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## New Refusnik VISA Policy Won't Limit Freedom Of Choice

A statement released recently by Henry Siegman, executive director of the American Jewish Congress, maintains that Israel was completely within its rights, both under its own laws and international law, to expel Mubarak Awad. While noting that Israel may have committed an error in political judgment by expelling Mr. Awad, Mr. Siegman said "however one comes down on this question, Israel has done nothing illegal."

In the statement, Mr. Siegman expressed regrets that the U.S. administration has chosen to make a major issue of Awad's deportation because "no sovereign nation likes to be lectured endlessly about every minute aspect of its domestic and foreign policy. The administration would be far better advised to use its influence more sparingly and in pursuit of more fundamental questions."

The full text of Mr. Siegman's statement follows:

The expulsion of Mubarak Awad

from Israel was a legal act under both international and Israeli law.

Any sovereign nation has the universally-recognized right to expel any citizen of a foreign state who has overstayed his visa. The tourist visa on Mr. Awad's U.S. passport expired last November and he remained in the country illegally. Nonetheless, he was granted the right of appeal, and Israel's Supreme Court confirmed the government's authority to expel him.

Mr. Awad's self-depiction as a "Palestinian Gandhi" is unpersuasive. His claim upon the moral conscience of the world derives from his putative call for non-violence, but his message does not come close to meeting the standards set by Gandhi or those adhered to by Martin Luther King.

To be morally justified, non-violent resistance must be employed in pursuit of a moral objective. Yet in his principal work, "Non-Violent Resistance: A Strategy for the Occupied Territories," Mr. Awad legitimizes

non-violence as a strategy leading to a "secular democratic state on all of Palestine" — a thinly-disguised euphemism for the destruction of Israel.

Furthermore, Gandhi's non-violence was a fundamental creed, not a political expedient. When Mr. Awad describes non-violence in his treatise as presently "the most efficient strategy," but one that may "turn into an armed struggle at a later stage," he clearly treats it as a tactical, rather than ethical, proposition.

Perhaps most important, non-violence is morally compelling only when it is advocated as a substitute for violence, not a supplement to it. Mr. Awad's assertion that non-violence "does not determine the methods open to the Palestinians on the outside" of the territories nor constitutes a "rejection of the concept of armed struggle" clearly reflects his distance from Gandhi's

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## Narragansett Art Festival



Softly painted landscapes and seascapes in oils by Velta Beaugard, right, won the admiring eye of Deena Litwin, left, at the three-day Narragansett Art Festival last weekend. The show got off to a fine start with bright sunshine, but finished under blackened skies and thunderstorms. See page 8. Photo by Dorothea Snyder.

## ADL Poll: The Extent And Guises Of Present Day Anti-Semitism In The Federal Republic Of Germany

NEW YORK — Anti-Semitism in West Germany is far less prevalent among the younger generation than older Germans who lived through the Nazi period — although there are still disturbing levels of anti-Jewish prejudice among all age groups and a strong inclination to avoid confronting the past.

These are the chief conclusions reached by the Anti-Defamation League from a poll carried out among 2,100 Germans over the age of 16 by the Allensbach Institute, a leading German polling organization. The poll was commissioned by the League.

Titled "The Extent and Guises of Present Day Anti-Semitism in the Federal Republic of Germany," the poll was conducted in September and October 1987.

According to the poll, eight percent of all West Germans are "vehemently" anti-Semitic and an additional seven percent have a "definite anti-Jewish attitude," making a total of 15 percent with "pronounced anti-Jewish prejudice." But among West Germans below the age of 30, the percentage of those with anti-Jewish prejudice falls to nine percent compared to 27 percent for persons over 60.

The full age breakdown shows that in the 30-44 age group anti-Jewish prejudice can be found in 10 percent of the population, and among 15 percent from 45 to 59.

Abraham H. Foxman, ADL's national director, said the contrast in anti-Semitism between younger and older groups "gives rise to the hope that anti-Semitism in West Germany will decline even further in the years to come." He added that another source of encouragement was the fact that

82 percent of those polled favor court punishment for those committing anti-Semitic acts. But, the ADL official said, "we are, nevertheless, concerned that in a nation which perpetrated the Holocaust, and has since enacted a law against anti-Semitism and racism, a sizeable portion of the population is infected with anti-Semitism and can still avoid fully confronting the Nazi past."

Anti-Semitism in East Germany after 1945, according to the poll's introductory section, goes beyond negative stereotyping of Jews. It cited a separate, recent study of West German opinion which concluded that post-war anti-Semitism among Germans "acquires its composition and dynamics from the question of guilt."

Moreover, the Allensbach Institute said, anti-Semitism in West Germany must be interpreted in light of the fact that there is "anti-Semitism without Jews." Of the approximately half million Jews in Germany before Adolf Hitler came to power, there are only 30,000 Jews left in West Germany. Nevertheless, the poll found that despite lack of personal experience with Jews, a majority of Germans have "set ideas about Jews."

The Allensbach Institute said a previous survey it had conducted in 1986, showed that in West Germany "personal experience and knowledge of Jews are effective correctives to anti-Jewish prejudice." The lack of such experience and knowledge, the institute added, makes it difficult to fight anti-Semitism — and West Germans are unlikely to gain knowledge of Jews "as long as the population takes such a negative attitude toward debating its own

past." West German anti-Semitism, the poll found, is more widespread among Germans who are 60, who live in rural villages, are poorly educated, have lower standards of living or are "disenchanted."

Of the more than 2,000 Germans polled by the Allensbach Institute, 20 percent responded negatively to Jews when asked to react to various ethnic groups. For the under-30 age group, the figure was 16 percent and for those over 60, it rose to 30 percent. Religious prejudice, the institute added, was not a "key element" in German anti-Semitism.

In another question in which Germans were asked to select descriptions of Jews from a list of negative stereotypes as well as positive characteristics, 42 percent applied the description "clever, crafty" to Jews. This percentage, however, fell to 33 for those below the age of 30 and rose to 56 percent for the above-60 age group.

In his assessment of the findings, Mr. Foxman said that "although we are encouraged by the lower anti-Semitic tendency in the below-30 group and certain other findings in the poll, the fact that a third of the younger generation still holds negative stereotypes of Jews demonstrates the need for greater educational efforts to eradicate anti-Jewish prejudice." He pointed out that the poll data showed that negative stereotypes were held more strongly by younger Germans who did not have a secondary school education than those who did.

The Allensbach pollsters said that the range of separate questions put to the polling group did not provide a "clear idea" of German anti-Semitism. For this reason the Institute extracted

what it called "seven dimensions" of anti-Jewish prejudice from responses to all the questions. Of these seven, it concluded the questions dealing with traditional anti-Jewish stereotypes and "resentment of Jewish influence" were "far and away the most important."

Alluding to the fact that in West Germany public expression that incites religious or racial antagonism is "taboo," the Allensbach Institute said this factor had reduced prejudice and hostility against Jews — "but certainly had not eliminated it." Such a situation, it went on, has made it more difficult to gauge West German anti-Semitism and the Institute urged more "empirical research on the extent, dimensions and causes of present day anti-Semitism."

