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Documents Suggest Waldheim Knew Of Deportations By 1942

by Tamar Levy

GENEVA (JTA) — Photographs of documents showing that Austrian President Kurt Waldheim had to be aware of the deportation of Jews to Nazi concentration camps as early as 1942 were published Sunday, May 29, in the Zurich newspaper *Sonntages-Zeitung*.

The documents, which come from the Yugoslavian war archives, also link Waldheim directly with orders to execute Yugoslavian partisan fighters in Banja Luka village in 1942.

In the same edition of the newspaper, Manfred Messerschmitt charges that these documents were suppressed when an international committee of historians named by the Austrian government published the results last January of its yearlong investigation of Waldheim's wartime activities.

Messerschmitt was a West German member of the panel, which was headed by Swiss military historian Hans-Rudolph Kurz.

The report was submitted to the Austrian government. Only

extracts were released to the public.

Messerschmitt, in an interview in the Swiss newspaper, deplored the fact that the Vienna government has failed so far to publish the full report.

"We were promised by the government that all our protocols will be made public. We worked hard for our findings, and now it is just put away in a drawer. It is a scandal," he said.

Messerschmitt said the commission intends to publish the full report on its own if the Austrian government fails to do so.

The report, made public nearly six months ago, does not exonerate Waldheim's conduct. But it found no evidence that he was directly involved in deportations, executions and atrocities committed by the Wehrmacht unit he served in as an intelligence officer.

The report found, however, that Waldheim must have had knowledge of these occurrences. It criticized him for taking no steps to stop them or even protest.

One photograph published here is of a document dated August 11, 1942. It comes from the Third

Croatian Mountain Brigade, Nazi collaborators who were fighting alongside the German army against Yugoslavian partisans.

The report was addressed to the Croatian police in Banja Luca, a village of about 200, and referred to various events, including the execution of seven partisans on August 6, 1942, in Prijedor, by Croatian soldiers and German police.

The police got their orders from section 1B of the Wehrmacht. Waldheim represented its general headquarters.

Another document refers to 58 Jews of Austro-Hungarian origin who sought refuge in Yugoslavia, hid in Banja Luca and were sent to the concentration camp in Jasenovac, where tens of thousands of Yugoslav Jews were murdered.

On July 31, 1942, the Banja Luca police reported the transfer of 160 Jews to the Strau Gradisku concentration camp.

Messerschmitt observed that Banja Luca was such a small place that it was impossible Waldheim had no knowledge of these deportations.

Conservative Movement Urges Involvement In Refugee Plight

by David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The slate of Knesset candidates the Labor Party will present to Israeli voters in November will have many new names, fresh younger faces and a decided tilt toward the dovish left — although such an appraisal is strongly denied by party secretary-general Uri Baram.

Labor recently completed the process of selecting the 61 men and women who will seek to represent it in Parliament. But Labor doesn't expect to win 61 seats. No political party in Israel has ever gained an absolute majority in the 120-member Knesset.

If Labor does as well as it did in 1984, it can expect to elect 44 of its people. Now the inevitable jostling and jockeying for "safe" positions on the list has begun and is expected to be hard-fought.

The crucial ranking of the candidates on the list is set for June 16. The first seven slots are reserved for the party leaders and for Minister-Without-Portfolio Ezer Weizman's former Yahad faction. There will be many disappointments.

But the mood in the party was buoyant after the 1,269-member Central Committee voted to select the largest single bloc of candidates on the list.

Of the 29 chosen, 16 have not previously served in the Knesset. Those selected, however, appeared to ensure that Labor's slate will include a substantial number of younger politicians while preserving the status of such respected veterans as Abba Eban.

"This is a festive day for me," said Foreign Minister Shimon

Peres, who as party chairman will head the list. He and Labor's No. 2 man, Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin, pronounced themselves well pleased with the mix and confident that, in Rabin's words, "With this list we can win the election."

It is the first list selected by what has been called every the new democratic process. In addition to the 29 candidates selected by the Central Committee, 23 were chosen during April and May by the various party branches in the big cities, the kibbutz movement, the moshav movement and other components.

The balance is composed of the party leaders: Peres, Rabin, Education Minister Yitzhak Navon, Knesset Speaker Shlomo Hillel, Baram, Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar and the spots pledged in advance to Weizman and his people. All are certain of election.

In the old days, Labor drew up its Knesset list in the proverbial smoke-filled room, where the party bosses closeted themselves to wheel and deal and put together what they considered a list balanced by geography, ideology and special interests.

Baram thinks the new method has "revolutionized" the party. He strongly denied a leftward list, even though the dovish Ora Namir polled the largest number of votes in the Central Committee, followed by veteran Arieh Eliav, who seceded from the Labor Party for 10 years over policy differences and supports the idea of a Palestinian state.

Baram pointed out that newcomers on the list include

dedicated hawks such as Mayor Micha Goldman of Kfar Tavor, a close confidant of Rabin.

The voting was not along dove-hawk lines and not by prior deals, Baram said. The Central Committee members simply searched for a balanced and attractive blend, he said.

Despite Baram's denials, political pundits saw in the vote by the huge Central Committee a definite swing to dovish territory.

It was apparent, they say, in the election of first-time candidates like Eli Dayan, the moderate mayor of Ashkelon, and Avram Burg, a former Peace Now activist and son of retired National Religious Party leader Yosef Burg.

By the same token, three outspoken hawkish Knesset members failed to make the list of 29. They are Yitzhak Peretz, Jacques Amir and Aharon Nahmias. None of them had been particularly popular or successful in the house. But their collective political demise is bound to be a blow to Labor's more hawkish wing.

And despite Baram's assertion that no deals were cut, the pundits maintained that to a large degree they had been. The Rabin camp reportedly reached an agreement with Yossi Beilin's Mashav group, with the result that Beilin, who is political director general of the Foreign Ministry, was elected easily, as were four Rabin supporters.

While the voting by the Central Committee was by secret ballot, the members were required to select at least five women, one Arab and one Druze.

A "Tempest In Fiber"



Pine cones, beads, feathers, bamboo, coconut husks and twigs are only a few of the elements that Judith Yaseen, shown above, has woven into this wall hanging, "Nature's Bounty." Her weavings and contemporary baskets are currently on exhibit at the Warwick Museum through June 30. See page 8. Photo by Dorothea Snyder.

Anti-Semitism Keeps Rome Rabbi Prisoner In Synagogue

by Ruth E. Gruber

ROME (JTA) — Delivering new warnings on the resurgence of racism and anti-Semitism in Italy, Rome's chief rabbi told a newspaper here that he is virtually a prisoner in his own synagogue, protected by armed guards and armed escorts whenever he travels.

In an interview published by *Corriere della Sera*, Rabbi Elio Toaff spoke of the hate mail that arrives every day. And he reiterated the charge he made that the official Catholic news media is as culpable as the secular press for distorted, inflammatory reporting on events in the Israeli-administered territories. He believes the coverage has given rise to anti-Semitic incidents in Italy.

While Toaff again charged that parts of the Catholic media are anti-Semitic, he also praised a document issued by the Conference of Catholic Bishops on May 23 that expressed deep concern over the incidents, condemned anti-Jewish attitudes and warned Italians to beware of anti-Semitic feelings.

The bishops' statement was in direct response to Toaff's charges less than a week earlier. Toaff said in the interview that he was especially appreciative that the bishops made clear that there is a distinction between Italian Jews and policies carried out by the government or political parties in Israel.

Nevertheless, the problem remains serious. "There are too many signs that racism has never disappeared, that it has smoldered under the ashes (of fascism). Even in 1938, it began on the quiet and exploded a few years later, and Jews were not the only victims," he said.

Toaff said anti-Semitic slogans are appearing increasingly on walls. Some say "yes" to a "referendum" on reopening Auschwitz and sending Jews to the gas chambers.

"Certainly, some of it is the work of neo-Nazis," the chief rabbi said. "But the thing that worries me the most isn't when it's nostalgic adults, but rather when it's young people who, I don't know where, have absorbed this type of ideology."

He said not enough is done in the schools to fight prejudice. When the interviewer suggested that Jews tend to see themselves as the main victims when describing prejudice, Toaff, who was interviewed at his office in the main synagogue, asked the reporter:

"At this moment you are in a temple, in a church. Does it seem normal to you that we have had to transform it into a bunker with so many blinds, armed guards, armored doors?"

The rabbi added, "I myself, the only such rabbi in Europe, pass my days as if I were under arrest. I cannot move one step without an escort. When I go outside Rome, one car drops me off, another car picks me up. I can't travel by train."

Rome's main synagogue, near the banks of the Tiber, and most Jewish institutions and Israeli missions are continually under heavy guard against possible terrorist attacks.

This began in 1982, after an Arab terrorist machine-gunned worshippers outside the main synagogue, killing a child. In 1985, terrorists attacked the El Al counter at Rome's Leonardo da Vinci Airport, leaving 16 dead and scores injured.

Local News

Zionist House

Sunday, June 19, 2:15 p.m. Observance of both Father's Day and Commemoration of Israel's June, or Six-Day War of 1967. Ninety-minute Israeli video in English, based on unique war footage, will be shown. Following will be a talk on the video and today's situation by a younger-generation veteran of the Israel Defense Forces, Etay Shilony, former company commander in the Lebanese War. Open to the public. Refreshments. \$3 per person. At Zionist House, 17 Commonwealth Avenue, Back

Bay, Boston. Call 267-3600 for details.

Wednesday, June 22, 5:45 p.m. Talks on "Israel's Healthcare System" and "The American Physician and the Israeli Physician," by Daniel Goldfarb, of the American Physicians Fellowship for Medicine in Israel, and Dr. Ada Goldfarb, of Hadassah Hospital, Jerusalem. Free, open to the public. At Zionist House, 17 Commonwealth Avenue, Back Bay, Boston. Refreshments available. Call 267-3600 for details.

Sons Of Jacob

Portios Korach
Friday, June 17, Candlelighting, 8:03 p.m.; Minchah service, 8:15 p.m.

Saturday, June 18, morning services, 8:30 a.m.; kiddush; Ethics of the Fathers Number Three; Minchah services, 8:10 p.m.; The 3rd Meal; Maariv service, 9 p.m.; Havdalah at 9:05 p.m.; The Sabbath is concluded at 9:06 p.m.

Sunday, June 19 morning services at 7:45 a.m.

(Rosh Chodesh Tamuz Wednesday and Thursday, June 15 and June 16 services at 6:30 a.m.

Every evening between Minchah and Maariv services Rabbi Morris Drazin will be lecturing the Ethics of the Fathers. Minchah service all week long at 8 p.m.

A Note From The Rabbi

To My Dear Friends!

On the way, to a complete recovery, with the help of G-d. I wanted to express our gratitude and many thanks to all of you for your prayers, phone calls, charity and cards. May the Almighty Bless you all with good health, happiness and an enjoyable summer

Sincerely your,
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Dvorah-Dayan

Dvorah Dayan Club of NA/AMAT/USA will hold its Annual Birthday Dinner and Installation Meeting on Monday, June 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Jacqueline Teverow, 400 Narragansett Parkway, Warwick, Function Room South A. This is a paid-up membership dinner for members in good standing. Geraldine Foster will be installing officer.

Officers to be installed are:

Jacqueline Teverow and Florence Silver, Presidium; Lillian Berlinsky, Recording Secretary; Lynn Stepak, Corresponding Secretary; Claire Limer, Treasurer; Publicity Chairperson, Esther Kaplan; Membership Chairperson, Carolyn Gereboff; Program Chairpersons, Fania Gross and Roslyn Hirsch.

A contribution of \$6.50 to pay for expenses of the dinner will be appreciated.

Officers and chairpersons of Na/Amat will be working through the summer months setting up programs for fundraising for the coming year which will be presented to the membership at large at the first meeting in the fall.

Miriam Hospital Women's Association



Newly installed officers of the Miriam Hospital Women's Association. (L-R) Claudia Deutsch, Co-President; Patricia Hairabet, President elect; and Patricia G. Cohen, Co-President. Term 1988-89.

Patricia G. Cohen and Claudia Deutsch were installed as co-presidents of The Miriam Hospital Women's Association at the group's 91st Annual Meeting May 17 at the Holiday Inn at the Crossings, Warwick. A luncheon preceded the open meeting during which a new slate of officers were elected and installed.

During the meeting, checks representing funds raised by the Gift and Coffee Shop and the Annual Equipment Event were presented to Board Chairman Edwin Jaffe. Total fund raising projects for the year have generated more than \$100,000 for the hospital.

Patricia Hairabet was installed for a second term as president elect; Dee Dee Witman was also installed for a second term as vice president. Doris McGarry served as Installing Officer, following the acceptance of the 1988-89 slate of nominated officers and Board of Directors of The Women's Association. Other officers included Roberta Loebenberg, recording secretary; Karen Scharff and Barbara Rosen, co-treasurers; Grace Alpert, corresponding secretary; Mollie Fishbein, mailing secretary; Sylvia Brown and Helen Rosen, financial secretary and assistant.

Miriam Women Hold Installation

Serving on the board of directors for two years will be: Marjorie L. Alpert, Tamara Bolotow, Ardean Botvin, Beverly Cohen, Gertrude Gordon, Gertrude Hak, Rachel Kaufman, Rachel Rakatansky, Beatrice Rosenstein and Miriam Rutman.

Completing a term of one year are board members: Rose Berlinsky, Suzanne Gilstein,

Bonnie Goldowsky, Joyce Hurvitz, June Kane, Mary Kitzes, Carol Levinger, Diane Salmanson, Phyllis Sigal and Joanne Summer.

The current slate was submitted by Chairman, Carlyn Summer. Her committee included Marjorie Alpert, Jane Jacober, Harriet S. Samors, Cathy Singer, Harri Sutton and Dr. Ruth Trieman. Dorothy Schwartz will head the 1988-89 nominating committee, assisted by Mitzi Berkelhammer, Lillian Bernstein, Fredda Dressler, Barbara Hecker, Mary Kitzes and Carlyn Summer.

Sylvia Brown and Helen Rosen were presented with the fifth Annual Recognition Award, a tribute to their years of dedication to The Women's Association and to The Miriam Hospital.

In keeping with tradition, June Kane conducted a special tribute to the life members of the Women's Association.

Suzanne Gilstein and Hinda Semonoff were co-chairpersons for this meeting. They were assisted by Harri Sutton and Barbara Rosen, reservations; Lillian Zarum, decorations and Patricia Hairabet, public relations.

