concern to each of us because they are such powerful, political forces who really set the policies of this country.

We came home from this conference fit (we walked 3 miles around Washington each morning before our 8 a.m. day began) and exhilarated, realizing our roles not only as Jews but as Americans. JAC PAC allows us to use our Jewishness along with our U.S. citizenship to become more knowledgeable, and vocal United States Jews.

Brandeis Receives Funds

Brandeis University has received a \$1 million commitment from Sarge and Seymour Ruck of Chicago and Pompano Beach, Fla., to establish a scholarship fund for needy students at the university. Brandeis President Evelyn E. Handler has announced.

Brandeis University has also received a \$400,000 commitment from the Miriam and Harold Steinberg Foundation Inc. of New York to establish a scholarship fund for needy and deserving students at the University.

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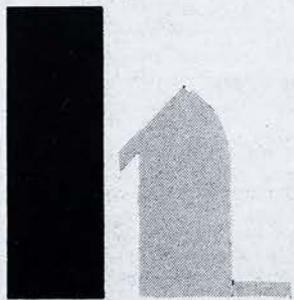
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40th Anniversary Israel Bond Dinner



Israel's 40th Anniversary medal was presented to Temple Emanu-El in honor of Rabbi and Mrs. Eli Bohnen's years of dedicated service to the Temple and Jewish community at a recently held state-wide Israel Bond dinner. Michael Bohnen accepted the medal on behalf of his parents.

Standing left to right: Daniel S. Kaplan, R.I. Chairman, Israel Bonds; Rabbi Wayne Franklin of Temple Emanuel; Mrs. Eleanor Bohnen, Honorary Chairman; Barry Farber, guest speaker; Brian Messing, Program Chairman, and Bernard Lightman, President, Temple Emanu-El.

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Health and Fitness

Spring Clean Toxins From Your Home

Would you be concerned if I told you that you put hazardous waste into your kitchen sink and garbage can every week? As much as one percent of Rhode Island's municipal waste may be hazardous. Many of us are worried about industrial toxics, yet we don't realize that our favorite household products contain similar, if not identical, ingredients to those found in industrial toxic waste. Hazardous substances are found in batteries, insect sprays, weed killer, motor oil, antifreeze, wood preservatives, oil based paint, rust remover, photographic chemicals, swimming pool chemicals, bleach, oven cleaner, furniture polish, prescription drugs, even nail polish remover.

Rhode Island residents have an opportunity to dispose of hazardous materials safely at the Department of Environmental Management's Household Toxic Cleanup Day, Saturday, May 14, DOT/Health Dept. Parking Lot, State Street, Providence. From 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., a crew of waste handlers dressed in protective clothing will remove toxic materials from your car, classify and store the materials and ensure their proper disposal.

"This is an ideal opportunity for residents to dispose of poisons and other dangerous products from the

home," said Victor Bell, Chief of the OSCAR program. "We want people to know that they should not throw these materials down the sink or into the trash. Hazardous products disposed of incorrectly could contaminate wells and eventually find their way into Narragansett Bay."

Materials that will NOT be accepted at the Toxic Cleanup include: gas cylinders, biologically active, radioactive or explosive materials. For more information call 1-800-CLEAN RI.

May Is Mental Health Month

Governor DiPrete joined with the Mental Health Association in Rhode Island in declaring May to be Mental Health Month. The focus of this year's observance is clinical depression — that is, depression severe enough and long lasting enough to warrant professional treatment. Citing national statistics, the Governor's proclamation states that every six months, 10 million Americans of all ages suffer such depression.

To increase awareness of depression, the most common mental illness, and to present information on other mental health issues, booths will be set up at various shopping malls this month. Also, efforts to spur discussion and to offer help will include public service announcements, newspaper editorials and talk shows.

It's All In Your Head

This article provided by the Providence Center for Counseling and Psychiatric Services in response to "May is Mental Health Month."

Cars may have captured the heartbeat of America, burgers may be king, and colas may be it, but these are just a few slices of the American pie. The largest and most comprehensive survey to take the psychic pulse of America reported that during a six month period, one in five adults, or about 29 million people, suffered from emotional problems. Moreover, only a fifth of those affected had sought professional help, mostly from general physicians rather than mental health professionals.

Unlike a physical ailment such as a broken leg or an open sore, emotional problems are usually invisible. However, similar to a physical ailment that is left untreated, a neglected emotional problem often intensifies. What kinds of problems are currently burdening Rhode Islanders and how can psychotherapy help relieve some of their distress?

"One of the most common complaints with which people come to us is anxiety," says Marcia Pomon, A.C.S.W., a therapist at the Center's Counseling Services who specializes in treating clients with diagnosis of alcoholism and/or other psychiatric disorders. Ms. Pomon explains anxiety as being different from fear in that fear is focused, such as being afraid to ride in elevators or afraid of dogs. Anxiety, however, is a mental state which doesn't necessarily have an object to which the client can attach it. There are different forms of anxiety, according to Ms. Pomon, ranging from generalized "free floating" to a more severe form which is anxiety with panic attacks, called a panic disorder. "A panic disorder is extremely uncomfortable for the client. The attacks seem to come out of the blue without a precipitating event and can strike at any time and any place, with symptoms that are very alarming such as shortness of breath, palpitations of the heart, and sweaty palms. People with panic disorder frequently think

they're going to die from the panic attack. It's even more uncomfortable than the feeling of fear," notes Ms. Pomon.

Depression is another emotional state frequently treated by the Center's Counseling Services staff. According to national statistics, depression is one of the most prevalent of all emotional disorders, affecting 9.4 million people, or as many as two out of 10 Americans. But feeling down doesn't necessarily mean you're out. Depression is a very treatable illness. In fact, as many as 80 to 90 percent of people with depression can be successfully treated.

Comments Ms. Pomon, "Depression can range from mild to moderate blues, which after one or two days begins to lift all by itself and is a very normal part of living, to a chronic depression, which is a feeling of moderate depression most of the time. People with chronic depression are never really far away from feeling down. Very often clients with chronic depression can respond to a kind of therapy in which we help them to reshape their view of the world and of themselves. People can easily get stuck in negative patterns of thinking about who they are and what possibilities are open to them, and sometimes a fairly brief period of treatment can provide them with new ideas and ways of looking at things that can help them to feel better about themselves. It may not completely eliminate the depression, but it can help a great deal in lifting a kind of chronic stuck feeling. Of course, there are many different precipitants for people feeling anxious or depressed, and we attempt to focus treatment on what appears most relevant for the particular client."

In addition to offering individual and group therapy for people with anxiety or depression, the Center's Counseling Services has a comprehensive program capable of treating a vast array of mental health problems. These include the Alcohol Program, Quitting Time, Hispanic Program, general counseling services, and the employee assistance program

AIDS Update At Memorial

AIDS — the reasons, the risks, and the research — will be the topic of a program on Tuesday, May 17 at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island. Dr. Kenneth H. Mayer, Chief of Infectious Disease, will address issues of concern to the general public regarding AIDS and Human Immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection. Part of the continuing Community Wellness series, the program will be held in the hospital's Sayles Conference Center.

The discussion will explain the difference between the virus associated with AIDS (HIV) and the final end result. Dr. Mayer will chronicle with the natural history of infection with the virus, the epidemiology of high risk behaviors, as well as the risk to different individuals in the general population for becoming exposed to this virus. The program will cover research efforts currently underway to find cures for infected people and to develop a vaccine. Measures to protect individuals and their families from becoming infected with HIV and developing AIDS will also be presented.