Among other findings of the poll:

— Eighty-two percent of Germans favored punishment by the courts for anti-Semitic activities. Of this group, 43 percent supported such action only in "serious cases" while 39 percent responded "yes, definitely" without any qualification. Ten percent were opposed and eight undecided. There were no significant differences reported among various age groups.

— Despite a desire to bury the past, 49 percent agreed with a statement that those who had operated concentration camps should continue to be hunted down and punished. For the under-30 age group, 55 percent agreed and over 60, the figure was 42.

— Forty-eight percent felt that it is "absolutely true" or that "there is something to it" when asked to comment on the statement that many Jews try to

use the past, the Third Reich, to their advantage and to make the Germans pay. Fifty-two percent said the statement was "not true" or "impossible to say." Below age 30, the figure for those Germans subscribing to the statement was 38 percent and above 60, it was 62 percent.

— Thirty-one percent agreed with the statement that Jews "look down" on others because they feel they are God's "chosen people" while 52 percent disagreed. Seventeen percent were undecided. In the below-30 age group, those who agreed constituted 21 percent. For those over 60, 43 percent agreed.

— Sixteen percent responded affirmatively to a statement that Jews should not be allowed to become government ministers or assume other high official posts. For those under 30, the total was nine percent and for over 60, it was 27.

In the following poll findings there was no differentiation among age groups:

— Thirty-three percent of West Germans said Jews have "too much power" in the world, 43 percent disagreed and 24 were undecided.

— Thirty-nine percent agreed that it was necessary for the World Jewish Congress to raise questions about Kurt Waldheim's role in World War II. But 24 percent felt the organization had gone "too far" and 37 percent were undecided or were not familiar with the accusations against Waldheim.

— Twenty-two percent felt that Jews are "partially to blame for being hated and persecuted."

— Sixty-seven percent agreed

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# Local News

## Sons Of Jacob

Friday, July 1, Candlelighting at 8:05 p.m. (latest); Minchah Service is at 8:15 p.m.

Saturday, July 2, morning services are at 8:30 a.m.; The Torah reading is P. "Balak". Kiddush follows immediately after Schacaratz, Ethics of the Fathers number 6. The Minchah service begins at 8:05 p.m. with the 3rd meal following immediately and before time for Maariv. Havdalah is at 9:15 p.m. and the sabbath is concluded at 9:07 p.m., Maariv is at 9:03 p.m. Minchah services for the entire week is at 8:15 p.m.

Monday, July 4 and well as Sunday, July 3, morning services are at 7:30 a.m. It is the Fast of Tammuz. Rabbi Morris Drazin will again be lecturing between Minchah and Maariv on The Ethics of the Fathers.

## South Area JCC

The Striar Jewish Community Center on the Fireman Campus in Stoughton will be opening in the Fall of 1988. Children, teens, and adults with special needs will be able to participate in social, recreational and Judaic cultural activities determined to be appropriate for their interests and abilities. In addition to Special Needs programs, opportunities will be available for mainstreaming participation in a JCC class or program to the extent that it would be beneficial. The Striar JCC has been made accessible to the needs of individuals with physical disabilities.

If you, or a family member, would like more information about Special Needs Services at the Striar Jewish Community Center, please call Hyla Shapiro, 965-7410, extension 279.

## Ohawe Sholam

This Friday evening services will be at 8:15 p.m. at the Congregation on East Avenue. Shabbat morning services, which include a Kiddush will take place at 9 a.m. Rabbi Jacobs Mishnah class will commence at 7:20 p.m. Mincha is at 8:05 p.m. Ma-ariv is at 9 p.m. Havdalah will be at 9:10 p.m.

On Sunday, July 24 at 2 p.m., Tisha B'av, Barbara Gordon (national director of North American Conference for Ethiopian Jewry) will deliver a talk and present a slide show on the tragic plight of Soviet Jewry, at the congregation. Congregation Ohawe Sholam and the Jewish Community Relations Council of R.I. will jointly sponsor this event. The public is invited to attend.

Rabbi Jacobs will continue with his courses at 7 p.m. Tuesday night and Wednesday night. Tuesday night there will be a Talmud class. Wednesday night 7 p.m. there will be an open ended discussion on the basics of Judaism.

The schedule of services this week is as follows:

Sunday, July 3 the Fast of the Seventeenth of Tammuz, morning services will be at 8:30, evening services will be at 7:50.

Monday morning, July 4, 8 a.m. The rest of the week is as follows: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 6:50 a.m.; Thursday 6:40 a.m.

Evenings (except for Sunday) 8:15 p.m. daily.

## Holocaust Memorial Museum Schedule

The hours are, open to the public:

Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; Wednesday evenings, 7-8:30 p.m.; Sundays, Noon-2:30 p.m.

Tours and organized groups by appointment. Call 861-8800.

## Concerts By The Bay

The Summer Concerts By-the-Bay Series at Blithewold Gardens and Arboretum, Ferry Rd., Bristol, R.I., continues on July 10 at 7 p.m. with an indoor performance by lyric soprano Joanne Mouradjian.

Ms. Mouradjian, a member of the voice faculty at Rhode Island College, will be accompanied by Diana Smirnov, piano, and Barbara LaFitte, oboe, in a recital featuring Bach arias, Romantic Russian and French songs, and arias from opera and operetta.

Tickets are \$5.00; students \$2.00; Tel. (401) 253-2707.

# Solomon Schechter Day School



**ART SHOW** — Solomon Schechter students Sari Peiser, Wendy Brown, Abby Berenson and Melissa Mann and Art teacher Janice Newman exhibit their work at Solomon Schechter's annual Creative Arts Festival.

## From A Teacher's Notebook

It's a rare treat to hear from teachers themselves, telling what has been going on in their classrooms, discussing their favorites from among the year's activities, putting the school year into perspective.

Here are the words of the Solomon Schechter Day School teachers themselves, distilled from their end-of-the-year reports. We begin with the Art Program.

## Janice Newman: Art Teacher

The art room has been buzzing with activity:

- **Kindergarten:** Amongst our weekly creations, we have drawn the world's largest ice cream cones (using wet chalk), decorated Elijah's cup (with craypas and glitter) and transformed a silhouette of a pair of scissors into a fantasy creature. Biggest hits: paper plate puppets and 3-D dinosaurs.

- **First Grade:** First graders have worked together to create Arbor Day tree compositions, filling the branches, leaves and tree trunks with all of their natural inhabitants. They put on their thinking caps to create fantasy electrical inventions that make their lives easier or more fun. Biggest hits: paper houses with doors and shutters that open to reveal? ... and transformations of spoons, knives and forks.

- **Second Grade:** Second graders created colorful overhead transparencies for the Art and Music Show from original lyrics to *Down By the Bay*. They used folding, cutting, and curling paper techniques to create some wild paper plate puppets, and they designed some innovative "electrical" inventions. Biggest hits: cutting up abstract claypot drawings and reassembling them, and doing observation drawings from nature.

- **Third Grade:** Third graders transformed typical musical notations into original drawings that were creative, charming, and just plain wonderful. They worked together to create 3-D Jerusalem land forms and to design Exodus murals. Biggest hits: 3-D styrofoam and pipe cleaner fantasy creatures.