Congregation Ohave Sholam

Services this Friday evening are at 8:15 p.m. Shacharis, Shabbat morning, begins at 9 a.m. with a kiddush to follow. The Rabbi will give his Mishnah class at 7:15 p.m. Mincha is at 8 p.m. followed by the Third Sabbath Meal. Ma-ariv is at 9:05 p.m. Havdalah is at 9:15 p.m.

On Wednesday, June 22, at 11:00 a.m. our Junior N.C.S.Y. is having a picnic-cookout at Slater Memorial Park. All children who will be in 5th grade in September are also invited. Bring any sport or game supplies. We will provide the food and drink for a nominal charge.

Rabbi Jacobs will continue with his Talmud class on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. The basic Judaism class will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

A future date to mark on your calendar is Sunday, July 24 at 2 p.m. On this Tisha B'Av Day Barbara Gordon the director of the North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry will deliver a lecture and present slides on Ethiopian Jewry.

This week there will be a regular schedule of services. Mornings: Sunday, 8 a.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 6:50 a.m.; Monday and Thursday, 6:40 a.m. Evenings, 8:15 p.m.

Temple Am David

Temple Am David will be hosting a U.S.Y. dance for U.S.Y. on Wheels on Thursday, June 30, from 7:30-10:30 p.m., at Temple Am David. All Jewish youth from 7th grade and up are invited. The cost of admission is \$1.00.

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Yiddish Eldercamp



1987 Yiddish Eldercamp students enjoy Elaine Strajcher's cooking class. (L-R) Charlotte Cohen, Stella Pollack, Millie Eisenstadt, Elaine Strajcher, Anita Stein and Greta Steiner. (Photo by Dorothea Snyder)

The Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island and the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island are pleased to cosponsor their third annual Yiddish Eldercamp, from July 10-15, 1988. Yiddish Eldercamp, begun in 1986 with support from a JFRI Endowment fund grant, attracted over sixty participants last year. The program, designed to explore the world of Yiddish and Yiddishkeit, will offer classes in Yiddish language and literature, in three levels from beginners to advanced, in Yiddish and in translation. In addition, classes in history, the arts, music and literature will compete each day's classes.

Teachers include Geraldine Foster, Leah Eliash, Rabbi Shmuel Singer, Dr. David Kaplan, Toby Rossner, Carol Ingall, Laura Berkson, Marion Gribbitz, Penney Stein, and Rabbi Dan Liben. New courses are being planned and other teachers are still being engaged. Use of the JCC pool and athletic facilities are available for Eldercamp use throughout the week. Classes will be held in the JCC, and students are asked to bring a dairy brown bag lunch, but coffee and ... will be provided daily. Cost for the

program, from Monday through Thursday, 10-3, and Friday, 10-12, is only \$36. A "Metsiyas."

There is a very special optional program on Sunday, July 10, in conjunction with Yiddish Eldercamp. A trip to the National Yiddish Book Center at Amherst, Mass. is planned. Aaron Lansky will speak about the center and lead a tour of its facilities. Lunch at the Yankee Pedlar Inn in Holyoke, Mass. will follow. This optional trip will cost \$22 per person, including bus transportation which will leave the

JCC at 8:30 a.m. and return between 6 and 7 p.m. This trip is open to members of the community.

Planning Yiddish Eldercamp are the following laypersons: Millie and Sam Eisenstadt (chairs), Oscar Baron, Charlotte Cohen, Caroline Gereboff, Dorothy Lippman, Mildred Marks, Ruth Ross, Eva Sapolsky, Jacqueline Teverow and Matilda Woiler.

Registration is limited so call the BJE at 331-0956 for further information and/or applications.

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Touro News Summer Schedule

The 1988 Summer Schedule for Touro Synagogue has been arranged, announced Rabbi Chaim Shapiro, the Congregation's Spiritual Leader. The schedule for Sabbath religious services are (starting Friday, June 17, 1988):

Friday evening traditional services - 7:30 to 8:15 approximately.

Saturday morning services - 9 to 11:30 approximately.

A "Kiddush" collation will be served in the Jewish Community Center Social Hall after Saturday morning services.

The program for guided tours of the synagogue will start on Sunday, June 19. These programs will be held Sunday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

For further information on either of these programs, contact the synagogue office at (401) 847-4794.

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Temple Beth David

Temple Beth David, Narragansett, will hold a Friday Evening Service this Friday, June 17, at 8 p.m. Parts of the service will be led by Louis Strauss, son of Charles and Patricia Strauss, who will become a Bar Mitzvah this Shabbat.

Temple Shalom

Tree Of Life

The Tree of Life Group of Senior Adults of Temple Shalom will hold their installation of officers on Wednesday evening, June 15 at 5:30 p.m. in the social hall of the Temple. Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer, advisor to the group will install the following officers:

President, Sylvia Baker; Vice President, Freida Nemtsov; Secretaries, Phyllis Goldberg, Mary Green; Treasurer, Lena Woythaler.

A supperette will follow the installation.

Installations

Temple Shalom, the Conservative Congregation of Newport County, held a special Tri-Installation Sabbath on June 10. Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer, spiritual leader, chanted the liturgical portions of the service and conducted three separate installation ceremonies of the incoming officers of the Congregation, Sisterhood and Men's Club.

Sabbat services will be held on June 18, as Louis will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah. Services begin at 9:30 a.m.

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

The following were installed to serve for the 1988-89 calendar year:

THE CONGREGATION - Officers and Trustees 1988-89: President, Dr. Elliot Kaminitz; Vice Presidents, Rick Kadet, Gerald Seigel; Treasurer, Stephen Schneller; Financial Secretary, Paul Zatz; Corresponding Secretary, Brad Barry; Recording Secretary, Emily Anthony; Trustees, Abraham Fischer, Barbara Goldman, David Gross, Brian Gillson, Ruth Ziegler.

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Opinion

Abraham Joshua Heschel For The 21st C

by Jacob Neusner
Part Two Of A
Three Part Series

Let me explain why I believe Heschel stands as one of the great minds of American Judaism, a model for generations to come. What then did he try to do, and what makes his intellectual work of lasting importance? Heschel attempted to create a "natural theology" for Judaism, a theology which would begin where people actually are, in all their secularity and ignorance, and carry them forward to Sinai. He did not define his task in cultural or philosophical terms. That is to say, he did not announce "his" position or "his" doctrine of evil. He did not evade the theological task by announcing his "definition of the God-concept," as if by defining matters, you solve something. What had come before him were two sorts of Judaic theologizing.

First were "scholarly" accounts of the "mind of the rabbis" and other efforts at a historical account of what some interesting Jews have thought in the past. These accounts exhibit many conceptual flaws, but chief among them is their unrelenting historicism. So far as the "scholarly" theologians have a theological agenda, it is to describe what those they regard as normative have had to say. The unstated corollary is that since the biblical or Talmudic authorities indeed are authoritative, when we have found out what they said, we have an account of Jewish theology — what we are supposed to affirm. That is why, in Heschel's days at Jewish Theological Seminary, the course in "theology" consisted in Louis Finkelstein's comments on *The Fathers According to Rabbi Nathan*, a rabbinic text probably of medieval origin. By contrast Heschel was reduced to teaching elementary courses in medieval biblical exegesis to beginning students in the Seminary's Teachers Institute, a college-age program, but not allowed to teach his own theology in the Rabbinical School. To make this point clear,

let me compare it to permitting a great brain surgeon to teach only comparative zoology to college sophomores. Heschel was not allowed to teach the subject of which he was the international master.

The then-doyen of Talmud-studies, Saul Lieberman, time and again belittled Heschel's work, both to his face and behind his back. But Lieberman never understood the difference between objective scholarly judgment and his private (and mean-spirited) feelings against other scholars, old and young. Within the range of Lieberman's vicious tongue, Heschel was the most distinguished, but not the sole, target. But Heschel was close at hand. So, as "rabbi" of the Jewish Theological Seminary synagogue, Lieberman refused for decades to let Heschel have a certain liturgical honor that, to Heschel alone, bore deep personal meaning, in the context of Heschel's own liturgical tradition. It is a mark of the character of a whole generation of Jewish scholars of Judaism that Heschel suffered the abuse, both personal and intellectual, that he received. But he suffered it with dignity, because he knew who he was, and who, and what, the other side was too. He went about his work. Today nearly all of those who hated him and could not appreciate his achievement are dead and en route to complete oblivion. Their work is consulted occasionally, but studied never, providing no model for future generations. Heschel lives on in work that enriches one generation after another. Still, Heschel's career at that school permanently stains the honor and good name of the school and condemns the second-rate and small-minded people who treated him in that way. Long after they are forgotten, Heschel will serve as a rich resource for Jewish thought and self-understanding. Their work where it bore any value at all now passes onward through the works of those who use it. His work will continue to stand on its own, to instruct in its terms for its purposes.

The second kind of theology that

preceded him was done primarily by people trained in philosophy, particularly philosophy of religion, sometimes also social thought. They would posit a static, concrete, one-dimensional "thing" called "Judaism." They would produce a set of propositions, "Judaism and..." statements, to show often, as in the case of Herman Cohen, that "Judaism and German culture" constitute the highest achievement of "man." In the instance of Mordecai Kaplan, knowledge of philosophy of religion in the model of John Dewey led to abandoning the effort of think within, and through, the classical literature of Judaic religious experience, though Kaplan knows this literature and has given evidence of deeply understanding it. Other Jewish theologians had and have a much less satisfactory knowledge of the classical literature to begin with. Heschel told me that Martin Buber, for instance, received his first copy of the Talmud from Heschel on the occasion of his 60th birthday, and thanked Heschel, saying: "I've always wanted one." For a person to claim to be a Jewish authority and not to know the Talmud is simply a contradiction in terms. Rosenzweig, much more celebrated than Heschel, exhibits a very thin

Jewish education indeed, which accounts for the external, homiletical and evangelical quality in his writing. He had to convert to Judaism at a mature age. He knew why he affirmed, but he had to learn what. His writing, in contrast to Heschel's, exhibits little profound learning. That is not to diminish the achievement of Buber and Rosenzweig, except in the comparison with Heschel. For they drew upon shallow pools but he upon the deepest springs of the Judaic spirit.

Heschel's argument was intended to move from philosophy of religion, relevant everywhere, to natural theology, deriving from the sources of the being of humanity in general (ontology), and upward to Judaic theology, revealed by God in the Torah to Moses, our rabbi. Heschel proposed to demonstrate that this way that was natural to humanity led not merely to God or generalized religiosity, but specifically to Sinai and to Torah — yet not through a leap of faith. What philosophy of religion did not attempt was the apology for the specific claims of revealed religion. What theology did not dare to do was to join natural theology to Torah. This is what Heschel proposed to accomplish — a very brave venture. His argument begins in this world, with that part of men and women left untouched by the critique of the Enlightenment: emotions and responses. He reaches into the inner life and looks for those elements which, present and accepted in a this-worldly framework, speak of the next world and testify to God, to the image of God impressed upon man and woman. People exhibit the

capacity for wonder and awe. How so? It means that not everything can be explained. The opposite of religion is taking things for granted. Wonder is a "form of thinking," an act that goes beyond knowledge.

The next stage is to take seriously the awesomeness of our very capacity to think and to respond, to wonder: "The most incomprehensible fact is the fact that we comprehend at all." Out of wonder comes awe, out of awe, wisdom: "Awe is an intuition for the creaturely dignity of all things ... a realization that things not only are what they are, but also stand for something absolute. Awe is a sense for the transcendence, for the reference everywhere to Him who is beyond all things." Awe precedes faith and is at its root — but itself testifies to its implication: "The ineffable is there before we form an idea of it. Yet what we affirm is the intellectual certainty that in the face of nature's grandeur and mystery we must respond with awe. What we infer from it is not a psychological state but a fundamental norm of human consciousness." This I take to be the ontological response to Kant. This mode of argumentation is striking, for it combines two things. First, Heschel looks for natural experiment accessible to everyone. But second, he claims that that experience constitutes the experiential aspect of the supernatural, of Torah. Therefore all things are to be linked to the Hebrew Scriptures, to Talmudic literature, to the holy writings of Judaism, above all to the experience of Torah in life.

Jewish Federation Of Rhode Island Issues Apartheid Statement

"Our Jewish tradition commands us to not only respect the rights of all people, but to work for social justice. 'Justice, Justice, thou shalt pursue.'"

These words guide our actions in the Jewish community. They are so fundamental to the purpose of the Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island that we have them printed on the bottom of all of our stationery. But it is not only because of our tradition that we in the Jewish community believe we must work to abolish apartheid. It is also because of our history.

In our minds, one of the strongest analogies to the South African Black situation is the condition of Jews in pre-World War II Germany. Between 1933 and 1939, there was no mass murder yet, but Jews faced legal discrimination and systematic degradation, spilling over into violence and murder. We felt a burning resentment at Americans and other tourists who entered Germany in the 1930's, or who attended the Olympics there, and never noticed or even asked what was going on. We feel that same burning resentment to those who go to South Africa and do not see the stark contrasts. The contrasts of the absolute physical beauty of South Africa — magnificent ocean setting, the extraordinary accomplishments in the city and in the economy, the possibilities of paradise on earth — all contrasted with the base of oppression and suffering on which all was built.

We in the United States and the West can supply the needed outside pressure and condemnation of apartheid with a commitment to a peaceful development. The South Africans are affected by the judgements of world opinion.

We, in the Jewish community cannot be indifferent to the plight of South African Blacks. We cannot be indifferent to the plight of any group, any where in the world, that is denied its basic human rights. We reaffirm our opposition to discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, or national origin. The oppression of millions of non-whites in the republic of South Africa by a racist Government has evoked world wide denunciation. Specifically, a majority of the population is denied political, legal, and economic rights solely on the basis of race.

The Jewish Federation of Rhode Island was the first Jewish Federation in the United States to

issue a public statement opposing apartheid and to divest its holdings. Partially through Rhode Island's action, this has become a national position. But, this is not enough. We must continue to fight, to pursue justice.

As in the words of the ancient Sage and Rabbi Hillel "The day is short and the work is heavy, it is not for you to complete the work but neither are you free to desist from it."

And he reminds us, "If I am not for myself, who will be for me? And if I am for myself alone what am I?"

"And if not now, when?"

This statement was issued to the group American Friends Service Committee.

Direct Invitation To Soviet Jewry

NEW YORK — The following organizations recently released a statement expressing their support for a program to secure direct invitations for Soviet Jews who wish to be reunited with their families in Israel and in the West:

American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Coalition To Free Soviet Jews, Council of Jewish Federations, Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS), National Conference on Soviet Jewry, National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, Union of Councils for Soviet Jews, United Israel Appeal, World Zionist Organization/American Section.