Consultant to the National Institutes of Health AIDS Executive Task Force, Dr. Mayer is the recipient of the 1986 Governor's Recognition Award for AIDS research from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Dr. Mayer saw some of the first individuals with what has come to be known as AIDS and HIV infection in Boston while completing his Fellowship in Infectious Diseases at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School from 1980-1983.

Community residents are encouraged to attend this frank discussion on AIDS. There is no charge for the program, but residents are asked to register as seating is limited. Call 722-6000, ext. 2459 to register.

Memorial Sponsors Blood Pressure Program

Each year thousands of people die from heart disease, strokes, and kidney failure because they failed to understand and control their high blood pressure. As a special activity during National Blood Pressure Month in May, Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island, in cooperation with the American Heart Association, is sponsoring an educational program for older citizens on Wednesday, May 18 at 2 p.m. in the Sayles Conference Center. Entitled, "Feelin' Fine," the program is tailored for people ages 60 and over, but should be of interest to younger persons as well.

According to the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, the elderly are the fastest growing population in the United States today. And they have the highest rates of high blood pressure: 76 percent of black adults between the ages of 65 and 74 years and 63 percent of white adults of similar ages.

"High blood pressure is truly our 'silent killer,'" notes Paul D. Levinson, M.D., director of hypertension research at Memorial, "because so many patients are unaware of the problem until a doctor diagnoses it. Doctors are learning to control this killer without drugs," he adds, "and patients are now discovering they can live healthy, comfortable lives despite their condition." Refreshments will be served. Community residents are invited to attend this educational session. There is no charge but those interested are asked to register, as seating is limited. Call 722-6000, ext. 2323 to register.

Depression Most Prevalent And Treatable Illness In U.S.

Depression, also known as clinical depression, depressive or affective disorders, is one of the most prevalent, but most treatable, mental illnesses, in the United States. According to the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), every six months, 10 million children, teens and adults suffer from this illness. Children as young as five have been treated for depression, although this illness is most common in women between the ages of 25-44 and in men between 55-70, with women being twice as likely as men to develop major depression.

Some depression is common in everyone's life. It is usually caused by a life crisis, such as the death of a loved one, moving away from family and friends or the break-up of a marriage. Clinical depression worsens, however, lasting from several weeks to several years unless treated.

Important indicators of depression include:

- general sadness
- hopelessness
- difficulty in making decisions
- an inability to concentrate
- irritability
- changes in eating and sexual habits
- insomnia or restless, agitated sleep
- withdrawal from social contact
- increased sensitivity to words or actions
- fear of rejection

These indicators of adult depression are also indicative of depression in adolescents. A young person's depression, however, is different from an adult's in several important ways. There is some indication that adolescents experience more loneliness than other age groups.

The position of the young person in today's society may contribute to a sense of meaninglessness, powerlessness and isolation. If the adolescent displays some of the following symptoms for more than a few weeks and is doing poorly in school, seems socially withdrawn and not interested in once-enjoyed activities, the individual should be evaluated for a possible depressive illness.

The high rate of adolescent

Down But Not Out

This article provided by the Providence Center for Counseling and Psychiatric Services in response to "May is Mental Health Month."

Depression can be treated effectively. In fact, as many as 80 to 90 percent of people with depression can be successfully treated. That's the good news. The sad news, however, is that only one in three seek mental health treatment.

May is Mental Health Month and serves as a gentle reminder about the resources available at the Center, but twelve months a year, we're here to help. Just call (401) 274-2500. Remember, down is not out: depression can be treated effectively.

depression and suicide has prompted researchers to identify the following important symptoms:

- overreaction to criticism
- anger, rage, verbal sarcasm and attack
- excessive guilt
- feelings of being unable to satisfy ideals
- pessimism about the future
- death wishes, suicidal thoughts, plans or attempts
- rebellious refusal to work in class or cooperate in general

Findings from various studies show that two serious complications that frequently accompany depression are alcoholism and suicide. Of those with a major depressive illness, 20-70 percent have drinking problems and approximately one out of every six will commit suicide. In 1980, 16,000 suicides were attributed to depression.

Research also shows that depression is a recurrent illness, with studies suggesting that 70-90 percent of depressed individuals will experience more than one episode or have chronic depression that is characterized by persistent symptoms and significant problems in social functioning. Depression is not an illness that will simply go away on its own.

Depression can be treated. Although extensive research is being conducted, the causes of the illness are not clear. A recent NIMH study suggests that there is a genetic factor which predisposes an individual to depression, while others believe it is a result of a chemical imbalance in the brain. Regardless of its causes, however, a combination of medication and psychotherapy is useful in treating the symptoms of depression and helping people to function.

The important thing to remember is that depression is treatable. Research indicates that as many as 80 percent of people experiencing serious depression can be helped. When the signs of depression are recognized, professional help should be obtained.

For more information, contact: Mental Health Association, 89 Park Street, Providence, R.I. 02908 or call (401) 272-6730.

Manic Depressive And Depressive Association Of RI

Next meeting of MDDA-Rhode Island May 21, 10:00 a.m. at MHA, 89 Park Street, Providence, R.I. This meeting is open to all depressives, manic depressives and their support people.

Some of the officers visited MDDA-Boston at their weekly support meeting at McClean Hospital, Belmont, Mass. An interesting speaker was followed by separate meetings for family and support people, sharing and caring and more sharing with the speaker.

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Arts and Entertainment

The All Children's Theatre Ensemble

The All Children's Theatre Ensemble will present William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* May 13 through May 22 at the First Unitarian Church on the corner of Benefit and Benevolent Streets in Providence.

The 25 member cast includes: Rachel Deutsch, Lisa Perlman, Jane Roberts, Liz Gutterman, Brett Windham, Sarah Champa, Marc Lewinstein, Jordan Abels, and Chloe Johnston from Providence; Tracey Young, Elizabeth Turnbull, Danielle Pelosi, and Kerri McGowan from Cranston; Karen Rosenberg and Lex Sadasvian from Barrington; Allison Amaral and Scott Anderson from Seekonk; Josh Joseph from East Greenwich; Nathan Scoggins from Warwick; Wendy Greenbaum and Nicki Marianni from Rehoboth; Terry Morris from Swansea; Josh Allen from East Providence; Caitlin Trainor from North Scituate; Karen Fournier from Woonsocket, and Cindy Mero from Gloucester.

Performances are scheduled for Friday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m., A Sock Hop Gala on Saturday, May 14 at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, May 15 at 3 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, May 20 and 21 at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday,

May 22 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$2.50 for children and \$5.00 for adults. Tickets for the Sock Hop Gala are \$5.00 for children and \$10.00 for adults. For reservations and information call: 401-331-7174.

YPSORI Benefit

A Second Annual Spring Gala will be held by the Young Peoples Symphony of Rhode Island (YPSORI) as a fund-raiser for its scholarship fund.

The gala will take place on Sunday, May 15, from noon to 3 p.m. in the ballroom of the Providence Marriott featuring a buffet brunch and music by Al Conte.

Mr. and Mrs. Renato Leonelli of Providence are co-chairpersons of the gala.

With the funds that are raised, YPSORI can offer scholarships to deserving young musicians with limited resources. It will also continue to provide music study and performance opportunities. YPSORI is celebrating its 18th Anniversary this year. Dr. Joseph Conte is founder and Music Director of the organization.