- **Fourth Grade:** Fourth graders have created handmade books visually illustrating the Ten Commandments for the holiday of Shavut. They used printmaking techniques (with carrots, no less) to block print the covers and they bound their books with colored ribbons. They were excited about designing their "dream rooms" and had fun animating flip books, a sequencing skill. Biggest hits: Kiddush cups (with Ruth Berenson) and decorated boxes in which to store them.

- **Fifth Grade:** Fifth graders participated in a "paper quilt" by each making a 12" square origami "Kaleidoscope." Their "magnets for Mom's Day" were big hits and their unit on figure drawing brought very impressive results. Biggest hit: Impressionist landscape paintings.

- **Sixth Grade:** Sixth graders loved making Yemenite clothespin puppets. They were also excited about their Mother's Day magnets, animated flip books and original room designs. Biggest Hit: paper kaleidoscopes.

- **Seventh and Eighth Grades:** These students created some stunning origami designs and had fun creating "blind" contour drawings (drawing a fellow student by looking at the model only — never at their papers). Biggest hit: Shadow puppets to illustrate the Yiddish Folk Tale, *It Could Always Be Worse*.

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### Jewish War Veterans

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At their 43rd Annual State Convention held at the Inn at the Crossings, Warwick, R.I., the following Veterans were installed:

Eli Leftin, Department Commander; Joseph Dickens, Senior Vice Commander; Louis Weiner, Junior Vice Commander; Murray Cohen, Quartermaster; Charlotte Kwasha, Adjutant; Melvin Kahn, N.E.C. and Legislative Officer; Max Miller, Judge Advocate; Philip Simon, Memorial Committee; Norman Tilles, Policy Committee; David Koepch, United Veterans Council.

### MDA Benefit

As a benefit for the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Rhode Island, Friends of the West Bay Jr. Players are sponsoring a cabaret and gala evening on Friday, August 12, 1988 in the grand ballroom of the Omni Biltmore Hotel.

Tickets include dinner and cabaret and are \$35 per person.

For reservations and ticket information, please call (401) 861-1974 or mail a check to MDA, 40 Dexter Street, Providence, R.I. 02909.

### JCC Singles

Thursday, June 30, 1988 — Volleyball night at 7 p.m. in the gym. Ages 21-40.

Saturday, July 9, 1988 — "Little Shop of Horrors" at Providence College. \$5.00 for a ticket. Deadline for reservations — Thursday, June 30, 1988.

Thursday, July 14, 1988 — Volleyball night at 7 p.m. in the gym. Ages 21-40.

Sunday, July 17, 1988 — Softball game and a BBQ at a mystery location. \$3.00 per person. Call for reservations and directions. The fun starts at 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 23, 1988 — Join us at Brown Theatre for "Division Street" — \$7.00 per person. Deadline for reservations — Thursday, July 7, 1988.

Sunday, July 31, 1988 — Softball game and a BBQ at Goddard State Park. \$3.00 per person. Meet at site 51 and 52. Time: Noon. Bring your bathing suits. Call Susan Popper for details.

Saturday, August 6, 1988 — Set sail on the Bay Queen for Dinner and Dancing. \$24.50 per person. R.S.V.P. by Thursday, June 30, 1988.

Contact Susan Popper at the J.C.C.R.I. at 861-8800.

## Arthur Eisenstein Is Director Of Lecture Bureau Division

Arthur Eisenstein, of Cranston, has been appointed Director of the Jewish Programs Division of the American Program Bureau, Inc., it was announced this week by Perry F. Steinberg, APB president.

A long time Rhode Island resident, Mr. Eisenstein is the former Assistant Executive Director of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, managing editor of the *East Providence Post* and a Jewish educator at Temple Beth El in Providence, where he recently held the post of Coordinator of Adult Education Activities.

His more than 35 years of professional Jewish Communal service have also included positions as Program Director of the Jewish Community Center in Scranton, Pa., Executive Director of the Jewish Federation and Jewish Community Center in Jersey City, N.J. and Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Northern Middlesex County, N.J.

He has been an editorial writer, columnist and op-ed writer for several newspapers and a former officer of the New England Press Association. He studied at the University of Scranton, Temple University and Boston University and holds a degree in Business Administration from Bryant College, from which he graduated magna cum laude in 1961. He served as a combat radio operator on a B-29 bomber crew in the 20th Air Force in Guam during World War II.

"Art," as he is better known to his friends and colleagues, retired from Jewish communal service in 1985. He now comes out of retirement at age 71 to tackle this new position, providing a service he himself has long recommended. At American Program Bureau he will organize and head a special new division to deal specifically with program needs and services for Jewish organizations, agencies, fraternal groups and others, consulting with and arranging for lecturers, forum series programs, debates and cultural programs.

### BJE News

Planning to take your children or grandchildren to Boston's Museum of Science for the Rameses exhibit?

Call Minna Ellison, Coordinator of the Bureau of Jewish Education's Family Education Services, at 331-0956 for Rameses: A Jewish View, a teaching guide for Jewish children. This complimentary guide will be available after July 15.



"Ever since I retired three years ago," says Art, "I've been turning down job offers. After 35 years of dealing with other people's problems and needs, I felt that I had earned the time to really enjoy my own personal interests and life's real treasures — my family, my friends, my hobbies and travel. To me, that was real retirement — time for reading, painting, writing, music, stamp collecting, bicycling, trail climbing, golf and a few more personal interests, with just enough community volunteer involvement to keep my hand in."

"The offer to join APB, however, turned out to be one that I couldn't refuse. For years I had been talking about the need for full-service program agency, with enough resources, staff and

experienced know-how to do a complete job in the Jewish program field. APB seemed to offer just what I'd been looking for, and the enthusiasm of APB people behind me was just what I needed to set me going again. So it's up and at 'em again!"

The American Program Bureau has been successful in the program field for almost 25 years. With offices in Watertown, Mass., it already includes four major program divisions. The new division will be its fifth major program area.

Mr. Eisenstein is married to the former Mildred Kaiser of Scranton. They have two children and three grandchildren, all residing in the New England area.

## The Jewish Home



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Ms. Rubotzky has developed leadership programs for nurse managers and established unit based quality assurance programs. She is experienced in planning, coordinating, and delivering cost effective nursing services. Additionally, she has acted as preceptor for graduate students from Boston University, Columbia University and New York University.

Alicebelle is active in a number of professional associations including the American Organization of Nurse Executives, Massachusetts Organization of Nurse Executives, National League for Nursing and the Rhode Island State Nurse Association. She has been a member of the Advisory Board of the Center for Nursing Leadership Development, Columbia University, Deans and Directors of Greater New York and a member of Rhode Island Leadership Council of Nursing.

Ms. Rubotzky feels that directing nursing care delivery at the Jewish Home is congruent with her personal philosophy; a philosophy not so hi-tech, short term or impersonal.

The Trustees and the Board of Directors of The Jewish Home are very pleased to announce the appointment of Alicebelle Maxson Rubotzky as Director of Nursing Service. Ms. Rubotzky, B.S.N., M.A., Nursing Administration, Teachers College, Columbia University, where she is currently a candidate for a doctorate in Education, is a resident of Barrington. She began her new position at the Home June 20, 1988.