Joint Statement On "Direct Flights"

"We welcome the Israel initiative to secure direct flights

for Soviet Jews who wish to settle in Israel, and any positive response of the Soviet authorities and the government of Romania to facilitate this program. In order for this program to succeed, and to help maximize the largest number of Soviet Jews who wish to settle in Israel, it is imperative that the program for direct invitations from Soviet Jews settled in North America, to their relatives in the Soviet Union, be set forth quickly and effectively. The Soviet government has indicated its readiness to respond to such direct invitations for family reunification, between Jews in the Soviet Union and their relatives in North America.

It is necessary for the government of the United States to continue to advocate for the stated Soviet emigration policy on behalf of family reunification, in Israel, and the West. The United States government should continuously urge the Soviets to live up to their own commitment to the Helsinki Accords, and other international agreements regarding the basic Right to Leave."



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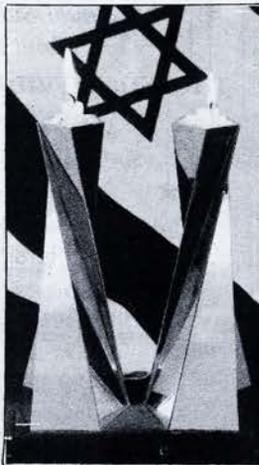
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Correspondents Wanted

If you would like to correspond for the *Herald* by writing about what is happening in your community, contact the editor at 724-0200.

Why Jewish Youth Are Not Involved

by Jerry Snell

For years, Jewish elders have cried over the fact that most young Jews have nothing whatsoever to do with the organized Jewish community. Except for the youth of the Orthodox Jewish faith and the youth of the more right-wing Conservative temples (maybe 10% of the Conservative faith), most follow the beat of a different drummer. When one studies the facts, one could, G-d forbid, praise those young Jews who are apathetic. After all, Jewish youth are told to listen to your elders and in America there just aren't that many who can turn them on. Most secular leaders are spiritual washouts who proclaim their love of Judaism by attending services regularly ... every Rosh Hoshanah and Yom Kippur. They come during Passover, Shevuos, and Succos for the two-minute Yiskor service in memory of their ancestors and depart just as fast from the Holy Day services. One former congregational Rabbi I know told me that he once thought of inviting the local fire chief to Yiskor services so he could study how fast a human can evacuate a building.

A couple years ago, Alexander Schindler, a left-wing Jewish extremist theologian urged the Jews to change their priorities in voting. He felt that Israel should be at the bottom of the barrel and the economy on the top. This was from a man who claims (and proclaims) that he is a Jewish leader. All Americans are

concerned with the economy. All Jews and Gentiles wish to be able to feed their families, but there is one big difference between the Jew and the rest of society. The Jew has the obligation to pray for Israel and help our fellow Jew, in need. If there had been an Israel, in 1933, the Jews of Europe would have had somewhere to run when the world economy went bust. The Germans loved the Jews when the economy was on the move but turned on them when there was a downward trend.

When Mr. Schindler advised American Jewry to put Israel on the low-end of priorities, he was doing great harm to Jewish spirituality. Many Jewish youth, as well as some Jewish adults, have only one connection to the Jewish faith beyond the three-day Rosh Hoshanah-Yom Kippur spectacular. That connection was raising funds for poor Jews in Israel, going to Israel to do volunteer work, and fighting for Israel in the political sphere. Alex was literally cutting the golden Jewish chain of Mitzvos (3300 years since the first Shevuos) that linked the rabward Jewish youth to our first Rabbi named Moses and the Torah he received from G-d. This was, indeed, a cruel act. Even now, Alex hasn't given up. He busily denounces Israel's "brutality" in the recent fifth-column uprising. He has inspired many Jewish youth to join the Loshon Hora Band-Wagon (using an evil tongue) against Israel. It reminds

one of the 10 spies, in the Torah, who were in no rush to get into Israel. They could only report the news that was "fit to print." Maybe the ancient version of the N.Y. Times liked their story, but G-d did not. It should be noted that Mr. Schindler's circle of friends includes such "notables" as Balfour Brickner who refers to Chassidic Jews as circus clowns and who has, in the past, aided the Sandanistas. Is this an example for Jewish youth? It is hard enough for religious Jewish youth to remain on the proper derech (path), but to tamper with Jewish illiterates (spiritually, not secularly) who are on a tightrope is like putting a stumbling block before the blind.

Lately, there has been a barrage of attacks on Orthodox (verbal, that is) Jewish leaders who have called for bringing the youth back to basics. These are carried out by Schindler-types who feel threatened by a potential resurgence of that "Old-Time Religion" ... Judaism (Orthodox-style).

When Orthodox goes on the defensive, they are accused of creating Sinas Chinim (causeless hatred) between Jews. It is an old story, as well as a painful one. The threats of Jewish political liberals against Jewish political conservatives is endless. It was even existent in Israel before and after independence. In pre-independent Israel, Jewish liberals (Ben-Gurion and fellow fighters for independence) would inform the British of the hideouts of Jewish conservative freedom-fighters. In the early 1950's (after independence), Ben-Gurion still feared losing power even though he had little opposition (the British had executed a number of political conservatives captured because of liberal informants). He feared defeat from the next generation (of

voters).

Politically-conservative Jews tended to have far bigger families (especially the Orthodox) than the liberals. Ben-Gurion figured that in twenty years, his party (Socialist Party) would lose to an alliance between Begin's Herut Party and the politically-conservative religious parties. He had a "stroke of genius." He decided that babies from Orthodox families must be kidnapped and given to childless Socialist families to raise as future Socialist voters. It sounds Orwellian, but it is true. Ben-Gurion decided to start with the babies of innocent and backward Yemenite Jews. When they came to Israel, they were put in temporary camps. Members of Ben-Gurion's plot would come to these camps to visit these new Israelis. The plotters would tell certain families how ill their baby looked and offer to bring them to the hospital for "medical attention." When families did not see their babies for hours or days, after the "do-gooders" took them for "treatments," they felt something was not kosher. Those who ran the camps told about 500 different Yemenite families that their babies had "died." After 500 kidnappings, Ben-Gurion's innercircle decided to end the kidnapping. There was fear that it would get out of hand. Yemenites were demanding to see corpses. Yemenites were demanding to see graves. Until the election of Begin in 1977, the Socialist managed to squelch any attempt to reveal the story and lose their power because of a revelation of the truth. About a year ago, the story hit the headlines again. People demanded an answer. Sometime later, the "truth" became known. The Socialist party claimed that a member of the Chevrah Kadisha

(burial society) was digging a grave (in a "certain" cemetery) for a recently deceased person and while digging in the graveyard came across the bones of dead babies. The story made the situation even more tense. Only an idiot would "dig" that story. Recently, one Rabbi in Knesset known for his "Extremist Views" demanded an inquiry into the case. All 500 sets of parents had the right to know where their children are, at once! This Rabbi was threatened with censure, losing political immunity, and arrest if he didn't stop his verbal barrage as well as his passing out of political leaflets on the subject. He practically told them what to do with their threats, especially in an election year where the Socialists are losing votes. So far, the government is still silent on the issue. What a sight for alienated Jewish youth to see ... kidnapped babies turned into a Socialist political football. No wonder youth is disgusted. The former Jewish hero, Ben Gurion, "lost his halo." Here was the man who called Begin a terrorist (and worse than a Communist) being stripped politically-naked by historical truth-seekers. When one has a hero who falls, it can often shatter the follower.

Where are the heroes. Where are the leaders to inspire the youth back to basics. Fakery just won't cut it anymore. The young Jew of today is too sophisticated to fall for patronizing by those who use and abuse others.

It is said that in the time of the Messianic age, Jewish "leaders" will be like dogs. Just as a dog always looks back to see if its master is behind him, so too with Jewish "leaders." They will look behind themselves to see if they still have followers. I tend to think the line will be short, if not non-existent.

Letters To The Editor

To The Editor:

The Herald cannot be blamed for inaccuracies in Jewish Telegraphic Agency dispatches. Nevertheless, you will surely want to correct distortions in the front page story of your June 9 issue on some of the 1988 campaigns for the United States Senate.

The JTA reporter accepted at face value the self-serving and partisan remarks of Chris Gersten, executive director of a Washington-based Republican group, calling itself the "National Jewish Coalition." A well known practitioner of political "hard-ball," Gersten claimed that pro-Israel political action committees are "targeting" for defeat Senator John Chafee who is being challenged for re-election by Richard Licht. Gersten, complaining that Licht is receiving "massive support" from pro-Israel PACs, dismissively described him as "a Democrat who is a veteran fund-raiser for the United Jewish Appeal."

The truth is, as we know in Rhode Island, that Richard Licht is serving his second term as Lieutenant Governor of Rhode Island, having won the office in two state-wide elections, while a Republican was being elected governor. Gersten is accurate in one respect: Lt. Governor Licht is indeed a "veteran," even though he has just turned forty. At twenty-six, he was the youngest Israel Bond state campaign chairman in Rhode Island history; he is also a "veteran" of the Young Leadership Cabinet of the United Jewish Appeal; and he served five terms as a Rhode Island state senator.

The JTA reporter should have asked Gersten why heavy contributions from the Greek community, proud of Governor Dukakis, are kosher, while "massive support" from a Jewish community equally proud of Lieutenant Governor Licht is trefe.

If the pro-Israel community is "targeting" anyone, it is Richard Licht, a brilliant, young, dynamic official of solid achievement and spotless reputation, an honor graduate of Harvard and Harvard Law School — targeting him for

victory as a leader in the United States Senate for the remainder of this century and well into next.

The Herald and the Jewish community deserve better of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Robert A. Riesman
Providence

Dear Editor:

The Justice Department has requested the assistance of the World Jewish Congress in seeking the whereabouts of a family known to have survived Nazi atrocities in the town of Bystrzyca during the Second world War.

The Justice Department investigation is part of its ongoing work into war crimes committed by members of the Lithuanian police during World War II.

The particular case under investigation involves crimes committed against the Jews of Bystrzyca, a small town east of Vilna and formerly a part of Poland, in the Spring of 1943 (March-April).

In search of possible witnesses to the crimes in Bystrzyca, reliable information has surfaced that an entire family (father, mother and four children) survived the events there. The name of the family is CHODOSZ.

The family was seen in Vilna after the liberation and were reported to have gone from there to Lodz, from where they most probably went abroad.

The testimony of this family could be of key importance to the investigation. Individuals with any information which could assist in the location of this family are asked to contact:

Ms. Bessy Pupko
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501 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10022
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To the Editor:

S.A.G.E., which stands for Senior Adult Group Educators, compliments you for your excellent article on our 8th S.A.G.E. concert.

Staff from the Bureau of Jewish Education, Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family Service, Jewish Home for the Aged, Leisure Club of Temple Emanu-El, Shalom Apartments and the Jewish Family

Service Mealsite at Temple Torat Yisrael meet monthly to learn about services that enhance the lives of older people and to plan centralized programming twice a year for our seniors.

This concert would not have been possible without the generosity of Mrs. Lawrence Zelkind and the many volunteers from various Jewish organizations.

Thank you and them for helping make this day so special for our older Jewish population.

Maxine Richman
Chairperson, S.A.G.E.

COMMENCEMENT ...1988

Early on in the movie *The Way We Were*, as they prepare for graduation, Barbra Streisand says to Robert Redford: "Commencement. That's a funny word to use about an ending."

Whether in fact graduation is an ending or beginning, the alpha or omega, seems academic (no pun intended) to us. *The Herald* invites information (college or school, degree or course of study, awards, etc.) and a photo (preferably black & white, 5" x 7") about recent grads dear to you. We'd like to share your pride with our readers.

And to the graduates we offer this epigraph taken from the steps of the Hopkins Memorial, Williams College in Williamstown, MA.

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Shaulsons Honored

Joseph Shaulson, a second year law student at the University of Pennsylvania, has been accepted to the MBA program at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania where he will pursue a JD, MBA degree.

Samuel S. Shaulson, a second semester junior at Boston's University's School of Management, has again achieved the academic requirements for placement on the Dean's List. Since entering the University, Samuel has been placed on the Dean's List every semester.

Samuel and Joseph are the sons of Sheila and Gerald Shaulson of Cranston and the grandsons of Etta and William Gerstenblatt, also of Cranston.

Announce your graduation, new job or promotion in the *Herald*. Black and white photos welcome.

Joe Spraragen Is Citizen Bee

Joe Spraragen of East Greenwich, R.I. will be representing Rhode Island in the Citizen's Bee in Washington, D.C. on June 19-20.

Joe's parents are Dr. and Mrs. Sanford C. Spraragen. Joe and his parents are members of Am David in Warwick.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Sholes Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew G. Sholes are pleased to announce the birth of their third child, a daughter, Sarah Debora, on May 7, 1988. Samuel Scott, four, and Benjamin Morris, two, are her brothers.

Sarah's maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jozefowicz of Cranston. Her paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leonard J. Sholes of Cranston. Mr. Julius Kohn of Stamford, Conn. is her great-grandfather.

Solomon Schechter

Welcome to NeverLand, the home of Peter Pan and his lost boys. But what is this? Wendy Darling, calmly telling stories to her younger brothers, in *Hebrew!* And Peter, dueling with his arch-rival Captain Hook, with verbal jibes in *Hebrew!*

Yes, this is indeed NeverLand, with a twist — Peter Pan at the Solomon Schechter Day School, entirely in Hebrew.

On Tuesday, June 14, the fourth grade at Solomon Schechter presented the annual Hebrew language musical to an enthusiastic audience of students, parents, grandparents, alumni and friends.

An exit poll showed that the audience found the performance "lively," "masterful," "delightful," "enchanting."

The cast featured Malka Resnicoff as Peter Pan, Abby Berenson as Wendy, Nadav Mer as Captain Hook, Marc Sultzer and Melissa Mann as Mr. and Mrs. Darling, Jonathan Rubin and Joshua Ellison as John and Michael, and Sydney Baram as Nana and Smee.

Other principals were: Matthew Bromberg (Bobby), Jennifer Rakitt (Carly/SillyTelly), Wendy Brown (Toodles/Nebus), Jeremy Sadler (Achmad) and Pamela Sinel (Billy).

Playing the Lost Boys were: Michael Roseman, Jesse Kurn, David Rosenberg, Jacob Feldman, Benjamin Rappoport, Ari Alexander and Jonah Israeli. The Pirates were: David Samdperil, David Dudek, Lisa Silver, Jason Shapiro, Katya Berezin, Evan Saltzman, Leslie Ross, Rachel Isenberg, Matthew Peiser, and Ari Missry.