Tickets, \$25 each, can be reserved by calling Mrs. Harold Silverman, President, at 274-0861.

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Trinity Ice Cream And Dessert Social

Gourmet goodies, delectable desserts, incredible ice creams, and mouth-watering masterpieces will be the main attractions at Trinity Rep's Fourth Annual Ice Cream and Dessert Social on Sunday, May 22, from 2 - 6 p.m. at Old Stone Square in Providence. This is one of the theatre's major fundraisers, where local businesses provide samples of their specialties for public taste-testing and "celebrity" judging.

Some desserts that will tantalize your tastebuds are selections of mini-pastries, including cheesecakes, fruit tarts, brownies, carrot-cakes, and chocolate mousse bars from Wayland Bakery; chocolate brownies topped with chocolate chips and pecans from Wickford Gourmet Foods; as well as many flavors of gourmet ice cream and gelato from other vendors.

Participating vendors include Ashley's Ice Cream, Beau's Ice Cream, Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream, Brown's Dairy/East Greenwich, Cafe in the Barn, Dear Hearts Ice Cream, Desserts Etc., Pinguino Gelato, Pot Au Feu, Stanford's, Sweet Sophistications, Inc., Wayland Bakery, Wharf Tavern, and Wickford Gourmet Foods.

These fourteen businesses will be competing for nine different awards, ranging from Devilish Delight to Grandma's Favorite, Dapper Delicacy to the Cookie Monster Award. Winners will receive certificates at the Awards Presentations beginning at 4 p.m.

Our panel of local celebrity judges who will decide on the winners of the day include the Honorable Lt. Governor Richard Licht, Rick Smith of PM Magazine, Tony DiBasio of Spy in the Sky Aviation, Pam Watts from WLNE, a Pillsbury Bake-Off Finalist Lillian Charves, and Jones & Joan and Mike Sands, DJ's from WSNE.

Coupons, gift certificates, and other promotional material donated by the vendors will be raffled off throughout the day. Tickets of \$5.00 can be bought at the entrance; \$2.50 for children under 12. Proceeds benefit the Annual Fund, Trinity Rep's annual sustaining campaign. For more information or details, call the Development Office at (401) 521-1100.

Sherlock's Last Case



Ann Hamilton, Peter Gerety and Timothy Crowe in Trinity Repertory Company's production of *Sherlock's Last Case* by Charles Marowitz in the Upstairs Theatre April 29 through May 29.

by Lois Atwood

Sherlock's Last Case, by Charles Marowitz, is notable for a wonderful setting in the sewers of London and very good light design. One can almost smell the miasma of the sewer scene. Trinity's revolving stage also offers an attractive version of 221B Baker St. and some nice costumes. Based on a new episode late in the affairs of Dr. Watson and the great Holmes, it's pretty much a one-gimmick play with a few exciting moments and some dull stretches.

Peter Gerety plays Watson to Timothy Crowe's Sherlock, and Keith Jochim is Inspector Lestrade. Ann Hamilton plays Mrs. Hudson; Patricia McGuire, Liza; and Danny O'Day, Damion. Jochim is consistently recognizable as Conan Doyle's bumbling, eager Detective Lestrade, but Crowe is considerably less lovable than the well-known Sherlock of the stories and Watson much less affable. Additionally, their scenes are often overlong and even tedious.

That may be the playwright's fault as much as the director's. The

script has exaggerated the wrong things, giving, for example, a romantic interest to Mrs. Hudson and a surprising degree of independence to Watson. Out of character actions and falsely melodramatic scenes brought the laughter of light relief on opening night, but did little to improve the overall quality of the play.

The well-known characters need to be faithful to their originals, else why have a new play on this subject? To a Baker Street addict, however, the interplay of character and the manner of the chase are more vital than the plot, and must be kept within the limits and milieu set by Doyle. This is more delicate onstage than in print, and there were broad scenes that simply didn't play. Also, the accents often made the dialogue hard to follow.

Tony Giordano directed, with set design by Robert D. Soule; lights, by John F. Custer; costumes, by William Lane; and properties, by Robert Schleinig. *Sherlock's Last Case* will play through May 29 in Trinity's upstairs theater.

Barrington Public Library

The Barrington Public Library will host the second program in the Common Ground series Saturday, May 14, 2:30 p.m.

A play, entitled *Elizabeth Porter: Frontier Schoolteacher* will be performed. In it, a schoolteacher, whose dedicated work has influenced many young lives on the Ohio Western Reserve in 1837, returns to address the graduating class of teachers from her former seminary in New England. Incidents, both comic and poignant, from her frontier experiences are dramatized. The actors remain in their roles as historical characters as the play closes and engage the audience in discussion and debate over the issues raised by the drama. This play was written especially for *Common Ground* by Jack Carroll.

The actors include Sherilyn Brown as Elizabeth Porter, Travis Stewart as Jonnie Dutton and David Ely as Winston B. Smith. The sponsoring body, *Common Ground*, is a public programming project in the humanities that has been funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The project as a whole is an exploration and celebration of the shared Yankee culture of old New England and the Ohio Western Reserve in the decades from settlement to the Civil War.

The program is free and open to the public.

Used Book Sale

The Friends of the Barrington Public Library is soliciting donations of used books, games and puzzles, for its annual Used Book Sale.

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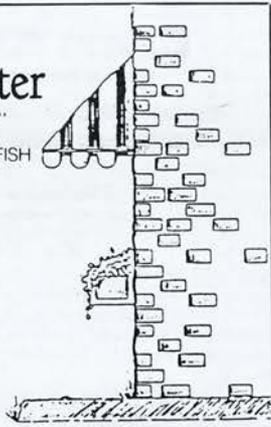
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Books in Review

A Century Of Jewish Emigration

Shores of Refuge: A Hundred Years of Jewish Emigration. Ronald Sanders. Henry Holt & Company, 115 West 18th Street, New York, N.Y. 10011. 648 pages. \$27.95.

Reviewed by Arnold Ages

One hundred years ago 80 percent of the Jewish population of the world lived in Germany, Austria-Hungary, and Russia. A century later only Russia contains a significant number of Jewish residents while the United States and Israel are now the two greatest Jewish population centers.

The demographic change which produced this shift was occasioned by two factors — the Holocaust, and the more than two million Jews who emigrated from Eastern Europe to these shores between 1881 and approximately 1924 when exclusionary immigration statutes arrested the flow.

Ronald Sanders has, in his new and thoughtful book, excavated the story of this huge wave of Jewish emigration to a depth that has hitherto not been reached.

He has accomplished this by dint of prodigious research into contemporary archival records from Europe, personal journals and diaries belonging to immigrants, Yiddish novels and newspapers and belletristic works, including poetry — all of which mirrored the travail of European Jewry during its several emigration waves.

Accordingly, Sanders' essay is much more than an inquiry into population movements; it is a study of an age-old prejudice against Jews, how that prejudice activated their flight from countries of long domicile, and

how various agencies in Europe and America sought to alleviate the plight of those on the run.

The author points out with some irony that on the eve of the assassination of Czar Alexander II on March 1, 1881, the Jews of Russia believed that they had reached the highest point in their condominium with the Russian people and its rulers. Alas that idea turned out to be a delusion as anti-Semitic agitation exploded in paroxysms of pogromist hatred against Jews in Odessa and Yelizavetgrad.