Most recently, Ms. Rubotzky served as Associate Chief of Nursing Service with full administrative responsibility for a

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# Opinion

## Kahane: Prophet Or Enfant Terrible

by Jerry Snell

The Zionist Federation of South Africa had a distinction, recently. By a vote of 8 to 6, by its executive board, it decided to have Rabbi Meir Kahane, Minister of Knesset, as a guest speaker. They had heard that he would be coming, in the future, to speak to Kach (Kahane's Party) supporters and they decided to become (as far as I'm aware) the world's first Jewish Federation to have him speak before it. When news of this spread to Jerusalem, the extremists within the Socialist Party went wild. How dare the Johannesburg Zionists decide anything democratically! How dare they invite the "anti-democratic demagogue" to their hallowed halls! Simcha Dinitz, leader of the World Zionist Congress, took the side of the extremist Socialists (he is a member of the Socialist Party) and gave the Johannesburg Kehilla a "democratic" choice. If they invited Kahane, the Zionist Federation would be forced to give up its linkage to the World Zionist Congress. If they towed the "democratic" line of Simcha Dinitz, then they would remain a part of the WZO. This sounds like the shady dealings of backroom congressional politics — otherwise known as the "Shul President is Always Right" Syndrome . . . or sock-it-to-the-Rabbi.

This is nothing new in Jewish politics. In the World Zionist elections, held a few months ago, Kach was the only political party of Zionist stature not allowed to be on the ballot . . . Shades of Marxism, no? The Socialist Party of Israel will stop at nothing to keep power. In a previous opinion article, I mentioned the Yemenite kidnapping scandal. Now things are done more "democratically." All "legal" means must be used to keep Kahane from power.

When Rav Kahane made his first run for Knesset, some years ago, he had a stumbling block put in his way to keep him from

winning a Parliament seat (In Israel, most new parties are lucky if they win one seat, never mind two or three). To win one of the 120 Knesset seats, a political party list had to get one out of 120 votes cast on election day. If the party garnered two out of 120 votes, then the top two would get seats. If a party garnered 61 out of 120, they would get 61 seats and the top man on the list would be Prime Minister (no party has ever hit the magic 61). The Socialist Party and Capitalist Likud Party (that feared losing voters to Kahane) passed the Bader-Ofar bill stating that to obtain seat #1, one must get 1% of the vote, not one out of 120. Not that far down the road, Mr. Ofar (one of the bill's sponsors) committed suicide when being investigated for political misconduct (on another political issue).

After a couple of unsuccessful runs, Rabbi Kahane finally won one seat. There was a hue and cry. Some extremists suggested that things be made tougher for 1988's ground rules. Some suggested that a party list must get a minimum of 2% of the vote to get the first two seats. Others suggested the Scandinavian Parliament plan . . . 5% of the vote as a base to get the first six seats on the party list. So far 1% is still sticking.

The Socialists decided on new political trickery. Rabbi Kahane would not be allowed to talk on Israeli TV (only the other 119 would have the right). Israeli TV would only allow "legitimate" politicians to speak before the nation. In another dastardly move, he lost the right to send political mail at no expense since his mail was deemed "racist" (controversial). They even tried to order Rabbi Kahane to give up his U.S. citizenship or lose his Knesset seat. When Socialist Golda Meir was Israeli Prime Minister, she was still an American citizen. When it comes to ostracizing competitors, the Socialists can change the rules and ruin anyone who would dare stand before their political steamroller. It has gotten so bad that Rabbi Kahane is denounced by some leftists for

using Torah in his speeches. These atheists decry Torah as a lot of "racist" views that don't deserve to be spoken in Parliament.

One wonders how far Shimon Peres will go in his campaign to discredit Kahane, before the election. One can recall the way he once tried to destroy Begin, politically, by spreading rumors that Menachem was a "druggie." The Sephardic Jews, who adore Begin, were angered. They got a chance to get even . . . Israeli-style. The Moroccan Jews were holding their annual Mimouna picnic, the day after Pesach. Peres decided to walk amongst "potential voters." When the Moroccans saw him coming to their affair (after the druggie rumor), they pelted Shimon Peres with their leftovers. Peres left in embarrassment. To make things worse, he claimed Begin's inner circle was responsible for the garbage throwing incident. I believe it was around the same time that one of Peres' show business friends (Israeli) told a Socialist gathering that an Israeli (he meant European Ashkenazi) should never vote for Begin in future elections because he is supported by Niggers (meaning Sephardic dark-skinned Jews). The entertainer, that Peres did not denounce as racist, had to go into hiding for a while to avoid getting the beating of his life.

What has Kahane done to make some call him a prophet (political prophet, that is). In the late sixties, he warned the Jews that eventually, they would be facing danger from world extremist groups. Most Jews laughed. Even today, Jews laugh off the racist Le Pen of France or Nazis who have

run for political office in the U.S. and, while doing poorly, still received thousands of votes. Imagine how Kahane looked to leftists when he announced these events, years in advance. After Israel's 39th anniversary, he made a prediction that the Arab fifth column would rise up and try to destroy Israel, from within, before its 40th anniversary. Once again people laughed. They could not believe that after forty years of wandering in the political desert, the Jews would lose control of their homeland in 1988. Now the bitter truth is before us. Jews are attacked daily, in their own land. Arab dead are mentioned on Page One. Jewish dead, if mentioned at all, are on the least read pages in most of the World's newspapers. Most U.S. Jews do not even realize that not a day goes by in Israel without the rape or murder or attempted murder of Jews by fifth columnists. These comfortable Jews do not realize that there is a tough world outside of the U.S. One cannot believe the lack of knowledge about Israel by young Jewish "leaders" in R.I. and the U.S., as well as the naivete of their elders. I can recall one of the naive older "leaders" of R.I. Jewry claiming that the murder and rape of Jews in Israel was merely an extension of the World breakdown of law and order. How pathetic! A PLO supporter rapes and murders, but Jewish elders classify it as an ordinary crime. Rabbi Kahane calls it as he sees it. It is an attempt to wipe out the Jewish state. There is one middle-age R.I. Jewish "leader" who gave up his love of Jabotinsky's politics (considered the "enfant terrible" of pre-World War II Europe) in order to rise in the R.I. Jewish "leadership," which is liberal. He has refused to read anything about Kahane, but denounced Kahane in the public newspaper a couple of years ago. How can one attack another without prior knowledge? I can understand the agony in Kahane's soul. He attempts to help fellow Jews and gets verbally as well as physically assaulted for it.

I was shocked when one couple, who had been to Israel, told me of

the level of hate against Rav Kahane. There are Israelis, of German extraction, who give a Zeig Heil to Kahane when he is spotted on the street. There are volunteer workers who are "fired" when it is found out that they support Kach. I was informed about a returned New Yorker who volunteered to be a school crossing guard. When it was found out that he was a Kach supporter, he was "fired" from his volunteer job.

Jewish "vigilantes" are thrown in jail for protecting their families, while Arab PLO supporters, in Israel's jails, get off with a slap on the wrist, for murder. Some released murderers open successful businesses in Judea and Samaria while the Jewish "vigilantes" rot in jail. (They are known as the Jewish Underground.) One N.Y. lawyer, speaking last year in the Catskills, told of how the Israel Secret Police would burn the skin of Jewish vigilantes with cigarettes to get a "confession" of "wrong-doing," while information gathered from PLO supporters in the jails was done by means of giving them starvation rations. Imagine, if you will, a Jewish State in which Jews are burned with hot cigarettes. This is the same Jewish State that denounced Syria's Secret Police (about 15 years ago) for rounding up Jewish girls for "interrogation" and, while doing so, lit up cigarettes and put them out on the breasts of these helpless girls.