Wendy Garf-Lipp, fourth grade Judaic Studies teacher, coordinated and directed this production. Student directors were Josh Ellison and Melissa Mann. In charge of lighting were Jeremy Sadler and Jonathan Rubin. The stage crew was: Nadav Mer, Wendy Brown, Sydney Baram and Matthew Bromberg.

Middle School students put on a play entitled *Sometimes in the Land of Jol*, directed and written by Mark Pierce. Participants included: Gayle Bornstein, Daphna Gutman, Hyla Kaplan, Sam Kaplan, Oren Kaunfer, Vlad Kustanovich, Alan Mizrahi, Amy Port, Liz Roseman, Rachel Roseman, Josh Schiffman and Julia Volynsky.

Fifth graders staged two trials: *The Dred Scott Case* and *The Trial of Samson*. Participants and observers agree that the cases were well argued with logic and passion. The juries involved found Dred Scott innocent, and Samson guilty. Would you agree?

Are you celebrating a major event in your life? Let us know about it! Black and white photos welcome.

Leiter — Sugerman



Amy Leiter, the daughter of Gloria and Joseph Leiter of Stoneham, Mass., was joined in marriage to Richard Sugerman, the son of Beverly and Nathaniel Sugerman of Cranston, R.I.

The ceremony took place May 14, 1988 at Temple Tifereth Israel in Malden, Mass. A reception followed at the Temple.

Debbie Stapleton, a friend of the bride, served as maid of honor. Claudia Akerstein, Betty Weintraub, and RuthAnn Sugerman, sisters of the groom, and Martha Ash were bridesmaids. Ilana Akerstein, the groom's niece, was flower girl, and Eli Akerstein, the groom's nephew, was ring bearer.

Moti Akerstein, the groom's brother-in-law, served as best

man. Ushers were David Leiter, the bride's brother; Alan Weintraub, the groom's brother-in-law; Ari Akerstein, a nephew of the groom; and Scott Weighart.

The bride is a graduate of Stoneham High School, Framingham State College, and Middlesex Community College. She is an Assistant Buyer at Cherry, Webb & Touraine. The groom graduated from Moses Brown and Boston University's School of Economics. He is employed at his father's business, Metallizing Company, Inc. in Providence.

The couple took a wedding trip to Italy and Switzerland. They will reside in Cranston.

Warwick Festival

The Warwick Festival, a three-day series of free events, is scheduled for June 17, 18, and 19. All events will be held outdoors at the Mickey Stevens Sports Complex on Sandy Lane. In case of rain, the Festival will be moved indoors to the nearby Thayer Ice Rink. Warwick Parks and Recreation is the overall sponsor of the Festival with partial funding assistance from Guild, AT&T, Sh-na-na's, Rhode Island Heritage Commission, Rhode Island State Council on the Arts and Kent County Memorial Hospital.

On Friday evening, June 17, Golden Decade, a popular oldies group featuring music of the 50's and 60's, will perform at 7:30 p.m. At a similar concert last summer, this group was so appealing that the audience demanded encores for an extended two-hour period after the concert was slated to have been finished.

On Saturday afternoon from noon until five, a Heritage Day Celebration is scheduled with ethnic foods, crafts and performances. The performance program includes the Rhode Island Bavarian German Oompah Band at 12 noon, Calypso Hurricane at 1 p.m., Tom Callinan, modern day minstrel at 2 p.m. and Pendragon playing traditional Irish music at 3 p.m. Under the direction of the

Warwick Museum, ethnic crafts such as Hmong needlework, woodcrafts, Afro-American hand-headed jewelry, stencilled items, wreaths, folk arts accessories, wampum jewelry and furniture will be available along with ethnic foods from Haruki Japanese Restaurant, Joseph's Italian Restaurant, Bangkok Cuisine, Chez Sous and others. There will also be demonstrations of such folk arts as blacksmithing and spinning. In addition, local Warwick neighborhood festivals (e.g. Oakland Beach, Apponaug, Conimicut and Gaspee) will have information booths located on site.

Along with ethnic foods, crafts and performances, Heritage Day will provide a myriad of other activities for the entire family. Children may wish to participate in a hayride sponsored by the Boys and Girls Clubs of Warwick, a dunking chair sponsored by Foster grandparents, ethnic stories sponsored by the Warwick Public Library, a community mural sponsored by the Warwick Arts Foundation, or the Children Museum's "You Who?!" exhibit sponsored by Kent County Memorial Hospital.

The finale of the Warwick Festival is the Fireworks event on Sunday evening June 19. Thanks to the generosity of AT&T, the Rhode Island Philharmonic will perform at 7:30 p.m. The program consists of classical pieces from Brahms and Tchaikovsky as well as familiar tunes from *Hooked on Classics*, *Funny Girl*, and *My Fair Lady*. As a special attraction, Mayor Francis X. Flaherty will conduct John Phillip Sousa's "Thunderer March." The pops concert will be followed by a spectacular fireworks display.

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A total of 88 former classmates, spouses, and three special guests attended the 50th Anniversary Reunion of Hope High School's January Class of 1938 at Crestwood Country Club on Saturday night, June 11.

Sid Green, Chairman of the Reunion Committee, said that former classmates came in from Florida, New York, Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts and Rhode Island including three of the original four officers of the senior class.

Much nostalgic reminiscing prevailed throughout the evening and festivities of the gala dinner-dance were highlighted by a special award presented to Miss Edna MacDonald who was their Guidance Counsellor, and 'Tongue-in-cheek' awards presented to the following:

Frances and Philip Bradley - Married longest (49 years) and most grandchildren (13); David

and Mary Joyce - Most children (7); Sheila Robin Russo - Traveled furthest distance (1500 miles); Florence Glanz Hazen - Birthday closest to date of reunion; George and Kay Gray - Anniversary closest to reunion date.

Big hits of the evening were the many nostalgic blown-up photos, reproduced from the 1938 class year book, and prominently displayed throughout the ballroom.

Also taken from the year book were the individual photos of the graduating class which were laminated on large buttons and worn as I.D. photo-name tags. Miss Edna MacDonald also celebrated, although a bit early, her 90th birthday (on July 3). She entertained her former students with a few humorous anecdotes. Mr. Paul Gounaris, current principal of Hope High School, and his wife Marilyn, were invited guests.



Reunion Committee - 50th Anniversary Reunion - Hope High School, Class of January, 1938. (Standing) Harold Gerstein, David Joyce, Lloyd Pinderhuges, Sid Green, Chairman. (Seated) Lillian Goldman Tolman, Rosalind Rakusin Herman, Adele Smith Gamble.

Children's Museum

Up In The Air About Things To Do?

The Children's Museum of Rhode Island will present a special program on the art of paper airplane folding. Learn how to create and fly such classic designs as "The Flying Wing," "The Barnaby" and others. The program will be presented Sunday, June 19 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Of special interest to pre-schoolers will be a presentation on Friday, June 17 featuring a community of earthworms. The program will be

from 10 to 11:30 a.m. or 12 to 1:30 p.m. and children will learn about the life of earthworms and how they improve the soil that they inhabit.

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

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Israel Forum

On Monday, June 20 at 7:45 p.m., Boston Friends of Peace Now will sponsor a free public forum entitled 'Israel and the Territories: A panel discussion about the current crisis and the response of the Israeli Peace Camp.'

Participants will be Bernard Avishai, Associate Editor of the *Harvard Business Review* and noted author on the Middle East; Penina Lahav, Professor of Law at Boston University; and Motti Perry, Professor of Economics, Hebrew University. The forum will take place at Harvard Hillel, 74 Mt. Auburn St., Harvard Square.

For more information please call Boston Friends of Peace Now at 437-9344.

Barrington Public Library

Art Display

Oil paintings by Jim Allen are currently on display at the Barrington Public Library. Mr. Allen, who attended Barrington schools, now lives in North Attleboro. He has education in machine design, and a BS from URI with a major in landscape design.

Jim has his own landscape design firm; his paintings have won several awards and can be found in many private collections throughout the country; they have been shown throughout New England as well as in an art exchange program in Shanghai, China.

Several paintings being shown at the Library depict Barrington areas and other scenic areas of Rhode Island. They will remain on display throughout the month of June.

Majestic Senior Guild



Betty Silberman, singer-actress to entertain at the Annual Luncheon and Installation of the Majestic Senior Guild on June 28, noon at the Venus de Milo, Swansea, Mass. For reservations contact Harold Gordon, 738-3905.

Betty Silberman, singer-actress was voted by the *Boston Herald* and *Boston Globe* as the most promising singer-actress of 1987 for her many concert appearances in New York and New England. In New York she was the lead in *The Golden Land* and *Broome St. U.S.A.* and her portrayal of Molly Picon in the production *Memories of the Yiddish Theatre* singing many songs made famous by Molly Picon. She has appeared in Monmartre, Paris and throughout Europe and just completed three years of appearances in New York.

She tours New England with her own rock group singing jazz, rock, blues, standard and musical theatre. She will be performing with two other musicians called *The Hallelujah*, Roni Bar-David, keyboards and Dror Bar Israel, saxophone and clarinet. A most entertaining and outstanding afternoon not to be missed. Door

prizes galore.

Peter Yosinoff will be the installing officer and we will have the ceremony of the lighting of the candles in celebration of our 15th anniversary.

The Majestic Senior Guild wishes to add the names of the following officers which we inadvertently omitted in the last announcement. Executive Board, Saul Goldsmith; Charity Committee, Simon Chorney; Chairmen, Pearl Stayman, Irving Zaidman.

'The Grand Tour' At Jewish Repertory Theatre

The Grand Tour, Jerry Herman's 1979 Broadway musical will receive its first major revival off-Broadway at the Jewish Repertory Theatre, 344 East 14th Street, opening on Thursday evening, June 16 (7 p.m.).

Presented by the Jewish Repertory Theatre, Ran Avni, Artistic Director, *The Grand Tour* has music and lyrics by Mr. Herman (who is also adding some new songs for this production) and

book by Mark Bramble and the late Michael Stewart. The musical is based on S.N. Behrman's comedy classic *Jacobowski and the Colonel*.

Performances are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15, weekdays; \$18 weekends. Tickets may be ordered through the box office at (212) 505-2667.



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Around Town

by Dorothea Snyder



“Tempest in Fiber”

“I love glitz!” Judith Yaseen says, her delicate finger pointing to the sequins, aluminum foil, metallic gold threads, silver hearts and silver lace she weaves into her handsome wall hangings and baskets.

Judith's extraordinary works are on exhibit at the Warwick Museum through June 30th in a “Tempest in Fiber,” which reflects her perky personality. Petite, the artist's larger wall hangings tower over her.

Judith began designing and creating her unique art baskets and weavings eight years ago. She scouts flea markets for old clunky necklaces, metallic objects, silks and linens. She weaves nature's offerings into her designs by combing beaches for shells, sea beans, starfish, sand dollars, and the woods for tree bark and pine tree needles.

Her weavings range in mood, scope and

experimentation.

“When I make a mistake, I do my best work because I'm forced to deviate in such a way to compensate for that mistake,” she says. “As a result, I've done my best and most unique pieces. It's incredible.”

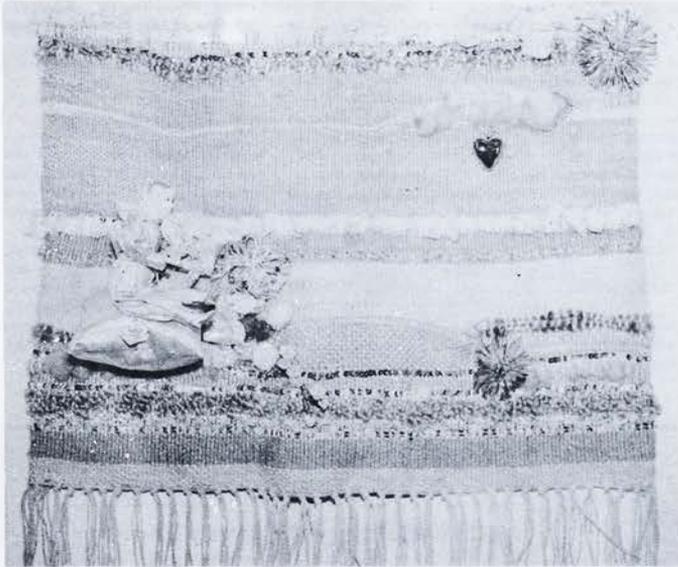
Escorting her visitor to each basket and weaving, Judith projects her enthusiasm for her art form. “I love doing this. It's fun. There are so many patterns and techniques to weaving that if I studied a lifetime, I couldn't learn all there is to know.”

Answering whether she'd be among the exhibitors at Wickford Art Festival this summer, Judith laughs with a triple wrinkle in her eye. “Besides fiber flex, rope, chenille, fleece and the countless other materials I weave into my pieces, I use brillo.

“I couldn't take a chance on rain. My brillo would start sudsing!”



Weaver Judith Yaseen displays her art sculptured basket, “Inclinations,” made with twined jute, metallic materials and accented with three metal butterflies.



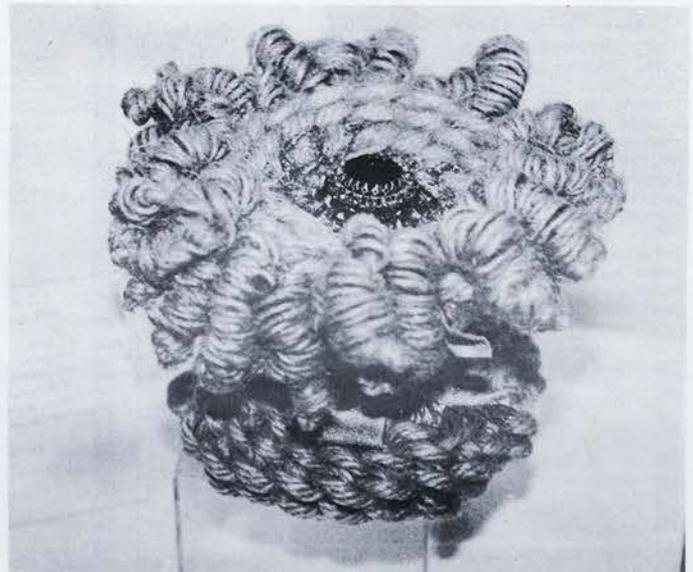
Judith also designs wall hangings for children. Above is “Harlequin on Pillow.”



“Cityscape”



The artist makes a statement against pollution in “Tossed Shoreline.”



“Shirley Temple”

Photos by Dorothea Snyder

Ugly Tie Contest

Last year, 200 menswear stores held Ugly Tie Contests for Father's Day, and all the local winners gathered in New York to decide upon the Ugliest Tie in America.