Within months a trickle of Jews seeking respite from government-sponsored violence against them swelled into a flood tide as they arrived in the Galician city of Brody, a transit point from which they went on to German ports — to America. Sanders chronicles the chaos that characterized the first attempts to organize these refugees and provides poignant eye-witness testimony to those turbulent days.

It is the integration of those personal memoirs that adds a special dimension to Sanders' reconstruction of what was in many ways a mundane phenomenon. The recollections of Abraham Cahan (later to become editor of the *Forwartz*), Emma Goldman (the radical activist) and Emma Lazarus (the poet of the immigrant) in addition to the more humble testimonies of scores of other people enhances immeasurably the human aspect of the drama.

Sanders' book is a powerful corrective to the idea that there was but one Jewish emigration: in fact, there were several. Between

1881 and 1902 anti-Semitic elements forced the flight of hundreds of thousands of Jews from Russia, the Ukraine and Rumania. After 1902 events such as the Kishinev massacres, the Bolshevik Revolution and the Ukrainian Holocaust (Sanders' word) precipitated new Jewish emigration.

In his survey of these frenetic population movements the author explores in detail, which is occasionally excessive, the activities of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) and counterparts in France and Germany. The first of these groups ably bore the brunt of the emigrant wave as it washed up against Castle Garden, New York's port of entry before Ellis Island.

There is little in the Sanders volume which is controversial — except for the latter section in which he deals with Jewish refugee problems before and during the Second World War. Unlike many of the researchers who have studied the question, Sanders rejects the argument that the Roosevelt administration was callous in its attitudes towards Jewish emigration during the grim years of 1933-1945.

He argues that while there was some indifference, Roosevelt himself took positive steps to alleviate the travail of European Jewry (the creation of the War Refugee Board, for example) but in the final analysis the president was forced to heed the advice of people like Anthony Eden, the British minister, who forbade interrupting the war effort on behalf of specific rescue attempts of Jews.

Sanders' overview of a hundred years of Jewish emigration deserves a special place in every Jewish and general library.

A Practical Handbook To Israeli Politics

Political Dictionary of the State of Israel. Susan Hattis Rolef, ed. Macmillan, 866 Third Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022. 1987. \$45.

Reviewed by Asher Arian

It is easy to be confused by Israeli politics. Even Hebrew speakers and those familiar with other political systems have been known to stumble over the myriad names and nuances of Jewish politics in its sovereign state.

The names of parties and organizations are frequently rendered in acronym and often the names have little or no relation to reality. The Independent Liberals, it may be argued, were never really independent nor liberal: the name meant that the Progressive party which broke from the mother-party would be independent of the new Liberal party which the General Zionists created.

Or take "Dash" — the DMC, the Democratic Movement for Change — Yigael Yadin's flash party of the 1977 election. Many activists hoped that they had created a democratic party, for a change. All turned out to be wrong.

A political dictionary which helps us through this maze is a blessing. This volume, while far from perfect, provides important aid in getting through the wars, the battles, the brigades and the diplomatic history, as well as the organization of the Histadrut and Kupat Holim, to list a few of the 600 entries. The list of contributors includes some of the best people available.

The *Political Dictionary* is very useful, and does what a dictionary should do: provide easy access to basic information that most people do not need to memorize. Its system of cross-referencing is useful, but its one page glossary is almost useless.

Its major imperfections result from a peculiar selectivity in the choice of entries ("boiling point" for example), and a curious lack of perspective in many items. The editor tries to make the dictionary current, which means up-to-date when published, but that also means (necessarily) out-of-date when read months or years later.

Page 264 provides two examples of what I mean. "Rotation" is cited as adopted by *Sheli* in the 9th Knesset; this is true, but what of Agudat Israel and the Black Panthers, to name a few? Rotation is also a well-worn mechanism for maintaining a balance of power between competing groups in party institutions and not only in Knesset representation.

Regarding the present Peres-Shamir rotation, why mention that it became effective "despite forecasts that the Alignment would try to sabotage the rotation?" If all political speculation in the Israeli press were to be catalogued in this dictionary, it would have to be an even bigger and even more costly volume.

Amnon Rubinstein's name rightly receives an entry in the volume. But why mention his "eloquent speech on democracy during the debate leading to the early dissolution of the Knesset in March 1984 which convinced the Knesset Speaker, Menahem Savidor, to refrain from holding a secret vote." After all, it was Savidor's decision, and his name was not considered important enough to be given its own entry.

Whether these reflect important deficiencies or academic quibbles is a matter of taste. What is important is that we now have a practical English handbook to the State of Israel.

Eve Revisited

Eve: Her Story. Penelope Farmer. Mercury House, Inc., 300 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, Calif. 94104. 1988. 188 pages. \$15.95.

Reviewed by Susan Mernit

"I was not only cold and afraid but more desolate than I'd thought it possible to be, though not entirely a stranger to unhappiness; life in Eden had not always been so simple," says Eve early on in *Eve: Her Story*. Penelope Farmer's retelling of the classic creation myth. "Yet I did not feel myself regretting what had happened or feeling guilty, except on behalf of Adam and the serpent. Apart from a desperate grief, for the serpent mainly, but also for myself, I felt more angry than anything at what had been done to the three of us and the way it had been done."

As it happens, however, it is Eve's account of what exactly did go on behind Eden's pearly gates that gives Farmer's text its pith. An unconventional, revisionist account of Adam and Eve's time in the Garden, and their inexorable progress out of it, *Eve: Her Story* offers a compelling exegesis of the oft-told tale that could be subtitled "How Eve's Maturing Consciousness Caused All Kinds of Big Trouble, But Proved Human Beings Need to Think for Themselves."

Similar in spirit to feminist novels like *Call Me Ishtar* by Rhoda Lerman, or mythological spin-offs like *The Medusa Factor* by Russell Hoban, Farmer's book presents an Eve who is feistier, more rebellious, and less spiritual

than the one in Genesis. Not only is this Eve more daring than her conservative husband, who would like things to remain exactly as they are, she is more practical: while Adam is content to eat fruit raw and sleep beneath the trees. This Eve builds fires, cooks apples, and constructs shelters. Given this Eve's relentlessly questioning nature, it is not surprising that Farmer presents her decision to eat from the tree of life as inevitable.

But though Farmer does an excellent job animating Eve, the novel as a whole is less successful. Perhaps the problem is that it is difficult to become emotionally involved in a book that approaches one of the great stories of Judeo-Christian civilization with the brisk detachment of a cultural anthropologist. Or maybe Farmer's adroit mix of myth, legend and invention adds up, in the end, to not much more than an elegant pastiche without much depth.

Whatever the problem, it is clear that although *Eve: Her Story* is nicely written, its audience appeal is limited. Students of mythology, biblical scholars, and feminist critics will enjoy adding Farmer's clever take on Genesis to their reading lists, but those of us craving work with spiritual resonance will surely wish for something more.

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The Chicken Soup Lessons: Jewish Motherhood In the Twentieth Century

by Tj Feldman

Shalom Campers! Welcome to the second part of this tribute to our beloved mothers. Since Part I, I'm sure you've continued to endure the embarrassing stories and the lectures on the importance of clean underwear. Has it really been that bad?

In any case how many of you remember what you had to do for your mothers in Part I? Don't all jump at once. Here, once again is what each of you needs to do to make this a successful tribute: 1. Wrap your arms around your mother. 2. Squeeze tightly. 3. Tell her you love her.