I know that weak-kneed liberals in this community would prefer it if political conservatives, such as myself, would give up writing in this community (as well as give up political activist activities). They feel that problems will cease, if the loyal opposition rolls up and dies. It would be more advantageous if these liberals would debate conservatives in the R.I. Herald or at a public forum.

I am willing to debate. Let us fight through the issues concerning Israel's future. Let us, also, decide once and for all whether Rav Kahane is a prophet or an enfant terrible.

## Letters To The Editor

### To the Editor:

Another stultifying diatribe from the pen of Jerry Snell (Why Jewish Youth Are Not Involved, Herald, June 16, 1988).

Mr. Snell, you need some balance. In exhorting our Jewish youth to emulate their elders, or, at least play "follow-the-leader," you either go too far or not far enough. While there are undoubtedly Conservative, Reform and Secular Jews whose example I would not want my kids to follow, neither would I want them to believe that all the guys in the black hats are good guys, either. If you are professing to be one of vaunted elders whose leadership they should emulate, I wouldn't want them following your example either!

You get no further than your second paragraph before you are inciting them to disrespect. Alexander Schindler, sir, is a Rabbi, whether you agree with his views or not. Personally, I can't agree with some of his statements either, but I would not commit the unpardonable disrespect of calling him "Mister" Schindler. After all, I've seen you use the title with rabbis for less worthy of the honor than Rabbi Schindler.

Rabbi Schindler certainly needs no defense from me, but perhaps he sees the Jewish obligation as more than "praying" for Israel or caring for the Jewish needy. Perhaps he sees our obligation as caring for the needy, not only the Jewish needy, in which case our economy is a significant factor, not to be overlooked while our "leaders" are praying.

On the subject of Israel, by the way, Mr. Snell, you are no doubt aware that some of the leaders whom you would have our kids follow did little, if anything, to bring the State of Israel to glorious

life after 2,000 years. While they sat around wailing, and in one case even plotting to turn Jerusalem over to the Arabs to satisfy their misguided beliefs, others were sacrificing their lives to get Jerusalem back for their people.

Even today, some "leaders" in Israel tell their young men not to fight for its defense, while they take unashamed advantage of every benefit the state has to offer, while fulfilling none of its obligations. Is this the type of leadership you advocate our young to follow? You're right. No wonder youth are disgusted.

There's more. Your article reeks of intolerance for other Jews who do not espouse religious anachronism (pardon me, "tradition"). You want Jewish youth brought back to "basics." Whose "basics," Mr. Snell. What basics? The basics of disrespect and intolerance for the beliefs of Jews other than yourself? The basics of permitting one Jewish sect (and I do not choose that word carelessly) to have the supreme right to decide who is or is not a Jew? To rule on who is fit to go to Israel? To rule on whether or not Jewish women deserve rights that fit the age in which we live? What is this, do we have a super-Chosen People within the Chosen People? And that fraternity does not include Conservative or Reform Jews!

You talk of right-wing and left-wing and conservatives (or is it Conservatives?) and liberals as though those classifications were praiseworthy or condemnatory. If Judaism were meant to "fly on the wings of eagles," I'd like to know how it can be done without both a right and left wing. I know of no flying bird, even though it may be only a parrot, which can spread the

word while flying on one wing.

One could go on and on, as you did, but I have a couple of "quickness" about leadership that I'd like explained. First of all, I'd like to see some confirming documentation on your tale about Ben Gurion and the "kidnapped" Yemenite babies — at least more than "they say," or "he said," etc.

Here's another: How do Orthodox rabbis (although not all of them) manage to bend some phases of what they profess to be immutable Jewish law when it suits their purposes, while insisting that others give that law unwavering and unquestioned obedience? "Basics," so to speak.

Why do some rabbis tie strings around part of a community to "shrink" it within the bounds of "Sabbath acceptability," while others rule that it is all right for observing Jews to perform the sacrilegious work of chucking rocks on the Sabbath — at other Jews, no less.

No wonder the Palestinian kids believe it to be all right to chuck cobblestones — even on the Sabbath. "Hey, look there, Omar" these Jews even chuck rocks at each other. Pass the pile.

In short, Mr. Snell, the age of the dinosaur will not return to this earth — or to Judaism, either. Jewish youth are as involved as we can expect them to be. Given the example of their elders, it is little wonder that some of them want to find a sane pathway through the inconsistent, fractious, self-serving, intolerant and sometimes disgusting actions and pretensions of their elders — of every denomination — before following their lead. That's a basic, sir.

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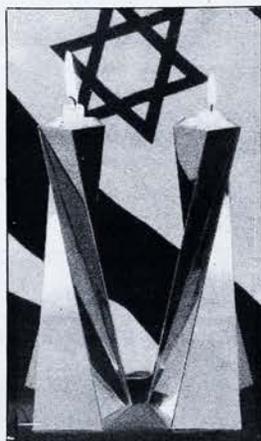
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## Dangerous Overkill

by Seymour D. Reich

The American Jewish community must be alerted to an issue of great moment taking place in many state legislatures across this country.

A measure has been proposed calling on the United States Congress to sanction a constitutional convention for the purpose of considering an amendment requiring a balanced federal budget. There is great concern that the convening of a new national constitutional convention poses a potential threat to our pluralistic democracy, and, indeed, to our American way of life.

Regardless of opinions as to the need and desirability of mandating a balanced budget in the U.S. Constitution, the American Jewish community should be single-minded that opening the Constitution to change, through the extraordinary method of a convention — the first since 1787 — carries unacceptable risks, because it invites tampering with our basic freedoms. Many constitutional experts fear that even the Bill of Rights — the cornerstone of American democracy — would not be secure.

Judging by the nature and agenda of the groups pressing for a new convention, many of these groups are seeking more than a balanced budget amendment. Some of them have made no secret that they are looking for fundamental changes in the document that has served our nation so well for nearly 200 years, including revisions of Articles One and Four of the Bill of Rights.

A great many legal scholars are convinced that, once a convention begins, there are no restraints on what it can consider, even if the reason for convening was as specific as a balanced budget amendment. In theory, the delegates to a convention could rewrite the Constitution altogether, just as the first Convention, mandated to rewrite the Articles of Confederation, decided to recommend a radically different document, which was then ratified by the states. Even if

a convention could be limited to one general subject — fiscal matters — practically any manner of amendment could be introduced because ultimately everything is reliable and reducible to budget.

B'nai B'rith has been working with members of Congress to strengthen the constitutional convention procedures bill in an effort to limit a convention to the specific subject for which it was called. But despite our efforts, and the efforts of other groups like the American Bar Association, the principal sponsors of that legislation have resisted stronger language.

In any event, a tough procedure bill would still be no guarantee that a convention would operate within certain parameters. Despite the attempt by the Continental Congress and the States to bind the original 1787 convention, that convention recognized and operated under no limitations. It did so because it saw itself — as a new convention is likely to see itself — as the highest and ultimate expression of people's will.