The champion was an all-silk paisley tie in white, gold and aqua, with the special feature of long threads hanging out all over it, like the hair of an animal.

The Champion Ugly Tie became instantly world-famous, eliciting such comments as:

"That tie is ugly in the dark."

"Do you have to feed it every day?"

"When you wear it, it looks like it's got you by the throat."

The "hairy paisley" was returned to its owner, a minister in Peru, Illinois, just in time for its annual Halloween appearance. But it will not be able to rest on its fuzzy laurels, because there will be an Ugly Tie Contest II for Father's Day, 1988.

Inundated With Requests

The National Association of Men's Sportswear Buyers (NAMSB), the sponsoring organization, was inundated with requests to run the contest again this year.

The requests came from editors, fashion enthusiasts, disappointed losers from the 1987 contest, and retailers who wanted to relive the fun and excitement of last year's event.

And fun is what it's all about. On the basis of intensive research,

Jack Herschlag, NAMSB's executive director, determined that there are three themes traditionally associated with Father's Day — love, sports and fun.

Greeting cards and institutional advertising address the love theme; family marathons and tickets to baseball games reflect the sports theme; and oddball events like Ugly Tie Contests generate the fun: That is, laughing with dad, not at him.

Behind It All

This spirit of fun was what inspired NAMSB's sponsorship of this event, which includes \$25 gift certificates for the winner at each store, \$100 gift certificates for winners of newspaper-sponsored contests, and \$500 for the owner of the Ugliest Tie in America.

What's more, last year's winner became a "poster boy" for this year's contest. NAMSB is distributing posters adorned with the 'hairy paisley' to announce the 1988 event.

In a way, the Ugly Tie Contest has aspects of sports and love as well as fun. Why sports? Dad has to be a real sport to be willing to see his 1956 polka dot special hanging in the local store window with the other Ugly entries.

And why love? There was a heartwarming postscript to last year's contest. The winner, Rev. James Konrad, gave his \$500 prize to the homeless. If that's not love, what is?

The Origin Of Father's Day

Mrs. Dodd had a great idea in 1910 — Father's Day! Well, 1909 to be exact. That's when the idea of Father's Day, to celebrate the dedication of her own father, and all other American dads, came to her.

But good ideas take time to gestate. And it took a year till Father's Day was born — on the third Sunday of June, 1910.

Mrs. Dodd had wanted the first Father's Day to be on her own father's birthday, which in that year was the first Sunday of June.

But fate intervened — the local ministry failed to document their sermons in time — so the first observance was put off till the third Sunday of the month, a time niche that has been enshrined forever as a national holiday, by Joint Congressional Resolution in 1971.

And, Mrs. John Brice (Sonora) Dodd had good reason for her concept. She was a product of the Far West, a child of the turn of the century.

She was reared, along with five brothers, by a loving and dedicated father, after her mother died. William Smart was a Civil War vet, and one who understood the meaning of family responsibility and cohesiveness.

So, from a small beginning in the churches of Spokane, was wrought a national and international event, with implications for all mankind.

Today, Father's Day is observed in almost 80 nations around the world — in North America, in Europe, in Africa, in the Orient and in Australia.

In the United States, more than nine out of 10 Americans observe Father's Day, a 24-hour span devoted to the man-around-the-house, out of gratitude for his caring and sharing, and in the spirit of good fun that characterizes all Father's Day events.

Father's Day has become a popular holiday because our families willed its popular acceptance. We don't take to a new holiday unless we think it best for our culture.

Thanks to Mrs. Dodd's idea and perseverance, thanks to the Ministerial Association of Spokane, and thanks to the good offices of the Spokane YMCA, the Mayor of Spokane and the other civic organizations which banded together to back Mrs. Dodd, we

have our Father's Day!

Early on, the new Father's Day caught the attention of national leaders — William Jennings Bryan, the great populist of the late 19th and early 20th century, and President Woodrow Wilson and President Calvin Coolidge, both of whom urged the citizens of these United States to pause to celebrate their dads.

But it wasn't until the National Father's Day Committee was founded in 1931 that the Father's Day movement became an organized country-wide tide. (Before then, Father's Day was loosely observed, community by community, but without the semblance of national purpose.)

Thus, long before Father's Day was proclaimed a national holiday by Congress, and President Nixon's first Father's Day Proclamation in 1972, most America had embraced the idea as "their own."

Ever since our forefathers landed in Virginia and New England, our fathers have been protectors and guardians of the family, and moral and ethical leaders in our society.

We express our love and caring for our dads in many different ways. Most fathers get a gift. Even more get a greeting card or a special telephone call from the children.

Then, there are millions of backyard cookouts, Sunday afternoon visits, family photographs and dinners on the town.

William Smart, in whose honor Father's Day came to be, passed away in 1919, but not before "his holiday" was accredited by millions of Americans. And his loving daughter, Sonora Smart Dodd, continued to maintain an active and lively interest in the movement she founded until her death in 1978 at the age of 96.

Father's Day is not in jeopardy of decline. In fact, it becomes more popular every year, and now heralds in the real summer season throughout most of the country.

Through peace and war, through prosperity and recession, Father's Day has expanded its appeal. In 1988, Father's Day reaches its zenith of celebration — and its popularity is still on the grow! Don't forget your dad on Sunday, June 19, 1988!

1988 Father Of The Year Honors List

The National Father's Day Committee has announced the 1988 Father of the Year Honors List, seven men named for their contributions and leadership posture as fathers, and for their active roles in contemporary parenting and community leadership projects.

The 1988 honored fathers are FBI Director, William Sessions; Kris Kristofferson; Bill Mazer; Chris Wallace; Arthur Ashe; Larry King; and Police Officer Steven McDonald.

Because they represent a cross-section of today's fatherhood, they do, in effect, help a grateful nation recognize all 80,000,000 American fathers.

The tradition of designating Fathers of the Year in anticipation of Father's Day began in 1942, when General MacArthur was named to the first Honors List.

Since then, famous, near-famous and unrecognized fathers have been spotlighted to represent all American fathers on the one day in the year set aside by Congress as a "day of their own."

A few of the many distinguished men named Fathers of the Year over the past five decades are Presidents Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Ford and Reagan; Senators Robert Kennedy, Ted Kennedy, Bill Bradley and Edmund Muskie; Governors Mario Cuomo, Thomas Kean and John D. Rockefeller IV; Cabinet Officers James Baker, Samuel Pierce and William Brock; plus Bob Hope, Babe Ruth, Irving Berlin, Eddie Cantor, Tom Brokaw, Dan Rather, Peter Jennings and scores more.

Continuing with its tradition of making donations to child-oriented philanthropies, The National Father's Day Committee again addressed the important

Nominations For 1989 Father Of The Year

Out of America's 80,000,000 dads, zeroing in on the unknown, and often most-deserving fathers is no small responsibility.

Maybe you would like to help the National Father's Day Committee in 1989 by submitting your recommendation for "Everyone's Father," an otherwise unknown, unrecognized father, whose dedication to his family, his children and the children of the community, plus some heroic service above and beyond the call of duty, would mark as a man worthy of a prestigious DAD Award.

Here are the guidelines for your recommendation:

1. He must be a practicing father — biological, foster, adoptive — but with the bona fides of a family man.

2. He must have a record of total involvement with his own children.

3. He must have a record of involvement with other children in the community through participation in such programs as scouting, Little League, the "Y" or any local activity dedicated to the wholesome development of young people.

4. He must be free of any litigation or court proceedings that would discredit the institution of fatherhood.

Just send your suggestion and recommendation, along with appropriate documentation, to: T.M. Kaufman, Chairman, National Father's Day Committee, 47 W. 34th St., Suite 1009, New York, N.Y. 10001.

All recommendations will be treated with confidence and submitted to the 1989 Father of the Year Awards committee for consideration.

Since Regional Father of the Year Awards are also conferred in Dallas, Atlanta, Chicago, Los Angeles and Milwaukee, your suggestions could be referred to those committees for their review.

family issues of the day with contributions to the battle against drugs and other abuses affecting the youth of the country.

In an interview, Jack Schultz,

President of the National Father's Day Committee, said, "Our fathers bear an especially heavy burden today. They are faced with drug abuse, the spread of AIDS, school drop out statistics that do not bode well for our future, and a growing incidence of teen-age pregnancy.

"Elementary and high school education is inadequate to allow young people to find even entry level jobs that will lead to career development.

"Only strong leadership in the home — and this involves both fathers and mothers, participating with their children in scholastic and leisure activities — can provide the core guidance that cannot come from government, nor the best-intentioned society.

"It gives us all a real sense of satisfaction to be able to focus on American fatherhood, its responsibility and its dynamism. With all our faults — and nobody's perfect — our fathers are leaders in th dedication and responsibility it takes to be world class parents in a turbulent world."

The Father of the Year Awards Presentation Committee was co-chaired by Anthony V. Cocheo, Morton Lehrer and Leonard Resnick.

Mr. Cocheo, speaking for the Committee and his associates noted that, "We're involved in the

Father's Day Movement because we believe that we constitute a strong force for good and an influential role in the future of the country.

"As fathers ourselves, we have a frame of reference, extracted from our own experiences, for all that we do. And because of our children, and even our grandchildren — ranging from the very young to mature adults — we're inspired by our love for our offspring to make the most of this opportunity to serve the family and community.

Dr. Frank Field, CBS-TV science and medical reporter and weatherman, made the Father of the Year presentations on behalf of the National Father's Day Committee.

The 1988 DAD Awards were presented by Dr. Field at a luncheon in the Imperial Ball Room of the Sheraton Centre New York. More than 1,000 guests from every strata of our society attended.

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World and National News

Farrakhan Continues Anti-Semitism

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Despite attempts by Louis Farrakhan to rationalize his long-expressed hostility toward Jews, there is "a continuing pattern of overt and intense anti-Semitism" in his recent speeches and publications, according to an Anti-Defamation League report on the Nation of Islam leader's public statements this past year.

Entitled "Louis Farrakhan: Continuing the Message of Hate," the report was made public by Abraham H. Foxman, ADL's national director, at a session of the agency's National Commission meeting at the New York Marriott Marquis June 8-12.

Mr. Foxman noted "the persistence of Farrakhan's anti-Semitism despite efforts to soften his public image" and gave as an example a speech made by the Black Muslim leader at the University of the District of Columbia last March. In that speech, Mr. Foxman said "Farrakhan denies hating Jews even as he scapegoats them as conspiratorial manipulators

responsible for the problems of Blacks."

Mr. Foxman quoted Farrakhan as having said that Jews "run the institutions quietly behind the scenes ... pull the strings where education is concerned ... taught us to hate ourselves."

Among other examples cited in the report was a Farrakhan speech at the University of Pennsylvania in April in which he told students that "a deal was struck with Hitler in the Third Reich that Jews would be brought out of Germany and settled in Palestine." Continuing to rewrite history in the same speech, he blames Jews for Black slavery in the United States.

The report also notes a series of anti-Semitic lectures given by Farrakhan follower Steve Cokely, former aide to Chicago Mayor Eugene Sawyer, tapes of which were sold at a Nation of Islam bookstore. The speeches, originally called to Mayor Sawyer's attention by ADL's Chicago office, charged Jews with engaging in an international conspiracy to take over the world

and suggested that Jewish doctors have deliberately injected Black children with the AIDS virus.

In addition to drawing on speeches made by Farrakhan at colleges and churches, the report, prepared by the Research Department of ADL's Civil Rights Division, also cites negative references to Jews and Israel made in the Nation of Islam's official publication, *The Final Call*.

The League points out, for example, an article in the September 16, 1987 issue which said: "The Government of the United States, and especially those Jews in positions of power, are frightened over the growing acceptance by masses of Black people of the message of Louis Farrakhan ..."

In another article in *The Final Call* (May 9, 1988), Farrakhan said: "The reason Jesus is so hated in the scriptures by the Jews is because in Jesus they see the demise of their power and sway over their own Caucasian brethren and over all the darker people of the earth."

The report includes the following among examples of Farrakhan's efforts to rationalize such previous anti-Semitic statements as calling Judaism "a dirty religion."

Speaking at Rutgers University in April on invitation from the African Student Congress, he denied being anti-Semitic and said: "... What is dirty is the use of God's holy name as a shield to cover dirty actions and hide under God's name. That is a dirty act."

The report also notes Farrakhan's latest anti-Semitic threat, made last month to a Queens, New York audience: The Jews cannot defeat me. I will grind them and crush them into little bits." It further cited the persistence of anti-white racism in the Nation of Islam philosophy, quoting a recent article by Farrakhan which referred to whites as "devils."

Wage Increases Denied; Unions Threaten Strikes

by Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The 60,000-strong civil servants union and the Histadrut's trades unions are gearing up for a series of strikes and disruptions in order to press their demands for wage increases with the Finance Ministry.

The civil servants union has announced a warning strike at all government and municipal offices, while the trades unions announced a statutory two-weeks' warning of a strike of the entire public sector to go into effect at the end of the month.

The wage increases are opposed by the Treasury, which fears the collapse of the economy.

In the health system, meanwhile, both government and Histadrut doctors continued their work sanctions in all public-sector hospitals.

The hospitals, complaining that they cannot continue to operate with present government perbed subsidies, have threatened to release into the streets some 2,800 patients, including serious psychotic cases.

The hospitals charge that the per diem rate of \$20 per bed they are paid by the Health Ministry is only a fraction of the daily sum paid to government-owned mental institutions.

Among the patients they threaten to release are 150 found guilty of murder and defined as schizophrenics.

Church Run School Tells Jewish Teachers To Accept Jesus

by Tom Tugend

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — A churchrun nursery school has told its Jewish teachers they must henceforth profess faith in Jesus or lose their jobs. In response, the school's director and all its teachers have handed in their resignations.

The confrontation was triggered by an announcement by the First Presbyterian Church of Sherman Oaks, a comfortable suburb of Los Angeles, that it will add Christian instruction to its curriculum beginning in September.

"Those who teach Christian teaching should subscribe to these teachings themselves," the Revs. John and Pamela Powell of the church declared in a prepared statement. "Christian teaching is not simply an academic matter but a matter of an entire world view."

When the new policy was announced at a faculty meeting, all 12 attending teachers, five of them Jewish, resigned, as did the school's director, Wendy Cummings. A 13th teacher was on vacation, but relatives say she, too, plans to quit.

"Our school has been for everyone," Cummings said. "How

can I explain that their teacher had to leave because she was Jewish?" "I take this as a personal assault," said Marilyn Freitag, a Jewish teacher who has been with the school for 14 years. "They're saying they don't want Jewish influence ... I think God would be ashamed of these people."