For those who do not live at home: 1. Dial your local florist 2. Order a dozen of your mom's favorite flowers (if you don't know order roses). 3. Call mom and tell her you love her. Great now that you've done that you ask "Why?" It's simple. Mothers deserve a certain amount of appreciation from the children on Mother's Day.

While Part I of this tribute focused on Jewish guilt and the traits of Jewish Mothers of the past, we now turn our attention to modern day Jewish mothers. These are the ones who are generally found anywhere other than slaving over a hot stove.

However just because they don't stand on their gesfulenah fes (swollen feet) doesn't mean they deserve any less respect. It's very difficult to shop for the right microwaveable meals and gourmet take-out foods. Besides since many of our mothers work, they really have to do a balancing act. They have to be able to trust their cleaning ladies to turn our socks right side out before washing them.

Our mothers do a lot for us and they always seem to know when we've broken their precious rules. Either that or our rooms are never quite neat enough to pass their white-glove inspections. They

always think we could do more studying and "college" is their favorite word. If they don't use "college" as leverage then they use the "car." However, their love is unfailing and our mothers never turn their backs on us and for that I write this poem:

Chicken Soup

Simmering on the stove!
Look out it's hot
But oooh that hits that spot
Kicking our legs
Enlarging our hips!
Embarrassing stories
and pinching of cheeks
I wish I could understand
the Yiddish she speaks!
Kvetch and Stretch
Kvetch and Stretch
Will she be here when I wretch?
Another dose of Jewish guilt
and a fresh batch of clean underwear
but it's all because they care.
Hugs & kisses they freely share!
They're full of love
and they're angels from heaven above!

Life without our mothers
is a vision too scary to ponder
'cause there's no one of whom
we're founder

TJF

As Mother's Day approaches a round of applause should go out to all our mothers and grandmothers. In particular I'd like to send my love to Lillian Simone, my mother's mother and one of my biggest fans, Myrtle Feldman, my father's mother and the master of chicken soup making and most importantly my mom, Terrie Feldman, because without her I wouldn't be here!

Due to delayed mail delivery, Tj's column on Mother's Day appears this week.

Gourse Family Fund Awarded

Mrs. Harry A. Gourse (Zelda Fisher) formerly of Fall River, who together with her late husband and family members established the Gourse Family Fund for Travel and Study in Israel, has announced the awardees for 1988. The scholarship gifts provide financial assistance to high school students or college undergraduates who have a family member residing in the Greater Fall River area or attending college in Rhode Island.

The winners for 1988 are Adam Kahn, son of Morley and Yvette Kahn of Greenwich, Conn., and Michelle Isenberg, daughter of Joan and Sheldon Isenberg and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Packer of Fall River.

Michelle is a student at Lake Braddock High School and attended the Hebrew and Religious School, the Hebrew High School and Confirmation class of Temple Olam Tikvah in Fairfax, Va. She is active in the Temple's chapter of Kadimah and the U.S.Y., presently serving on the latter's board.

Adam is a graduating senior at Brown University, majoring in Political Science and Judaic Studies, and while at college was the campus representative for the American Zionist Youth Federation. He attended AIPAC Leadership Training Seminars, marched for Soviet Jewry in Washington and was a member of the Soviet Jewry Lobby that met with his Conn. congressmen on Capitol Hill. During the summer he plans to work in the Knesset for the month of July and study at a Jerusalem yeshiva or university. When he returns, after the November elections in Israel, he will work with a Jewish organization in Washington.

To date there have been twenty-one recipients of the Gourse Family Fund. Mr. Kahn and Miss Isenberg each received a check for \$500.

Art At Solomon Schechter



A TOAST: Solomon Schechter Day School fourth graders Jennifer Raket, Abby Berenson, Melissa Mann and Malka Resnicoff hold aloft the Kiddush cups they made during a pottery workshop led by Ruth Berenson.

Providence Hebrew Day Student Wins Award

Russell Rosen, an eighth grade student at the Providence Hebrew Day School, placed first in the Junior Division, Individual Paper category of the Rhode Island History Day contest.

This year's event was sponsored by the Rhode Island Social Studies Association, as part of a nationwide effort by National History Day, Inc.

The theme of this year's competition was *Frontier in History: People, Places and Ideas*. Russell Rosen's paper, "The Building of the Trans-Continental Railroad," was written as part of the general Social Studies curriculum. It was entered by Mrs. Jackie Ericson, Eighth Grade Social Studies teacher and Mrs. Lillian Birch, Eighth Grade English teacher for the Providence Hebrew Day School.

Contest entries were received from every public and private high school in the state and were judged on a number of criteria such as

content, focus and clarity of expression. In addition to reviewing individual papers, the judges reviewed the work with individual entrants.

Russell Rosen's paper will now be submitted in the national competition which will be held at the University of Maryland in College Park, June 12-16. As a first place winner, Russell will be going to Washington, D.C. to present his paper in person.

This is the second year in a row in which Providence Hebrew Day School students have won this contest. Last year, students Anna Sirota and Elizabeth Gutterman finished first and second, respectively.

In addition to placing first in the R.I. History Day contest, Russell Rosen placed seventh overall in the MathCount competition. Seventeen schools throughout Rhode Island participated in the event.

Hillel Concludes A Successful Year Under New Leadership

KINGSTON — The B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at the University of Rhode Island recently celebrated the conclusion of its first year under the leadership of its new director, Rina Sky Wolfgang, at its combined Student Board 40th annual banquet and Board of Trustees 12th annual meeting.

A special citation was made to Amy Berger and Debra Kaplan, the chairpeople of the Campus Jewish Appeal. Ms. Berger, a freshperson from Trumbull, Conn. and Ms. Kaplan, a freshperson from Morganville, N.J., led the forum to raise money for the United Jewish Appeal and the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. Many educational and outreach activities were held around campus this year to educate the public to the workings and objectives of the campaign.

Lori Davis, from Providence, R.I., received the Bertram M. Brown and Phyllis R. Brown Award for the Most Active Graduating Senior. Rina Sky Wolfgang presented the award for Bert Brown, a previous president of the Hillel Board of Trustees, who was unable to attend. Mrs. Wolfgang cited Davis's two years of leadership as Student Board president and her commitment to Jewish life on campus. "Lori has left her mark on URI Hillel; we will never forget her," cited Mrs.

Wolfgang. Ms. Davis will be returning to Providence to work in her family's business, Davis Dairy.

The Reuben Glanzman Award for the student who has shown the greatest leadership qualities was presented by Mrs. Wolfgang to Mark Glazer, a junior from Holmdel, N.J. Mrs. Wolfgang noted Glazer's involvement and commitment to Hillel. Glazer has been the treasurer of the Student Board this past year and was elected as Student President for 1988-89. He has been involved in the Major Speaker's Program, UJA, Social Committee and every aspect of Jewish life at URI. Mrs. Wolfgang commended Glazer on "His willingness to roll up his sleeves and help whenever asked. His peers have recognized his efforts by presenting him with this award and by choosing him to be their president next year," noted Mrs. Wolfgang.