It is true, of course, that a convention can do nothing more than recommend change. Its recommendation must go back to the states for their approval. But that ratifying process could easily be dominated by those states and individuals with the least experience with pluralism. They may accept changes that strengthen the majority and its interests at the expense of the minority. A healthy democracy is one that keeps in balance majority and minority interests and rights. That is the American way.

The safer and more traditional way of amending the Constitution

is for Congress to consider constitutional amendments. This is the way the Constitution has been amended all 26 times. To call a constitutional convention for the ostensible purpose of considering one proposed amendment is to abuse a process which the framers of our Constitution clearly intended as a last resort.

The call for a national constitutional convention must be rejected. Such a convention would put our freedoms at risk, when a far more conservative process — initiating an amendment in Congress — is available and time-tested. If the country wants a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution, let it be done by that traditional method. Only in this way can we protect our American Constitution. Only in this way can we be assured that no extreme and willful segment of our body politic will be in a position to undermine our fundamental liberties as a free and tolerant people.

It is significant to note that states which previously endorsed the Constitutional Convention concept are now reconsidering their actions. The legislatures of Florida and Alabama have already formally withdrawn their support.

We the people — the members of B'nai B'rith and many millions of others in this country — do not want a new constitutional convention. The political opportunists, however, do. I would hope that the people's will would prevail.

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## Jackson Won't Be Ignored; Rift Must Be Repaired

NEW YORK — A.M. Rosenthal, former executive editor of *The New York Times* and now a nationally-syndicated columnist, says that American Jews and the black community will have to find a way to repair the rift between them that has widened during Jesse Jackson's campaign for the Presidency.

Under probing questioning by Rabbi David B. Kahane in a "Jewish Town Hall" public dialogue June 7 at Sutton Place Synagogue here, Rosenthal asserted:

"You can oppose Jesse Jackson — as I do — for his failure to disavow Louis Farrakhan, for his pro-Third World policies, for his vagueness on where the money will come from for all the domestic programs he advocates.

"But you can't ignore him, you can't dismiss him and you can't disregard the powerful hold he has on a vast number of this country's

electorate, many of whom became voters because of Jesse Jackson."

Rosenthal, who has publicly criticized Jackson in his column, said he had met personally with the black candidate and urged him to make peace with the Jewish community by disavowing the "loathsome" Louis Farrakhan and taking other steps to assuage Jewish concerns.

"I deeply regret that Jackson did not accept the invitation extended to him to meet with Jewish leaders at a public session, open to the press.

"But the Jackson phenomenon will not go away. He is a major political force. The blacks for whom he speaks support him not because of his links with Farrakhan but because he believes in himself and he has helped them believe in themselves.

"We cannot dismiss him or the political force that he has helped to create."

### To The Editor:

The bombing May 29 of the Christian sector of Lebanon reminds us of the abandonment of Lebanese Christians. Since the beginning of the civil war, Syria's President Assad, to achieve annexation, played one group against the other — to weaken all. The worst victims were (and still are) the Christians. Israel rescued 280 through the "Open Gate." Christian Pres. Basir Gemayl looked to Israel to combat the oppressors, Syria and PLO. Like Sadat, he was assassinated.

The native Lebanese, mostly Shiite AMAL, welcomed invading Israelis in 1982 — but their joy was short-lived. The West, at behest of powerful Saudi Arabia et al, forced Israel to permit PLO to escape from Lebanon. They are back now, linked with the Hezbollah (Party of God) in constant costly attacks on Israel. Assad shrinks from offending Iran by eliminating Hezbollah whose fanaticism is anathema to most of the Mideast.

The combined gangup, including the Druse, marks Christians for extinction, while seeking to finish off Israel, both hated infidels. Sadly, the Christians themselves are divided — one faction partial to Israel and engaged in futile opposition to Syria. As it has for 12 years, the Christian world stands aloof from the demise of fellow religionists... silence just as when the Holocaust obliterated Jews and others.

What a travesty upon the preachments of brotherhood, sanctity of human life — absence of guilt over the horror of fratricide!

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# Social Events

## 1988 Graduates

### Debra L. Jacobson



Debra L. Jacobson, B.A., University of Hartford, Communications / Sociology.

### Jill Landesberg

Jill Landesberg, daughter of Arlene and Melvin Landesberg of Medfield, Massachusetts received her Masters of Education May 21, 1988 from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Her studies were concentrated in Organizational Development and Applied Studies.

She has been accepted as a Doctoral Candidate in Organizational and Applied Group Studies at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Paternal grandmother is Harriet Landesberg of Cranston, R.I., and the late Leo R. Landesberg. Maternal grandfather is Samuel Silverman and the late Bessie Silverman of Cranston.

### Richard V. Brenner

At the recent 220th commencement of Brown University, Providence, R.I., Richard V. Brenner received the degree of Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Human Biology, interrelating biology and psychology. As a member of the seven-year Medical Education Program, he has also completed the first year in medical school and will continue as a second year medical student at Brown in September 1988.

His activities at Brown have included playing Baritone Horn in the Brown Band, serving as a Football Cheerleader, editing a Medical School Orientation Book, and being the Treasurer of the American Medical Students Association. Last summer he worked as a research assistant at Pawtucket Memorial Hospital. This summer he is a research assistant at Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA, participating in studies which evaluate the use of noninvasive procedures with patients at risk for cerebral accident.

He is a high honor graduate of the class of 1984, Woonsocket High School and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Brenner, 395 Woodland Rd., Woonsocket, R.I.

### Andrew R. Goodman

Andrew R. Goodman, son of Judith and Norman Goodman of Warwick, graduated from the University of Pennsylvania on May 16 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics. Mr. Goodman was active as a student leader in the University College House / Living Learning Program, and is currently employed in the Executive Training Program at Macy's.

### Carolyn Blackman

Carolyn Ruth Blackman, daughter of Mrs. Nancy F. Blackman, Providence, received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Brown University in Providence, R.I., during Commencement ceremonies May 30.

Brown, the nation's seventh oldest college, awarded 1,388 baccalaureate and 532 advanced degrees at its 220th Commencement. Howard R. Swearer, in his final year as the University's 15th president, awarded the degrees during ceremonies on the College Green.

### Lynne I. Kushner

Lynne I. Kushner received a D.V.M. degree from Tufts School of Veterinary Medicine at commencement on May 22, 1988.

Dr. Kushner had attended New England Conservatory of Music and earned her B.S. degree at U. Mass. She will intern at Veterinary Specialists in West Hartford, Ct.

She is the daughter of Jeannette Kushner of Cranston and the late Charles B. Kushner.

### R. Douglas Nagle

New England School of Law announces that graduate R. Douglas Nagle, Potter Street, Cranston, R.I., son of Edward and Lilja Nagle, Lambert Street, Cranston, R.I., was awarded a Juris Doctor degree by the New England School of Law during recent commencement exercises.

He plans to take the bar examination for the jurisdiction of Rhode Island. He is employed by R.I. Department for Children and their Families in Providence, R.I. in the position of Supervisor, Providence In-Home Services Unit. Honors, distinctions, awards, committees, etc., during the student's tenure at the New England School of Law are New England Scholar 1984-'85, Dean's List 1984-'87, 1987 American Jurisprudence Book Award for Criminal Procedure.