Of the school's 85 pupils, ages two to four, about half are Jewish. Jewish parents have been sending their children there because of a dearth of Jewish preschools in the area and because of the school's good reputation and its policy, until now, of encouraging faith in God without formal Christian teaching.

Legally, the church school's new policy seems to be on solid ground, according to attorneys for the American Civil Liberties Union and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Although federal law bans discrimination on the basis of religion, the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that a church may hire and fire workers for religious reasons under the Constitution's First Amendment clause guaranteeing freedom of religion.

Prayerbooks For Soviet Jewry

MOSCOW — Plans for the distribution of 10,000 high holy day prayerbooks in Hebrew and Russian — a gift to the Jewish community of the Soviet Union by the New York-based Appeal of Conscience Foundation — are being worked out this week (June 10) by Rabbi Arthur Schneier, president of the Foundation, and Rabbi Adolph Shayeich of Moscow's Chorale Synagogue.

The books arrived by air-freight from New York last Monday (June 6). They are believed to comprise the largest consignment of Jewish religious books ever shipped into the Soviet Union, and perhaps the first Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur prayer books ever to reach the USSR from abroad.

Rabbi Schneier, a leader in international efforts to promote religious freedom, said approval for the prayerbooks to enter the USSR "appears to be in conformity with recent statements by Mikhail S. Gorbachev calling for a more tolerant attitude toward religion." He called the shipment "glasnost applied to religion."

In January, Rabbi Schneier met with General Secretary Gorbachev in the Kremlin and discussed with him the role of religious communities in the process of glasnost and perestroika.

The prayerbooks will be distributed not only in Moscow, Rabbi Schneier said, but also to Jews in Kiev, Leningrad, Odessa, Riga and other Soviet cities. The shipment was timed to coincide with Rabbi Schneier's arrival in the USSR to address ceremonies in Moscow's Bolshoi Theater marking the Millennium of the Russian Orthodox Church. Rabbi

Schneier, senior rabbi of Park East Synagogue in Manhattan, was the only American Jewish leader invited to speak at the Millennium.

Books Originally Printed In Vilna 90 Years Ago

The 10,000 prayerbooks, which were printed in the U.S., reproduced two volumes originally published in 1897 in Vilna (now Vilnius), the capital of Lithuania. The city was a major European center of Jewish culture from the 16th century until the virtual extermination of its large Jewish population by the Nazis during World War II.

The Rosh Hashanah prayer book consists of 408 pages. The Yom Kippur book covers 447 pages. Both volumes are bound in cloth and measure 7 1/4 by 5 1/4 inches.

Each prayerbook bears an inscription in English and Russian explaining that its publication and distribution was made possible by an agreement between the Appeal of Conscience Foundation and the Council of Religious Affairs, USSR Council of Ministers, which is headed by Konstantin Kharchev. The gift of the prayerbook to the Jewish communities of the Soviet Union, the inscription states, "represents the objective of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation for interreligious cooperation and the strengthening of bonds of friendship, peace and understanding."

The Foundation, launched in 1965, is composed of business and religious leaders from the Roman Catholic, Protestant, Jewish and Eastern Orthodox communities.

College Offers Charney Teaching Post

Members of a five-college student movement for Soviet Jewry have succeeded in winning a faculty position at Pitzer College for long-time refusenik Dr. Benjamin Charny.

Students Concerned for Soviet Jewry convinced faculty and administration at the private liberal arts college to offer the prominent mathematician a position as visiting fellow upon his emigration from the Soviet Union.

Charny has been refused permission to emigrate since 1979. Now seriously ill with cancer and a heart condition, he seeks to be reunited with his daughter, son-in-law, granddaughter and brother, who all reside in the United States.

In a letter brought by President Reagan to his meeting last week with Mikhail Gorbachev, college president Frank Ellsworth informed Charny that "it would be a great honor for Pitzer College to have a mathematician of your international stature join our community of scholars."

Last month, dean of faculty Alfred Bloom placed a call to Moscow offering Charny the position. A crowd of students, faculty, administration and supporters heard Charny's reply: "I'd be delighted to accept your very warm invitation."

Charny added that his first step would be to "get out," and the second would be to find medical treatment.

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Heat, Arson, Destroying Israeli Forests

by David Landau and Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel's forests have been ravaged by massive fires, and experts are blaming the extreme heat, camper carelessness, army maneuvers and politically motivated arson for the conflagrations.

Although forestry experts have pointed fingers at careless Israelis, the majority of the fires, which have ravaged over 25,000 acres of land in just five weeks, are attributed to arson perpetrated by Palestinians, a new form of fighting in the "intifada," the six-month-old Palestinian uprising.

Police arrested four Arabs suspected of having ignited a significant number of fires that devastated thousands of acres throughout the country.

This latest wave of fires strengthened the belief that Arabs within the Green Line and in the Israeli-administered territories have resorted to arson as another means of political protest.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir referred to the arsonists as "those who attack our natural resources... criminal enemies."

In an impassioned address in the Knesset building made during an environmental-award ceremony, Shamir said Israel would "concentrate all our resources" on fighting this scourge.

He called upon all Israelis to lend a hand in combatting the rash of fires "that are eating our land and threatening to return us to the desert."

Fires Destroyed 120,000 Trees

The weekly Cabinet meeting heard reports on the fires that have swept the country in recent weeks. Since the beginning of May, 160 fires have destroyed about 120,000 trees and thousands of acres of grasslands.

The police have been heavily involved in fire prevention and have set up a special

fire-prevention force using helicopters as their chief mode of operation. However, Police Minister Haim Barlev told his colleagues that the police could not shoulder the burden alone.

Barlev agreed that some of the fires could be attributed to the especially hot weather that Israel has been experiencing recently. However, he said many of the fires were caused by arson.

Barlev said most fires were being started by children who were sent by adults with political motivation.

Fires reportedly broke out at 10 separate locations simultaneously, making arson a likely cause.

From north to south, fires were reported on pasture land and a grove on the Golan Heights; in the Galilee, fields in the area of Kfar Yuval and Kibbutz Hagoshrim, as well as a forest on Mount Turan; fields and a grove in the area of Zichron Ya'acov; fields along the Tel Aviv-Haifa highway, near Kibbutz Ma'agan Michael; a forest near Regavim in the Coastal Plain; fields near the Ramot neighborhood of Jerusalem and at the Eshkol Park in the Negev.

The largest fire occurred near Nes Harim, where some 1,250 acres of natural forest as well as pasture land, chicken houses and plantations were burned down.

The fires are being fought by a combination of JNF, police and fire departments, Nature Reserves Authority and volunteers.

JNF spokesman David Angel said more than half of this unprecedented increase in fires could be attributed to arson linked to the Palestinian uprising.

JNF Chairman Moshe Rivlin called it the "intifada against trees." But he also cautioned against Israelis whose "worst problem is indifference."



ADL: Bigotry Crime Data Needed

NEW YORK, N.Y. — The Anti-Defamation League has called on all states to require law enforcement agencies to collect data on crimes motivated by bigotry.

According to Burton S. Levinson, ADL's national chairman, such information is a "necessary and crucial weapon" in combatting hate crimes and in making the public more aware of the scope of the problem.

Mr. Levinson said fewer than 10 states, out of the more than 30 which have enacted hate crimes statutes, have laws mandating the collection and analysis of statistics on bias crimes, although many gather data on other crimes.

"Law enforcement authorities can deal more effectively with hate crimes," he said, "if they know exactly what they're fighting — and that means gathering and analyzing data that reveals the magnitude and scope of crimes motivated by race, religion, national origin or sexual orientation."

The ADL official's remarks came in connection with making public — at the League's National Commission meeting here — a new agency report entitled "Hate Crimes Statutes: A Response to Anti-Semitism, Vandalism and Violent Bigotry." The report includes an ADL model hate crimes statute which contains a provision calling on states to collect statistics and a proposal for police officers to receive special training to deal with bias crimes. The statute and the 1981 model law it updates were both prepared by ADL's Legal Affairs Department. Seventeen states have passed hate crimes laws that are based on, or similar to, ADL's original model.

The ADL meeting, at the New York Marriott Marquis June 8-12, brings together community leaders from all sections of the country for policy-making sessions on Jewish concerns.

Mr. Levinson told participants

that the rise in anti-Semitic vandalism during 1987 — as revealed in ADL's national annual audit — as well as such racial incidents that took place in Howard Beach, NY and Forsyth County, GA — have lent urgency to the need for laws to combat hate crimes.

At the heart of the new model statute — as well as the original 1981 version — are two key provisions: one on "Institutional Vandalism," the other on "Intimidation." The first imposes criminal penalties for vandalism of places of worship, cemeteries, schools or community centers. The second punishes crimes based on a victim's actual or perceived race, religion, national origin or sexual orientation.

"Although prejudice and bigotry obviously cannot be legislated or prosecuted out of existence," Mr. Levinson said, "passage of hate crimes legislation by all of the 50 states — along with effective enforcement, media exposure and education — is an important weapon for deterring violence motivated by racial or religious hatred."

He also called for U.S. Senate action on a pending bill to impose federal criminal penalties for damage to religious property in excess of \$10,000 and for obstructing an individual's free exercise of religious beliefs. The text of the Senate bill is included as an appendix to the ADL report, which also contains a compilation of relevant state laws from around the country.

Mr. Levinson announced that ADL will bring together law enforcement officials, sociologists, educators, community leaders and clergymen at a conference on anti-Semitic and other bias crimes to be held in October in Los Angeles.

The conference, Mr. Levinson said, will also consider the implications of the recent upward trend in bias crimes as well as legal and educational techniques for counteraction.

are to be denied those honors.

The local Synagogue Council has been trying without success to arbitrate the dispute between the synagogue and the two men. The council has also sought to clarify whether or not the Bet Din actually delivered a "ruling" on the matter.

After meeting with Bet Din Dayan (Judge) Gabriel Krausz, council president Sonny Fromson wrote Swift saying that while Krausz "deprecates" any disrespect shown the synagogue leaders, "at no time did he give an halachic ruling on this matter."

Krausz told the *Telegraph* that he did not rule on the issue because he did not hear both sides, but that anyone who "publicly snubs or humiliates members of a shul executive... has no right to expect an aliyah in the same shul."

Synagogue president Arnold Lister told the *Telegraph* that the word "ruling" has overtones that he did not intend, and that Krausz had actually issued "guidance" on the matter.

Swift and Frank walked out of a recent synagogue meeting after Swift was unsuccessful in his attempt to be elected synagogue warden. Swift accused the synagogue of unconstitutional procedures.

100 Percent Increase Of Anti-Semitic Incidents In Florida

MIAMI (JTA) — Two recent vandalism attacks on synagogues in the Miami area have increased the number of such anti-Semitic attacks in Florida for the first four months of this year to 37. That number represents a 100 percent increase compared to the same period last year.

U.S. Human Rights Official Says He And Rabin Reached Understanding

by Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Richard Schifter, the U.S. assistant secretary of state for human rights and humanitarian affairs, is said to be pleased with the understanding he reached in talks here with Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

The matter they discussed was the reporting and investigation of human rights violations in the Israeli-administered territories. This has been a sore point between Washington and Jerusalem on which the United States recently warned Israel.

Schifter met with Rabin after touring the West Bank and Gaza Strip. He expressed his satisfaction at a meeting with Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

The American official also met with Gen. Dan Shomron, the Israel Defense Force chief of staff, and with the chief military prosecutor and his staff.

Synagogue Council Launches Nationwide Voter Registration

NEW YORK (JTA) — A nationwide campaign to register 1,000,000 Jews to vote in the 1988 elections was launched here by the Synagogue Council of America.

A 16-page voter registration manual, "Getting Out the Vote," which was prepared for the council by the Religious Action Center of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, was mailed last week to 2,500 Conservative, Orthodox and Reform synagogues and made available to federations and community relations council directors around the country.

"Jews have always prided themselves on this deep commitment and participation in the American electoral process," said Synagogue Council president Rabbi Gilbert Klaperman. "American Jews have consistently maintained the highest percentage of voters in this country."

Nevertheless, he said, "we are disturbed to learn from surveys conducted by the SCA and others that as many as 1,000,000 Jews are not registered. This is especially evident in the 18-25 and 60 year and older category."

N.J. Signs Sister Pact With Israel

SCOTCH PLAINS, N.J. (JTA) — To mark the occasion of Israel's 40th Anniversary, Governor Thomas Kean and Israel's Consul General in New York Moshe Yegar formalized a "Sister State" agreement of cooperation and reciprocal benefits linking the State of New Jersey with the State of Israel, according to the Jewish Horizon.

A formal declaration signed by Kean and Yegar stipulates that the two parties are to develop exchanges in the fields of culture, education, health, science and technology, as well as encourage and promote trade between the two states.

Tuning Into Israel Radio

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel Radio International, the overseas service of Israel Radio, has just published its new schedule of North American programming.

English-speaking listeners can hear a consumer and community affairs program on Sundays, a science and technology "magazine" Mondays, religious programming Tuesday, Israeli living and the arts Wednesdays and Thursdays and a Sabbath eve program.

There is also a Saturday broadcast: "People and Issues in the News."

Programs begin at 7:00, 8:00 and 9:00 p.m. and at midnight, Eastern Daylight Time. North American frequencies are 12077, 11605 and 9435 kilohertz.

Israeli Army To Exempt Yeshiva Students

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The High Court of Justice ruled that it would not question the authority of the defense minister to exempt yeshiva students from army service.

The court turned down an appeal by attorney Yehuda Ressler against the exemption of yeshiva students from service, a practice which has been in effect since the early days of the State of Israel.

However, Justice Aharon Barak wrote in the ruling that the appellant did have a standing in the case, and that the issue was subject to a judicial ruling.

The defense minister, said Barak, had authority to "defer" the enlistment of yeshiva students as long as he deemed fit, for whatever the defense minister's reasoning.

The exemption of yeshiva students has been a controversial issue, ever since Premier and Defense Minister David Ben-Gurion granted the first exemptions.

Supporters of the exemption have argued that the study of Torah and its preservation have been just as important for the welfare of the state as military service.

Because of the exemption, tens of thousands of young Israelis do not fulfill any military duty, in contrast to the obligation of the majority of the Jewish population of Israel to do so.

their military obligations in a service which combines studies and military training.

In his ruling, Barak recommended that the Knesset adopt an explicit stand on the matter and initiate a law which would exempt yeshiva students from service rather than leave the matter to the discretion of the defense minister.

Le Pen Defeated

by Edwin Eytan

PARIS (JTA) — Jean-Marie Le Pen, leader of France's extreme right wing, was defeated in Marseille's legislative election, and his party, the National Front, was practically eliminated from the next National Assembly.