The Joseph Block Award for the Most Supportive Board Member was presented by Barry Newman, a nephew of the late Joe Block, who was the first Board President of the Hillel Board of Trustees. Mr. Newman presented the award to Henry Winkleman, a member of the Board of Trustees for the last six years. Mr. Winkleman, a 1966 graduate of URI, is an attorney living in Sharon, Mass. Mr. Newman cited Winkleman's willingness to travel to board

meetings in Kingston from his home in Mass. and his willingness to hold responsible positions on the Board. Mr. Winkleman was integral in rewriting the Hillel constitution and by-laws last year, and has been the head of the Nominations and Elections Committee for the last two years.

Prof. Richard Hellman, a member of the URI Department of Economics, was the recipient of the Rabbi Benjamin Marcus Award for the Most Supportive Faculty or Staff Member. The award is made in the memory of the late Rabbi Marcus who was Hillel Director at URI from 1971-1977. The award was presented to Prof. Hellman by Jerome H. Kritz, President of the Board of Trustees. In presenting the award, Kritz cited Hellman's long-standing involvement with Hillel and the Jewish community of South County. He noted the integral role that Prof. Hellman played in the development of the agency and the continued Jewish presence on campus.

Rina Sky Wolfgang, in her Director's Report during the Board of Trustees Annual meeting, also gave her congratulations to the recipients of the awards. Mrs. Wolfgang spoke about the changes which had occurred at URI Hillel during her first year of leadership. She noted the administrative changes which

have led to the agency having a more professional image. She presented everyone at the meeting with the new Hillel brochure, which will be used to give students information about the agency and as a fundraising tool. "We must treat ourselves as if we are a business, and 'sell' ourselves to the public. When we feel good about ourselves and show it, other people will be more positive in their attitude towards our program," cited Mrs. Wolfgang.

Mrs. Wolfgang gave a summary of the year's activities. She pointed out that Tuesday night socials were an expected program now by all students on campus. These programs were augmented with other social and cultural programs. All of this upbeat programming helped Mrs. Wolfgang succeed in achieving her first goal of the year, which was "changing the image of Hillel on campus to a place where students could just be themselves, and not forced to be placed into a religious environment 100% of the time."

In looking towards next year, Mrs. Wolfgang noted the increase enrollments of Jewish students from out-of-state. According to the Admissions Office, the Jewish population on campus will increase to 15% by 1990. "We must meet these efforts head-on; we must constantly assess the needs of the students because it is only through

this avenue that Hillel will continue to grow and prosper," said Wolfgang.

Also of note on the evening was the announcement of the Student Board officers for the coming year. Mark Glazer, '89, of Holmdel, N.J., will be President. Vice-Presidents will be Amy Berger, '91, from Trumbull, Ct.; Mike Graubart, '91, from North Dartmouth, Mass.; and Debra Kaplan, '91, from Morganville, N.J. Secretary will be Jeff Pavloff, '90 from Randolph, Mass. Treasurer will be Gilda Ross, '89, of Providence, R.I.

The Board of Trustees installed their newly elected Board as part of the evening's proceedings. Henry Winkleman, chairperson of the Constitution and Nominations Committee, reviewed the slate of officers. The slate, which had been unanimously accepted at the last meeting, was as follows: Jerome H. Kritz, '76, was elected as President for a second term. First Vice-President is Alan Kaplan, '73. Second Vice-President is Martin Waldman. Third Vice-President is Amy Berger, '91. Treasurer is Barbara Schwartz. Prof. Jeffrey Jarrett is Secretary.

The following people were nominated to a three-year term on the Board of Trustees: Stanley Barnett, Ph.D.; Lori Davis '88; Dr. Mitchell Lester; Albert Ross and Bruce Wolpert '75.

Your Community

Celebrating The Future Am David Graduates Youngsters

Photos by David DeBlois

By David DeBlois

On May 5, the dedication of the Holocaust Memorial in Providence commemorated the history of the Jewish people. On May 8, Temple Am David celebrated the future.

In a ceremony filled with song, the Temple held commencement ceremonies for its program for four-, five-, and six-year-olds. Proud parents, relatives, and friends joined the school staff in congratulating the youngsters on their accomplishments this year. The children responded by performing enthusiastically at the gathering.

Following the performances of the Pitzel (four-year-olds) and Gan Katan (five-year-olds) classes, the graduating Pre-Mechina class took the stage.

After their presentation, the smiling six-year-olds were presented with diplomas to mark the occasion. The children then retired to their classroom party as their elders indulged in refreshments provided by the Temple.

Listed below are the names of the children. Listed below is the future.

Pitzel Class

- Stephanie Adler
- Grant Brown
- Heather Carlin
- Avi Efreom
- Andrew Freedline
- Johanna Goldberg
- Eric DiNitto
- Alexis Shapiro
- Lara Siegel
- Elyssa Monzack



The five-year-old class performs.



The graduating six-year-olds entertain...

Gan Katan Class

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Obituaries

MOLLIE ANDRIESSE

WARWICK — Mollie Andriess, 85, of Shalom Apartments, Warwick, died May 4 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lois Blazer, 147 Northampton St., Warwick. The widow of Eugene J. Andriess, she was born in Odessa, Russia, a daughter of the late Philip and Ethel (Soforenko) Gordon.

A resident of Fall River since two years of age, she resided in Newport from 1925 until 1985 when she took up residence in Warwick.

Mrs. Andriess had been a cosmetician in Newport for 12 years, retiring in 1968. She was active in social and club activities, was a member of Temple Shalom and its Sisterhood of Middletown, R.I. and a member of Hadassah and Ladies Auxiliary of Touro Synagogue of Newport.

Besides her daughter she leaves two sons, Everett Andriess of Sarasota, Fla.; and Paul Andriess, of Winchester, Mass.; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Burial was in Braman Cemetery, Newport. Arrangements were by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

FRANCES APTEL

WARWICK — Frances Aptel, 76, of 1403 Warwick Ave., a former office worker and store department manager, died May 9 at Miriam Hospital. She was the widow of Lester Aptel.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Morris and Essie (Fingert) Broman, she lived in Warwick for 28 years.

Mrs. Aptel was an office employee for Harris Furs for 10 years. She was also manager of the women's wear and jewelry department of the former City Hall Hardware store, Providence, for 25 years. She was a member of Temple Am-David, its Sisterhood, the Warwick Social Seniors and the Jewish Home for the Aged.

She leaves two daughters, Marcia Halsband and Marilyn Orleck, both of Warwick; a brother, Max Broman of Hollywood, Fla.; a sister, Gussie Kaplan of Providence, and four grandchildren.

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

NANCY P. BARAM

PROVIDENCE — Nancy P. Baram, 37, of 215 Waterman St. died May 3 at home.

Born in Providence, a daughter of Helen (Stulbaum) Baram of

Providence, and the late Morris Baram, she formerly lived in Los Angeles.

Miss Baram was a graduate of Boston University.

Besides her mother she leaves a sister, Jody Baram of Marina Del Ray, Calif.; a brother, Peter Baram of Culver City, Calif.; and her paternal grandmother, Bessie Baram of Woonsocket.

The funeral was private. Arrangements were by Mt. Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

GEORGE A. POLL

CUMBERLAND — George A. Poll, 71, of 74 Thomas Leighton Blvd. North, co-ordinator in merchandising and advertising at the home of the Zayre Corp., Framingham, Mass., for 23 years before retiring in 1981, died May 2 at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Devara (Abramson) Poll.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., a son of Adolph and Bella (Dattelbaum) Poll, he lived in Pawtucket for 25 years before moving to Cumberland.