Previous education includes: Hope High School, Providence, R.I., 1967, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, R.I. 1972.

He is married to Joan Leslie Wallace, and has two children: Ian Andrew and Sarah Delia.

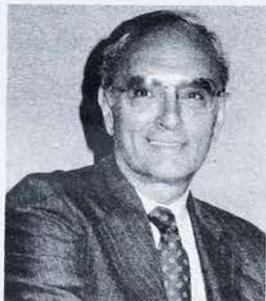
## Alan Flink Elected Secretary Of R.I. Bar Association

Attorney Alan S. Flink was recently named secretary of the Rhode Island Bar Association. The swearing-in ceremony took place during the Bar's annual meeting held at the Omni Biltmore Hotel on June 17.

Flink has been a partner in the law firm Edwards & Angell since May, 1985. Flink was graduated from Boston University School of Law in 1952. He earned an A.B. from Brown University in 1949.

As a member of the Rhode Island and American Bar Associations, Flink has served as former editor-in-chief of the *R.I. Bar Journal*; member of the R.I. Bar Association House of Delegates since 1978; chair of the R.I. Bar Association IOLTA committee; and member of the Bar Association's sex discrimination committee. He was a recipient of the R.I. Bar Association Award of Merit in 1987.

Flink was formerly president of John Hope Settlement House.



President of Temple Emanuel Men's Club and its board of directors, and an overseer of Moses Brown School.

He is presently on the boards of Planned Parenthood of Rhode Island, Rhode Island Legal Services, and Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.

Attorney Flink and wife, Renee, live in Providence.

### St. Dunstan's Day School

#### Senior Awards

St. Dunstan's Day School, Providence, granted several awards to graduating seniors and underclassmen during the commencement exercises held on June 7, 1988. Among them were the following award recipients:

Sharon Cohen, class of 1988, received the Secretary of State Leadership Award. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Cohen of Cranston, and will attend Lesley College, Cambridge, MA.

Bruce Grossman, class of 1988, received the *Journal Bulletin* Scholastic Award. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Grossman of Providence, and will attend Long Island University, C.W. Post Campus.

Elisa Lavine, class of 1988, received the Todd Morsilli Award. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerrold Lavine of Providence, and will attend Lesley College.

Todd Grant, a junior, received the U.R.I. Book Award and the

Highest Science Achievement Award. He is the son of Jason Grant of Providence.

#### Middle School

The Sixth and Eighth Grade Graduation and Lower and Middle School Awards Night of St. Dunstan's Day School, Providence, was held on June 6, 1988, at St. Martin's Episcopal Church.

Among the students receiving certificates of graduation were:

Todd Bazar, grade 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bazar of Providence.

Stuart Licker, grade 6, son of Mindy Licker of Warwick and Joel Licker of Cranston.

Jason Wilk, grade 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry D. Wilk of Cranston.

Among the students receiving academic achievement awards was Barri Weinberg, grade 5, for achievement in language arts. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Weinberg of Cranston.

### Faith L. Levine

Faith Lisa Levine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Levine of Miantonomo Drive, Warwick, graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts Degree at the Thirty-Seventh Commencement exercises at Brandeis University, Waltham, Mass. on Sunday, May 29, 1988. Faith will enter Hofstra University Law School in August, 1988.

### Robert L. Plotkin

Robert Lewis Plotkin of Warwick, R.I., graduated CCRI with an Associate in Science in Business Administration. He graduated with High Honors and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

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**Elaine Lang Weds Bennett Green**

The marriage of Elaine Lang to Bennett L. Greene took place on Sunday, June 19 at the Paine Estate in Waltham, Mass. The bride is the daughter of Sarah and William Lang of Southbury, Conn. The groom's parents are Barbara Levine of Providence and Robert N. Greene of North Kingstown. His maternal grandmother is Mrs. Herman L. Bennett of Providence. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rabbi Barry Krieger. The bride, who has a doctorate in clinical psychology from Temple University, has a private practice in Brookline, Mass., and is on staff at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston. Mr. Greene has a master's degree in clinical social work from Simmons College and is self-employed as a psychotherapist and software consultant. The couple live in Cambridge.

**Dr. Leeman Joins San Diego Hospital**

Dr. Michael I. Leeman, son of Rabbi and Mrs. Saul Leeman, has accepted an appointment as staff anesthesiologist at the Scripps Chula Vista Hospital in San Diego, California.

After graduating from the Providence Hebrew Day School and Classical High School, Dr. Leeman received a B.A. from Brandeis University and a master's degree in Computer Science from the University of Massachusetts. For the past ten years he has been in California where he took a second B.A. at the University of California, an M.D. at the UCLA Medical School and a residency in anesthesiology at the UCLA Medical Center.

Last week he completed his training in Los Angeles and this week he begins his practice in San Diego.

**Scott Sherman Is Bar Mitzvah**

Scott David Sherman of Massachusetts was Bar Mitzvahed on April 23, 1988 at Temple Beth Am in Randolph, Massachusetts.

Scott was twinned with a Russian boy, Zhenya Chmelnitky.

Scott David is the son of Freda and Robert Sherman. Maternal grandparents are Ruth and Nat Kniger of Providence, R.I. Paternal grandparents are Saul and Estelle Sherman.

**Sharon Abrams To Wed**

**Corrected Notice**

Leah Abrams of Providence, Rhode Island, announces the engagement of her daughter, Sharon to James D. Held, son of Dr. Barry Taylor Held and Barbara Held of New York City. A September wedding is planned.

Miss Abrams attended the Wheeler School in Providence and George Washington University and is currently an officer at Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York. Miss Abrams is the daughter of the late Leonard R. Abrams, President of Arden Jewelry Mfg. Co.

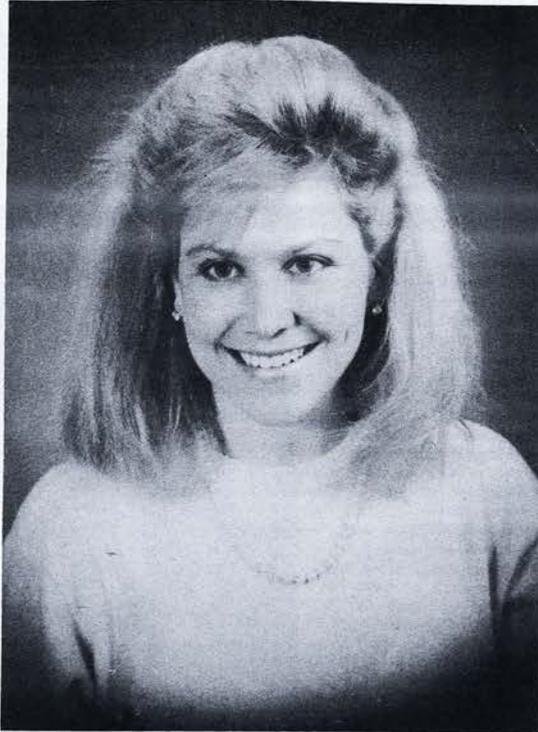
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**Dawn M. Selya To Wed**