According to television projections the National Front will probably have a total of two deputies in the 577-seat assembly. This stands in sharp contrast to the 33 deputies the National front had in the outgoing Parliament.

The vicissitudes of Le Pen's National Front in this year's elections have been marked by roller-coaster ups and downs. Le Pen himself lost in the Marseille 8th District, in which he had scored over 30 percent in the first round of the presidential elections last month.

In that bout, Le Pen defeated a local Socialist candidate in a heavy campaign marked by underlying racism.

Elections were too close to call. Socialists and conservatives were running neck-and-neck, with the outcome of the general elections likely to be a hung Parliament, according to computer projections.

Polls were predicting 265 to 285 seats for both President Francois Mitterrand's Socialist Party and

the center-right alliance of the Union for French Democracy and the Rally for the Republic.

A total of 289 seats is needed to claim a majority in the National Assembly, which is the lower house of Parliament.

Le Pen said on television Saturday night that in spite of his and his party's defeats, he will continue to wage an electoral battle.

He is already preparing for the forthcoming municipal elections scheduled for next spring.

Heads Shake Over Hand Shaking Incident

MANCHESTER, England (JTA) — Banned from being called to the Torah or leading the prayer service for failing to shake hands with their synagogue's executive board, George Frank and Ben Swift are claiming they are not getting a fair shake.

But the executive board of the Great and New Synagogue here disagrees, saying the Manchester Bet Din, or rabbinical court, supports their decision to censure the two for showing disrespect for synagogue leaders.

According to a front page story in the *Jewish Telegraph*, the dispute began when Swift and Frank, after being called to the Torah recently, returned to their seats without shaking hands with members of the board.

Soon after, both received unsigned and undated letters from the board stating that they would be denied aliyot (Torah honors) and the right to lead the service.

The letters cited a Bet Din "ruling" that people showing disrespect for synagogue leaders

Your Community

An Evening For All-Stars

by David DeBlois

I quit playing Little League baseball when I was eight years old. It was the day of the final game of the season. The Championship. The Big One.

I quit when the coach of my team pinned the opposing team's coach up against the backstop and threatened to rearrange his facial features. They were arguing about which field the Championship game should be played on. It was an important argument as far as they were concerned — the Championship was on the line. Victory was at stake here. The players from both teams stood around on the field, silently watching.

That's when it finally hit me: We weren't there to have fun, we were there to win. To Win.

I quit.

In the second inning, I jaked an injury and walked off the field. I never played organized sports again.

I called Elliott Goldstein at the JCC about covering their awards night for sponsors, players, and coaches in basketball, softball, and baseball. After he welcomed the Herald's presence, I asked him what awards would be given.

"Our feeling," he said, "is that all our kids are all-stars, so everyone of them gets an award. There are no standings in our league. The kids are here to play and have fun. In addition, we have a few special sportsmanship awards. These aren't given to the best players, but to those who demonstrate the sort of good sportsmanship we like to encourage."

Finally, I thought, an organization that's doing it right.

At the awards ceremony Monday night, June 6, the kids devoured the ice cream served up in the JCC auditorium. Then, as Elliott called them forward, they all received awards resembling Olympic gold medals. One young man, after receiving his award, walked back up to the podium. "Elliott," he asked, "is this real gold?"

The evening closed with the presentation of the Sportsmanship awards. One by one, the winners were called to the front of the auditorium to accept their plaques, then moved to the side to gather for a group photo.

Congratulations are in order for all the players, coaches, and sponsors, and a special congratulatory note to the JCC, an organization that's definitely "doing it right."

Had the Mighty Casey played for the JCC, who knows — there might even be a little joy in Mudville ...



Sportsmanship Award Winners

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Flooding the front of the auditorium at the JCC, the athletes receive their medals from the coaches.



For many, the ice cream was the highlight of the evening.

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Moshe and Lazar Berman joined the other athletes for the celebration.

Business and Finance

Life Insurance Trusts: A Marriage Made In Heaven

By Lawrence M. Halperin and Marvin William Lax

Some things are just better together. Take love and marriage, for example. Or peanut butter and jelly. The same thing can be said about another union: life insurance and trusts. Separately, they are each effective estate planning tools. Together, they are doubly impressive.

Why combine life insurance with a trust? If the needs of your family are easily determined, life insurance alone may do the trick. But suppose you are looking for more flexibility. A trust can include discretionary powers you won't find in a life insurance policy. And if you have several policies, they all can be administered by one trust.

How a typical marriage works: You (the insured party) set up a revocable living trust. It gives you the power to terminate the trust, change the beneficiaries, borrow from the trust, alter the terms, or whatever. Basically, you have the ability to meet the changing needs of your family.

The trustee of the living trust is

named as the beneficiary of your life insurance policies. At your death, the proceeds are paid out to the trustee. The trustee then manages and distributes the funds in accordance with the terms of the trust agreement. This type of set up is known as an "unfunded" trust. The trustee is not involved with the management of the life insurance policies.

Alternatively, you can set up a "funded" trust, under which you transfer cash (or other property) to the trustee during your lifetime. The trustee in turn applies the funds to the payment of your life insurance premiums. In a funded set-up, the trustee is charged with the duty of actively managing the policies while you are still alive.

The benefits: What have you gained with a life insurance trust? Primarily flexibility, as noted earlier. However, the trust can also be used to protect against shrinkage of estate values, to reduce estate settlement costs, and to provide liquidity for other costs. For instance, your will and the trust can be coordinated to allow

the executor to tap the funds when it is deemed necessary. This ready source of cash may save your estate from selling off valuable income-producing property to pay expenses (e.g., death taxes and administration expenses).

Another benefit is that the trust relieves your family of the burden of managing and investing the life insurance proceeds. If you are concerned about your family's expertise in this area, you can rest assured that the funds are in the capable hands of a professional trustee.

Don't rush into marriage: Is there any reason why these two estate planning devices should not be joined in matrimony? Yes — a life insurance trust is not for everyone. And it should be considered only in the context of a well-thought-out estate plan.

Our advice? Before you say, "I do" to a life insurance trust, talk things over with your professional advisors. If they give their blessings, it should be a very happy marriage.

Jewish Business Ethics In A Time Of Self-Interest

Economics and Jewish Law: Halakic Perspectives. Aaron Levine. Ktav Publishing House, 900 Jefferson Street, Hoboken, NJ 07030. 1987. xxiii, 264 pages. \$20.00 (cloth, \$14.95 (paper).

Business Ethics in Jewish Law. Leo Jung and Aaron Levine. Hebrew Publishing Company, 100 Water Street, Brooklyn, NY 11202. 1987. 264 pages. \$27.50.

Reviewed by Charles Raffel

Translating Jewish ethics into norms and actions applicable to the contemporary business scene is certainly a worthy, albeit difficult, task. Dr. Aaron Levine, Professor of Economics at Yeshiva University, provides, in his first chapter, a concise (40-page), perceptive overview of the issues involved in comparing Jewish business ethics to general, market ethics. The variety of ethical restraints and ideals which govern Jewish business practice should prove revealing to a contemporary reader.

Levine's presentation is thorough-going and clear — and his thesis, that "the halakic ideal for the marketplace ... is to require market participants to deliberately expose themselves to objectively verifiable standards of conduct" serves as a sharp antidote to the so-called ethics of self-interest. The technical nature of Levine's presentation, from both the standpoints of economic and halakic analysis, calls for careful and attentive reading but pays handsome dividends of in-depth understanding.

Glossaries for both economic and halakic jargon provide helpful assistance to the novice in either discipline.

The subsequent chapters offer detailed and fascinating analyses of the following topics from the perspective of Jewish law: advertising, supply-side economics, social welfare, inflation, efficiency and speculation. These treatments offer a good mix of the theoretical and the practical, and Levine's analyses are invariably sharp and focused.

Levine's work is not intended as a practical handbook. One learns very quickly that Jewish law strongly opposes puffery in advertising, for example, or that bait-and-switch tactics are not to be tolerated. On a more theoretical level, Levine's analyses transcend economic analysis and lead to a provocative glimpse into the relationship between Judaism and modern society's values, in general.

In his introduction, Levine adumbrates some of his conclusions: "... Judaism is decidedly opposed to a system of unbridled capitalism"; "a 'Halakic' society" demands government regulation of environmental pollution"; "Judaism hence rejects social welfare philosophies rooted in some form of self-interest" and "Judaism does not subscribe to the ethical principle of distributive justice." These refreshingly bold assertions are qualified only in minor ways through the course of Levine's discussions. Whether he

is right or not on every score makes little difference, for Levine's analyses are geared to clarify our own thinking on problematic issues and, above all, to offer insight into the soul of the religious-legal-ethical system we call Judaism.

The late Rabbi Leo Jung's *Business Ethics in Jewish Law* contains over fifty short vignettes best characterized as sermons or sermonettes. The topics range from monopoly, fraud, protection of privacy, to bankruptcy, tenant vs. landlord issues, and copyright. Each selection presents an artful mix of Biblical, Talmudic sources, often highlighted by *takkanot*, individual communal regulations which are shaped by Rabbi Jung to make a forceful and thoughtful point about contemporary society and contemporary practice.

The strength of this work is its variety and its effective interweaving of a variety of sources, its weakness is a lack of overall comprehensiveness or coherence. This gap is somewhat compensated by the inclusion of an essay on Jewish business ethics in contemporary society by Aaron Levine, as a concluding section. This combined effort of Rabbi Jung and Dr. Levine should serve as a useful introduction to Levine's more comprehensive and expansive *Economics and Jewish Law*.

Dr. Charles Raffel is the Assistant Director of the William Petschek National Jewish Family Center of the American Jewish Committee.

Bank Hapoalim Announces Note Offering

TEL AVIV — Hapoalim International, N.V., a subsidiary of Bank Hapoalim, Israel's largest banking institution with assets in excess of \$30 billion, announced recently that it has issued \$50 million in floating rate notes, the first such offering to be made by an Israeli banking group outside Israel in five years.

The notes will be listed on the London Stock Exchange, and are fully guaranteed by Bank Hapoalim.

The eighth such issue to be guaranteed by Bank Hapoalim since 1977, the notes reflect the improved international standing of Bank Hapoalim and all of the Israeli banks in world credit

markets.

Issued in bearer form starting June 27 and ending on October 26, the notes bear a floating interest rate of ¼% above the London Inter-Bank Offered Rate (LIBOR) for a period of six months. Noteholders are guaranteed a minimum interest rate of 4¼% annually. The notes will be issued for a seven-year period and noteholders will have an option for early redemption after five years (October, 1993).

A Bank spokesperson said that the primary advantage for investors is the combination of a relative high return over a period of several years, plus the option to cash in the notes at any time

according to varying market conditions.

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Obituaries

DORA BORNSTEIN

WARWICK — Dora Rosenschein-Bornstein, 80, of 311 Greenwich Ave. died June 7, 1988, at Kent County Memorial Hospital. She was the widow of Leonard Bornstein. Her first husband was the late Sam Rosenschein.

Born in Poland, a daughter of the late Felix and Anna Weinberg, she moved from Providence to Warwick 10 years ago.

Mrs. Bornstein was a member of the Jewish Home for the Aged, the Cranston and Warwick Senior Citizens, Temple Sinai, Cranston, the Pioneer Women, the former Congregation Sons of Abraham, and was a past president of its Sisterhood. She was a holocaust survivor.

She leaves two stepsons, Barry Bornstein of Warwick and Robert Bornstein of Stoughton, Mass.; two sisters, Amalie Sandolowski of Providence, Sura Miriam Weinberg of New York, and two granddaughters.

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

HERBERT M. EISENSTADT

Herbert M. Eisenstadt, 66, died June 4, 1988.

Born in Bristol, R.I., he was a retired businessman and a World War II Navy veteran. He was

active in civic affairs in Bristol and a member of Beth Shalom Synagogue, where he was a member of the Chevra Kaddisha.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Dorothy Eisenstadt; sons, Michael R. Eisenstadt of Tampa, Fla.; and A. Carl Eisenstadt of Columbia; brothers, Lester Eisenstadt of East Providence, R.I.; and Nathan Eisenstadt of Warwick, R.I.; and a sister, Mrs. Leah Abrams of Providence; and two grandchildren.

Services were held at the Hebrew Benevolent Society Cemetery in Columbia, S.C. Shiva was held at the home of Mrs. Eisenstadt. Memorials may be made to the United Brothers Synagogue in Bristol, Rhode Island.

RUTH L. FAIN

NORTH MIAMI, Fla. — Ruth L. Fain, 88, of 300 Bayview Drive, who lived in East Providence before she moved to Florida five years ago, died June 11 at the Parkway Regional Hospital. She was the widow of Louis Fain.

She was born in Providence and was a daughter of the late Louis and Annie (Hoffman) Linder.

Mrs. Fain was a member of Temple Emanu-El and its Sisterhood, Brandeis University Women's Association, the Jewish Home for the Aged, Miriam Hospital Ladies Association, the Jewish Family and Children's Services, and the Providence Chapter Hadassah.

She leaves a son, Howard A. Fain of Providence; a daughter, Hope Fain Borish of Kensington, Md.; a brother, Kenneth Linder of Pembroke Pines, Fla.; two sisters, Charlotte Kane of Beverly Hills, Calif., and Dorothy Wolfe of North Miami Beach; 13 grandchildren

and eight great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at Temple Emanu-El, Morris Avenue at Session Street, Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

HEENIE C. FINEMAN

COCOA BEACH, Fla. — Heenie C. Fineman, 70, of 3165 North Atlantic Ave., founder of the former Wayland Office Service on Seekonk Street in Providence and its proprietor for 20 years before retiring in 1979, died June 9, 1988, at Miriam Hospital while visiting. She was the wife of Ernest Fineman.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late Charles and Sarah (Cooperman) Greenberg. She moved to Florida in December.

Mrs. Fineman was a volunteer at Miriam Hospital, a member of the Women's Associations of the Jewish Home for the Aged and Miriam Hospital, and was a member of the Brandeis University Women's Association.

Besides her husband, she leaves two sons, Charles S. Fineman of Evanston, Ill., and James D. Fineman of Manteo, N.C., and two sisters, Syma A. Greenberg of East Greenwich and Ruth Jacobs of Stonington, Conn.

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

LEON B. GREENBERG

JERUSALEM, Israel — Leon Bertram Greenberg, son of Sarah H. Greenberg of Warwick and the late Max I. Greenberg, died on May 17, 1988, in Jerusalem, Israel where he had resided since 1985.