Mr. Poll was a World War II Navy veteran and served with the Seabees. He was a member of the Barney Merry Lodge, AF & AM, the Royal Arch Chapter, the Pawtucket Council and Queen Esther Chapter 2, OES. He was a member of Temple Beth-El and the Jewish Home for the Aged. Mr. Poll was on the Board of Directors and program chairman of Chapter 619 of American Association of Retired People (AARP).

As a young man he attended the Grand Central Art School and the Pace Institute, both in New York City.

Besides his wife he leaves a daughter, Marsha J. Coroso of Bristol, Conn., and two grandchildren.

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

SAMUEL RAPAPORTE, JR.

PROVIDENCE — Samuel Rapaporte, Jr., 86, of 395 Rochambeau Ave., a pioneer in the fashion jewelry industry and a philanthropist, died May 2 at Hallworth House. He was the husband of Rieka (Winthrop) Rapaporte.

In 1938, he founded S. Rapaporte and Co., a jewelry manufacturing firm which he established on Chestnut Street. He later opened a factory in Attleboro which he operated for 40 years.

During World War II, he converted his equipment and presses to the manufacture of bandages.

In the early 1940s, he began a long relationship producing fashion jewelry for Trifari, Krussman and Fishel, a relationship that lasted due to Mr. Rapaporte's innovative designs and techniques.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Samuel and Tilly (Foster) Rapaporte.

He was a major contributor to numerous Rhode Island charitable causes including the United Way. He was a fellow of Brandeis University, Waltham, Mass., where he established the Samuel Rapaporte, Jr. Treasure Hall and Art Museum on campus.

In 1963, the Hillel Foundation at Brown University named its headquarters at 80 Brown St. the Samuel and Rieka Rapaporte Hillel House in appreciation of his support. That location became a center for religious, cultural and social activities for Brown, Bryant College, the Rhode Island School of Design and Rhode Island College.

Mr. Rapaporte was an ardent supporter of the State of Israel from its inception. He had been a vice president and treasurer of the former General Jewish Committee, now the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, and for several years served as chairman of the jewelry division for the annual fund-raising campaign.

In 1974, he established the Samuel Rapaporte Scholarship Program at the Weizman Institute of Science in Israel.

Mr. Rapaporte was a member of the board of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, a member of the board of trustees of Miriam Hospital, the board of trustees of the Jewish Home for the Aged, Temple Emanu-El and Hillel House. He was a member of Roosevelt Lodge 32, F & AM.

Besides his wife he leaves a daughter, Renee Burrows of Chestnut Hill, Mass.; a sister, Mary Port of Worcester; two brothers, Hye Rapaporte of Providence and Max Rapaporte of Hallandale, Fla.; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



The funeral was held at Temple Emanu-El, Morris Avenue. Burial was in Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon, Mass. Arrangements were by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

ALLAN L. SELTZER

PROVIDENCE — Allen L. Seltzer, 51, of 125 Prospect St., president of the Chatham Management Firm for five years, died May 6 at Miriam Hospital.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Harry and Anne "Honey" (Rubin) Seltzer.

Mr. Seltzer was previously owner of the Chatham Jewelry Co. for 25 years. He was an Air Force veteran and served in Germany. He was a fire marshal on the state Fire Safety Board for 10 years. He was a member of the Democratic Ward Committee of the East Side, a deputy police commissioner and a member of the Fraternal Order of Police. He was a member of the New England Police Chiefs Association.

He leaves no immediate survivors.

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

JOEL WEBBER

NEW YORK — Joel Webber, 33, vice president for artists and repertory at Island Records who was born in Providence, died April 28 at home in New York after a heart attack associated with Marfan's syndrome, a congenital disease affecting mostly tall people. He was the son of Dr. Banice Webber of Providence and Helen Webber of San Francisco, and the grandson of Mrs. Joseph B. Webber of Providence.

Webber was involved with new rock in most areas of the music business. He managed a record store in Berkeley, Calif., and was a disc jockey for radio stations in Berkeley and Hartford.

He helped start *Trouser Press*, a magazine devoted to British and independent rock, and was its advertising director. In 1977, he started his own independent promotion company, which helped bring such performers as Joan Jett and the Pretenders to mainstream rock radio.

He joined the New Music Seminar, an annual music business convention, as executive director in 1980, its second year. He started a record label, Uproar, which recorded a hit dance record by Dominatrix, and in 1986 he began working for Island Records,

where he signed the latin hip-hop singer Noel and released *The Uproar Tapes*, an album of performance artists including Karen Finley.

Besides his parents, he leaves a sister, Rachel Webber of New York; a brother, Daniel Webber of Hawaii; and a stepsister, Susan Webber of New York. He also leaves a fiancée, Holly Sarre of New York.

The funeral service was held at Riverside Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Beth-El Cemetery.

MAX ZISSON

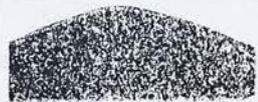
NARRAGANSETT — Max Zisson, 84, of 8 Narragansett Court, co-owner of H. Rosenhirsch Co., import/export, New York City, for 50 years before retiring three years ago, died May 7 at Greenwich Hospital, Greenwich, Conn. He was the husband of Gertrude (Rosenhirsch) Zisson.

Born in Latvia, a son of the late Barron and Rachel (Gutkin) Zisserson, he had also lived in Providence and New York.

Mr. Zisson was a graduate of the former Rhode Island State College, now the University of Rhode Island, in 1922.

Besides his wife he leaves two sons, Harry of New York, N.Y.; and William of Greenwich, Conn.; two brothers, Sidney of Cranston; and Miles, of Purchase, N.Y. and three grandchildren.

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



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BPW/USA President To Attend Rhode Island Federation Meeting

Ms. Beth Wray, of Aberdeen, South Dakota, president of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. (BPW/USA), will attend the Rhode Island Federation's 51st annual convention, to be held May 13-15 at the Sheraton-Islander Inn and Conference Center, Goat Island, Newport. As official representative of the national federation, she will attend business and workshop sessions, address convention delegates and

their guests, and install state federation officers for the 1988/1989 year.

Wray, who is Dean of Student Affairs at Northern State College in Aberdeen, brings to the leadership of BPW/USA her long-term successful career experience in the educational field and in public service. Prior to her present position at NSC, she served as Director of Counseling and Career Development and as Dean of Women. Active in community organizations she is chair of the Aberdeen Arts Festival and chair of Alpha Delta Pi's National Foundation Scholarship Committee, and a past president of the Northeastern Mental Health Center and the Federation for the Arts in South Dakota. She has received numerous honors for her public service and career accomplishments, including receipt on two occasions of the Distinguished Service Citation from the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, and as recipient of the Northern State College Administrator of the Year Award. Convention sessions will be presided over by Rhode Island B.P.W. Federation president Anne M. Fortini, of North Providence. Opening ceremonies on Friday evening, May 13, will include a welcome to the city by Newport Mayor Robert J. McKenna, a memorial service for deceased members, a business meeting and an informal reception for the national federation representative and for candidates for state federation officers.

On Saturday the convention schedule includes business sessions and election of officers; selection of delegates and alternates to the July 1988 national federation convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico; a

Young Career Women's Workshop; and afternoon workshops on topics of interest to the delegates. During the YCW Workshop, eleven young women candidates representing the various statewide B.P.W. chapters will present their credentials in competition for the title of 1988 Rhode Island B.P.W. Young Career Woman.