His other immediate survivor is a brother, Dr. Robert Aaron Greenberg of Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

ERNEST RIKER

CRANSTON — Ernest Riker, 62, of 60 Vale Ave., a stock clerk for Ross Simmon Jewelers for six years before retiring nine years ago, died June 6, 1988, at the Veterans Administration Regional Medical Center. He was the husband of Betty (Feinstein) Riker.

Born in Greenville, Mich., he was a son of the late John and Georgia (Hicks) Riker.

Mr. Riker was a 14-year veteran of the Navy, retiring with the rank of hospital maintenance second class. He served in World War II and the Korean War. He was a life member of the Disabled American Veterans and the American Legion, and was a member of the Fleet Reserve.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, John Riker of Brattleboro, Vt.; a daughter, Phyllis Dodge of Jacksonville, Fla.; two brothers, Carroll Burns of Albion, Mich., and Kenneth Burns of Greenville, Mich.; and three grandchildren.

The funeral was at Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was at Rhode Island Veterans Cemetery, Exeter.

SYLVIA SALZMAN

CRANSTON — Sylvia Salzman of 38 Oaklawn Ave., died at Miriam Hospital Saturday, June 11, 1988. She was the wife of Albin H. Salzman.

Born in Providence, she was the daughter of the late Meyer and Ida (Coopersmith) Lefkowitz. She had been a resident of Providence until moving to Cranston three years ago.

She was a member of Temple Beth-El, Majestic Senior Guild.

Social Seniors of Warwick, Cranston Senior Guild and was a life member of the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a son, Marshall D. Salzman, Lincoln; one brother, Carl Lefkowitz, Cranston; and two grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was at Lincoln Park Cemetery.

JOSEPH SURASKI

PROVIDENCE — Joseph Suraski, 86, of 705 Hope St., a machinist for American Insulated Wire Co., Pawtucket for 21 years before retiring 15 years ago, died June 12, 1988, at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Pera (Kloc) Suraski.

Born in Poland, a son of the late Isaac and Faga (Parczowka) Suraski, he had lived in Providence for 34 years, previously residing in Israel.

Mr. Suraski was a member of

Temple Emanu-El and its Men's Club.

Besides his wife he leaves two sons, Isaac Suraski of Providence and Charles Suraski of West Warwick; and two grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at Temple Emanu-El, Morris Avenue at Sessions Street. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

UNVEILING

An unveiling of a monument for Albert Lisker will take place at 10 a.m. on Sunday, June 19, 1988, at Temple Beth-El Cemetery. Friends and relatives are invited.

Congressional Races '88

(continued from last week)

In the 435-seat House of Representatives, the pro-Israel PACs so far have awarded money to more than 130 members and two dozen challengers. They generally contribute to lawmakers on the committees affecting Israel, which are Appropriations, Armed Services, Budget, and Foreign Affairs.

Also, members who routinely approve foreign aid packages and oppose weapons sales often receive pro-Israel PAC contributions. On the most recent vote affecting Israel, the PACs gave funds to just three of the 90 who voted against the 1989 foreign aid bill.

They were Reps. Byron Dorgan (D-N.D.) and Richard Stallings

(D-Idaho), who were awarded a total of \$2,500, and Patrick Swindall (R-Ga.), who received \$1,500.

Despite the 98-percent re-election success rate of incumbents, the pro-Israel PACs are hoping to knock off a few unsympathetic members of the House, including Rep. Ron Marlenee (R-Mont.), whom Amitay termed "totally negative" on Israel. His challenger, rancher Buck O'Brien, a Democrat, received \$1,500 from the PACs. O'Brien attended the American Israel Public Affairs Committee's 29th annual policy conference last month.

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Jewish Roots In The Azores (continued from last week)

A video crew followed our footsteps as we strolled after lunch into the afternoon sun to the nearby Jewish cemetery. The Secretary presented us with a huge ring of rusty ancient keys to the gateway. Before they could finally be fitted into the door, we had already climbed and clambered over the wobbly stone walls. Into a field thick with weeds that choked and submerged a group of neglected gravestones of the early 19th century. Blackened among the flowering grasses, they were shaped in the Moroccan style like mummycases. Turning, I could see spread out vigorously over the central path. Surrounded by a factory and a military training ground, it nevertheless spoke of spirit. Here, I came upon the gravestone of a German Jew who had found safety here during the Holocaust and died of natural causes.

After our visit we drove among ordinary narrow cobbled streets and entered a plain but blank house. Up the indoor curving steps we stood in empty rooms. Floors sagged and gaped with holes under peeling ceilings damp beneath a leaky roof. I wandered up attic stairs into the upper balcony of a forgotten synagogue. The sight shocked me. I was in some fantasy of the end of the human world. Like finding the Newport Touro synagogue in ruins. Within this balcony a tall Elijah's chair for circumcisions lay on its side. The chandelier dangled from a crooked detached ceiling attachment. Our group moved among the scattered sacred objects, listing them, studying hints of when they last were used. I explained that the wooden boxes attached to the walls were charity pushkes. When I opened one, a black beetle scuttled out so fast I thought it was a shadow. Tephillim, the black boxes of prayers worn on the head and arm, lay unravelled under the seats. Men from our air force base in the Azores used to meet for prayer in the 1960's. After they left, no *minyan*, or prayer group, could be brought together. We could picture that final kaddish, like a poem to the lost Jewish world of this Atlantic archipelago, this Atlantis. We spoke of our dream of restoration and rededication. In the mail slot at the entrance to the building I found a note which I pocketed. It must have been left just this morning, for us, by a passerby along the lane. It read, "DEUS TE PAGUE": God Will Reward You. It confirmed my feeling that among the people doing their street errands were crypto-Jews who cared very much and blessed our presence. A town history is like your own personal identity. Your past lives continually within each present moment of your day.

At a gracious old hotel we hosted a luncheon for journalists, professors and political representatives, another of those extremely formal affairs. You

never have to glance about for a waiter. Glasses are never allowed to lower their level. The mayor of Ribeira Grande and his wife, gorgeously groomed and smiling, will visit the sister city of East Providence presently. She will sing the songs of the Azores in the Lyceum. In the afternoon we strolled to the museum. It houses arts, crafts, and a zoological collection. Paintings and sculpture are early twentieth century depictions of emigrants saying sad farewells at the docks of departure. Crafts are dollhouses for girls and metal soldiers for boys. Stuffed birds are island acores, hawks that prey on the small rodents which make up the ecology of this windswept volcanic island. Plus the skeletons of whales and sharks. The Azores haunt you with their charms. Farm women in black carry goods upon their heads. Milk is delivered in jugs from horse drawn carts. Among the tiny lavender and orange stucco houses loom the imposing palaces that function as administrative offices.

We were grandly received at the grandest of them all, the President's palace, an early Victorian household of great pomp and splendor. Entrance murals boast of the last visit of the king of Portugal in 1901. Azorean "nobility" had no blueblood. Sea captains won grants to govern. Though the palace was nouveau riche, the President Mota Amaral struck me as a regally modest, half-smiling almost fragile figure — rather handsome, a religious celibate and mystic in his forties. To elicit support for our project, I told him the tale of our Touro Synagogue, also founded by Portuguese refugees from the Inquisition. It has added much to American culture. Touro is a major Newport tourist site. Could not the similar site in Ponta Delgada serve the same noble use here? Television cameras captured the moment, as well as photojournalists. They tracked and traced our steps. We became celebrities recognized everywhere. Our story was front page news each day. A ten minute video story was shown throughout the Azores.

In fact, I was something of an outsider within the group, in my white daytime suit, not the dark attire of the Fall River component. The Restoration project and the discovery of the lost synagogue were the products of a Massachusetts organization. S.M.U. has an arrangement with the University in the Azores. I was a latecomer and gatecrasher, albeit a welcome one. I tell the Rhode Island tale. Peter Calvet of Bristol runs the Portuguese Cultural Foundation in Providence. Carolina Matos owns and edits the *Portuguese American*, a Providence-based nationally circulated newspaper. Keen, goodhumored, she narrated the entire journey for me. She came to the states from the Azores twenty years ago, deeply proud of being

American as well as Azorean. One of 13 children, she took me by cab to the village where her late physician father had kept house, tiny car, and office. Among the cottages and alleyways I thought I glimpsed the common past of many of our East Providence neighbors. Carolina returns to see her mother and her staff of Azorean contributing writers. Ever nervous about earthquake threats and land tremors, she is comfortable and curious about her own crypto-Jewish origins. The majority of our group, like Carolina, were Portuguese Catholics, impelled to rediscover the lost Hebraic world buried under that great eruption which was the Inquisition.

I promised I would close with another story about a beautiful Portuguese lady. She was waiting for me at my hotel the night we were to leave. A lovely mild-featured woman with fine almond eyes and long dark hair done up in a soft bun, wearing a white silk blouse, she sat gracefully beside her daughter, Miryam. A cheerful child, skillfully chewing and blowing pink bubblegum, she smiled at me and translated for her mother. Mrs. Sebag is Catholic, but Mr. Sebag, who died when Miryam was four, was Jewish. He had been the last sexton at that Synagogue. When they were married, he was 61, and she was 20. He told her he needed a Jewish child. He did not want to die leaving no Jew left behind to tend the chapel. They had their daughter. She promised she would raise her within Judaism. Today was Miryam's 13th birthday, it was

time for her to learn. Could we send her books about the language, the rituals, the land of Israel? I gave her a photo of my 12-year-old daughter, Emily, for a pen pal. I gave her my silver Cross pen, as a kind of Bat Mitzvah improvised gift. I embraced mother and daughter. Then I thought of a question. ... Yes, he had been a widower. But his son had chosen his mother's Catholic faith. Only Miryam was left. Mother and daughter walked out and vanished.

I am a very light traveller. I hate luggage. But I had to carry many gifts from the Azores. A bottle of passion fruit liqueur, a record given and signed by Victor Cruz, the musical star of the Islands. Books and souvenirs. But there was still something more, handed over the counter to me when I paid my hotel bill. The Sebags had returned to deliver small giftwrapped packages for my family. Seashell sculptures and combs decorated with flowers made of fishscales. In a loud world with ever fewer mysteries in the shadows, the presence of ghosts, even sad ones, provides great comfort and hidden treasure. We have some quiet ghosts whispering among us. The Portuguese within their sweet Port wines hide many memories. They make us all richer.

In a sense, there are virtually no Jews in the Azores. In another sense, all Azoreans are Jews. It depends, to some extent, on Jews from outside the Azores. They can come back. If we invite them. The restoration of the Synagogue and Cemetery will be steps toward Return.

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Labor Selects New, Younger Faces For Knesset Vote

by Andrew Silow Carroll
NEW YORK (JTA) — For Salvadorans and other refugees from Central America, the Rio Grande Valley of southern Texas is the last stop on a long road north.

Fleeing civil wars and political repression, they flood the border towns between Brownsville and Rio Grande City with hopes of winning political asylum.

Instead, they become victims of U.S. immigration policies that church workers, community activists and the refugees themselves charge are arbitrary and discriminatory.

As long as the Reagan administration continues to support the political regimes of the refugees' home countries, advocates charge, they must live in a legal limbo in one of the poorest countries in the United States.

Now leaders of Judaism's Conservative movement are calling for increased Jewish involvement in the plight of refugees, finding in their experience echoes of the Exodus and Ellis Island.

Four rabbis and four lay leaders took part in a recent fact-finding tour of the region, visiting refugees, touring a federal detention facility and meeting with both refugees' advocates and officials of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Warmflash participated in the late-April tour as a member of the Social Justice Committee of the Rabbinical Assembly, which co-sponsored the trip with the Women's League of Conservative Judaism.

In a report to the assembly that he prepared along with Rabbi Charles Feinberg of Madison, Wis., Warmflash charges that refugees face an arbitrary system of justice, are unaware of their rights under U.S. law and are routinely separated from family

members while they await the disposition of their cases.

Warmflash said the INS is not living up to the terms of the Refugee Act of 1980, which said humanitarian protection should be offered to those who have a reasonable fear that they will be persecuted if they return home. The act was meant to free asylum decisions from ideological or political considerations.

But despite the stories told by refugees of political harassment and assassination, the Reagan administration has insisted that those fleeing El Salvador, a country whose government it supports, were trying to escape poverty, not persecution. It has granted asylum to fewer than 5 percent of the Salvadoran refugees.

By contrast, over 80 percent of all Nicaraguans who applied for asylum in 1987 received it.

"The INS still carries out the old priorities," said Jonathan Moore, a paralegal and refugee rights advocate in Harlingen, Tex., who met with the assembly delegation in April.

According to Moore, who works for the Proyecto Libertad legal services project, immigration officials base their decisions to grant asylum on State Department guidelines characterizing Nicaragua as a totalitarian state and El Salvador as a democracy.

The Reagan administration has backed the army and government of President Jose Napoleon Duarte with more than \$3 billion in American aid. Those opposed to that support say the Salvadoran government has been ruthless in its attempts to suppress leftist opposition. The country has been engulfed in civil war since 1979.

But those seeking refuge from the war won a victory in early May, said Moore, when a federal district court judge in California ruled in favor of a 1982 claim by

Salvadorans that they were being discriminated against by the INS.

Judge David Kenyon based his ruling on evidence of political and human rights abuses in El Salvador, charging in turn that the INS discouraged Salvadorans from seeking political asylum.

Moore said it remains to be seen what the impact of the ruling will be. In the meantime, he said, the government still plans to build larger detention facilities for refugees awaiting hearings, even as they confine many of them to the narrow border area of southern Texas.

David Ayala, district counsel for the Harlingen District of the INS, said that the California ruling will have no effect on the operation of the INS in the valley, and denied that refugees from El Salvador are treated differently than those from Nicaragua.

Informed of the findings of the Conservative delegation, with whom he met in April, Ayala responded, "That's disturbing. I never indicated or mentioned at all that the determinations by judicial bodies are arbitrary. That is definitely not the case, and there is the Board of Immigration Appeals in Washington, should the person not be satisfied."

Nevertheless, Warmflash is now urging support of federal legislation that would offer extended voluntary departure status to Salvadorans, Guatemalans and Hondurans. The legislation would temporarily halt deportation of refugees until the situation in their country stabilizes.

Warmflash acknowledged that few Jews are affected directly by government policy toward Central American refugees. But he insisted that both the Bible and history argue that Jews have a responsibility toward strangers in their midst.

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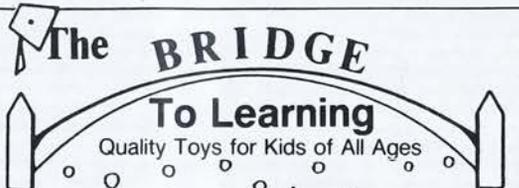


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