An Ex-Pres Luncheon for past club presidents, hosted by the Providence chapter, will be held on Saturday at noon.

Installation ceremonies for the incoming state federation officers will be conducted by national representative Wray, following the banquet. Coral M. Mulcahey, of North Scituate, currently first vice-president/president elect of the state federation, and a past president of the Warwick B.P.W. chapter, will be installed as Rhode Island Federation president for the 1988/89 year. Other newly-elected state federation officers will also be installed at this time, and a reception for all incoming officers will follow.

Sunday activities provide for a "True Colors" Workshop conducted by Wayne R. Haigh and Frances A. Pinto, of New Directions Inc., consultants in human resource development. The convention will conclude with a brunch, at which local B.P.W. chapter achievement awards will be presented, and a closing memorial service.

Convention co-chairwomen are past state federation president Nina Celona, Isabel Whitmarsh and Deborah Anderson, all members of the East Greenwich B.P.W. chapter.

Further information is available from Rhode Island Federation president Anne M. Fortini, 15 Douglas Terrace, A408, North Providence, R.I. 02904.

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Rabbi Max Schreier Is New President Of Rabbinical Council Of America



The story that Rabbi Max N. Schreier, the new President of the Rabbinical Council of America, likes to tell, over and over again, is that two years ago, while on an Israel Bond Mission, he mistakenly left a small brief case at Ben Gurion International Airport. He didn't realize the loss until he arrived at his relative's home. With Sabbath approaching, it was too late to return to the airport. However, as is the policy of tight Israeli security, the unattended bag had been immediately blown up. Everything was shattered: glasses, camera, etc. Everything, that is, except the Rabbi's talis and tefillin which was unscathed. "The power of God," he says.

As a rabbi and as an active leader in the Jewish community, Rabbi Max N. Schreier also has had a lifetime of service as president of Rabbinic organizations, such as president of boards of rabbis in Rochester, N.Y., Bridgeport, Conn., and Brooklyn, N.Y.

But on May 11, 1988, at the RCA convention in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, he will assume his first national leadership post as president of a national organization, The Rabbinical Council of America, which is also the largest Orthodox rabbinic group in the world. As he put it after taking office at the Rabbinical Council of America convention, he really was picked by his colleagues at a tense period — He describes today's time frame as "a period of hatred against Israel and against Orthodoxy; a time of severe assimilation in the U.S., and a time in which America faces, what many feel is a deterioration of the moral climate through drugs, crime, alcohol and corruption."

But whether it is "the Conservative or Reform avalanche of hatred heaped on Orthodoxy both here and in Israel," or the "alarming statements of so called Jewish leaders who undermine the position of the Government of Israel," Rabbi Schreier believes the RCA has a great opportunity to seize the day to strengthen American Jewry. He feels Orthodoxy is strong and notes the RCA has been instrumental in leading the return of young people to Judaism.

To help rally support around Israel, Rabbi Schreier, who succeeds Rabbi Milton H. Polin, also of Brooklyn, as RCA president, has already called for a "Solidarity Mission of the Rabbinical Council of America to Israel," from July 5 to July 19, 1988. His first step as president, he said, would be to continue "to spearhead efforts to achieve further unity in the Orthodox organizational spectrum."

"Wherever possible Orthodoxy will speak with one voice," he declared, citing the increased unity of Orthodox groups.

Another point to which Rabbi Schreier will turn his attention is

what he termed, the national problem of laxity in the medical community in the U.S. in protecting life.

"We should not mistake progress and medical procedure with the undermining of the sanctity of human life," he said.

Rabbi Schreier, who has been affiliated with the RCA for more than 35 years, feels the RCA can be a strong force for a moral renewal and ethical sensitivity in the Jewish community.

From the moment of his arrival as a young man in New York from Germany in the 1930's, Rabbi Schreier has been active in the Religious Zionist movement and has been a delegate to the last three World Zionist Congresses in Jerusalem. A graduate of Yeshiva University, and ordained at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University, he was granted a Doctor of Divinity Degree by Yeshiva University in 1982. As chairman of the Rabbinic Alumni Fund, he was instrumental in raising over one million dollars for Yeshiva University from Rabbinic Alumni for which he was awarded an honorary degree by Yeshiva University.

Active in the JA. Israel Bonds, honored by many American and Israeli yeshivot, he has also edited four volumes of the RCA's Sermon Manual. He is known as a very effective and creative preacher and has appeared as Scholar in Residence and lecturer and as guest speaker throughout the U.S., Canada and Israel. But obviously, one of his major achievements he feels is having served as rabbi at the Avenue N Jewish Center in Brooklyn, for 25 years, an anniversary which will be celebrated at a synagogue banquet on June 6.

Rabbi Schreier is married to the former Toby Raitzic of Chicago. They have eight children, two of whom live in Israel.

Jewish War Veterans Activate Reward Program

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. (JWV), this nation's oldest active veterans organizations, is activating its reward fund program in light of recent vandalism of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Upon learning of the damage to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, JWV National Commander Jack Litz said he is "outraged by the desecration of a monument which honors the memory of those who died in war."

Litz is particularly concerned that a swastika was discovered among the deep scratches that defaced the memorial. This symbol of the evil Nazi regime, which so many Jewish war veterans fought against, has been reappearing in recent months on synagogues and Jewish monuments, and in cemeteries.

As a result, leaders of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. have decided to activate the organization's national reward fund. JWV hopes to put a stop to these hateful acts by encouraging those with information about such crimes to come forward. The fund offers one thousand dollars for information leading to the arrest and conviction of perpetrators of anti-Semitic vandalism.

The Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. was established in 1896, and has become known as the "Patriotic voice of American Jewry."

Quebec Sephardic Community Seeks To End Bitter Rift

by Janice Arnold
The Canadian Jewish News
MONTREAL (JTA) — The new president of the Communauté Sepharade du Quebec has initiated a dialogue with the Rabbinate

Sepharade du Quebec in an attempt to heal a bitter rift between the two organizations.

But a dispute over a new hevra kaddisha, or burial society, already threatens the reconciliation.

The CSQ, a federation of eight Sephardi organizations, and the Rabbinate, the seat of Sephardi Chief Rabbi David Sabbah, parted ways years ago after disagreeing over the direction of the province's Sephardic community.

Sabbah arrived in Montreal from Morocco in the late 1970s to become the Montreal Sephardic community's first chief rabbi. A few years later, the Rabbinate split with the CSQ and set up its own headquarters.

Saloman Oziel, who was elected president of the CSQ in November, said he has had two meetings with Sabbah to explore the possibility of the Rabbinate becoming a member of the CSQ again.

Relations between the two organizations, who both claim to represent at least 20,000 Sephardim in Quebec, have been "quiet" for the last three or four years, Oziel said, and that may be favorable for a reconciliation.

A setback has occurred already, however. The CSQ has announced that it has created a new hevra kadisha under its auspices to serve all Sephardic synagogues and the entire Sephardic population in the Montreal area.

The Rabbinate, which has sole jurisdiction over this service since the early 1980s, has reacted by saying that this is a divisive action on the part of the CSQ. Its executive director, Robert Levy, said that the Sephardic practice has always been to have only one hevra kadisha per city, as a symbol of community unity.

Oziel counters that in Morocco the hevra kadisha was always under the community, not the rabbinate.

Above all, Oziel believes that the issue should not be overblown and that an accommodation can be reached with the Rabbinate.

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