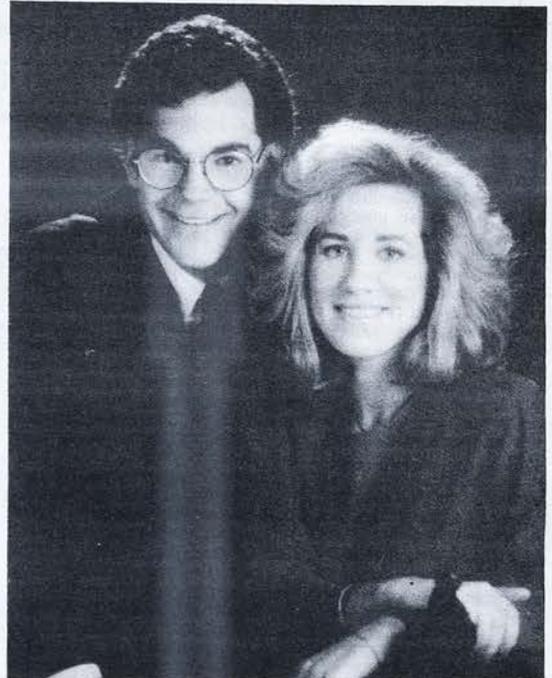


Judge and Mrs. Bruce M. Selya of Providence, R.I. and West Harwich, Mass., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Dawn Meredith Selya, to Brian George Sherman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norton L. Sherman of Newton, Mass.

Miss Selya, a resident of Boston, is a graduate of the Stoneleigh-Burnham School, Greenfield, Mass., and a May 1988 graduate of Boston University. Her father is a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman C. Selya of Providence and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred G. Barnes of Warwick, R.I., and the great-granddaughter of Mrs. Harry Forslund of Warwick. Miss Selya is currently employed as a teacher in Boston.

Mr. Sherman, a resident of Brookline, is a graduate of the Belmont Hill School, Belmont, Mass. and of Wesleyan University, class of 1987, where he was elected as a member of Phi Beta Kappa and was awarded the White Fellowship in Economics. He is the grandson of Mrs. George Sherman of Boston and the late Mr. Sherman, and Mrs. Alvin Bernstein of Hallandale, Fla. and the late Mr. Bernstein. Mr. Sherman, who plans a career in medicine, is a student at Boston University Medical School.

**Kim Ellen Sandler And Robert Alan Cohen To Wed**



Mr. and Mrs. Gordon M. Sandler of Cranford, N.J. have made known the engagement of their daughter, Miss Kim Ellen Sandler of Boston, Mass. to Mr. Robert Alan Cohen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jason H. Cohen of Providence, R.I.

Miss Sandler is New England district manager for the National Association of Manufacturers, a Washington based lobby group, and is working toward a Master of Science Degree in Communications Management at Simmons College. She received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Ithaca College in New York and studied at Tel Aviv University in Israel.

Mr. Cohen is vice president of Providence Electric Company, Providence, R.I. He received a Juris Doctorate Degree from Suffolk University Law school and was graduated from the University of Hartford in Connecticut. He is a member of the Massachusetts Bar.

Miss Sandler's grandparents are Irving Diamond of New Jersey and the late Lee Diamond and Alfred and Beatrice Sandler of Boca Raton, Fla., formerly of Providence.

Mr. Cohen's grandparents are the late Nathan and Minnie Balis of Pennsylvania and Murray and Martha Cohen of Providence.

**Yiddish Eldercamp**

The Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island and the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island are pleased to co-sponsor 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 complete each day's classes. Teachers include Geraldine Foster, Leah Eliash, Rabbi Shmuel Singer, Dr. David Kaplan, Toby Rossner, Carol Ingall, Laura Berkson, Marion Gribetz, 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 \$36.00. A "Metsiya."

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, Massachusetts is planned. Aaron Lansky will speak about the center and lead a tour of its facilities. Lunch at the Yankee Pedlar Inn in Holyoke, Massachusetts 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.

There are openings for both Yiddish Eldercamp and the trip to the National Yiddish Book Center, so call the BJE at 331-0956 for further information and/or applications.

**Children's Museum**

The Museum's summer schedule begins Friday, July 1. The Museum will be open Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. The CHILDREN'S MUSEUM WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, JULY 4. Beginning Friday, July 1, drop-in programs will be scheduled every Friday morning from 10 a.m.-noon, and repeated again on Sunday from 1-3 p.m. The ever popular "Meet the Performers"

series begins July 5 and continues every Tuesday afternoon from 1-2 p.m., during the months of July and August.

The Children's Museum of Rhode Island is located at 58 Walcott Street in Pawtucket. Admission is \$2.50 per person, Museum members free. For more information about summer hours and programs, please call 726-2590.

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## Around Town

by Dorothea Snyder

Sun blazed down over Narragansett at 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Pulling over to the curb, the driver asked directions to the Art Festival.

She had passed the site where hours before, artists and paintings were huddled and secured under plastic protectors, blocking out torrential downpours and drum-roaring thunder.

At noon, exhibitors were hanging on to every hopeful word by media meteorologists that Old Sol would break through, and end the deluge of dastardly weather.

No such luck! Down came the portable display screens held up by a network of rods. By 1 p.m., not a watercolor or a wooden duck sculpture was seen, though it was perfect weather for ducks.

Stubborn as he oft can be, Old Sol finally smiled down on South County two hours later with a flurry of visitors coming from other areas where not a raindrop had splattered.

Assessing how the three-day Art Festival fared, watercolorist Harry Thompson of Whitesville, New York said about his first year at Narragansett, "Sales were good, but not great. They tell me that Sunday is the best day, but today's a little rough with a complete rain out."

Others complained about undue harassment from the Narragansett Police Department this year. Marveta Fouch of Glastonbury, Connecticut said, "It's a nice little show. I've been coming here for five years, and this is the first year we've all experienced problems parking our vans."

"We are professional people ... and business people. I sent out advertisement cards to 300 of my past customers. We bring tourism to South County, so we couldn't understand why this happened."

"We all hope things will change next year; otherwise, artists will be discouraged from returning," she said. "We'd prefer to come back."

## And The Rains Came



Among Barbara Greenberg's favorite paintings on exhibit are the large-scale works by Lynda Geyer of Queens, New York.

Photos by Dorothea Snyder



Buried in a watercolor and acrylic painting is Maria Kazounis. Formerly from New York, she moved to Narragansett four years ago with her family. Maria has won a full scholarship in Design at Pratt Institute.



Packing up his last watercolor is John Westcott, a long-time exhibitor at the show.



All packed and ready to roll out, his watercolors safe from the cats - and - dogs rainfall, Harry Thompson, right, shows one last work inside his van to the Art Festival's last visitor, Scott Cohen, left. Titled "Cedar Key," the location for this watercolor is the gulf coast of Florida.



The sea in artist Marveta Fouch's oil is calmer than the sea across the street from the site of the three-day Narragansett Art Festival. Marveta was ready to give the rain-clobbered Sunday a last shot, but moments later, another downpour led to the end.

## Parent's Plights And Rights

by Dr. Steve C. Imber

Dear Dr. Imber:

My wife and I have a child who appears to be very bright. He has done very well in the first and second grades where he has earned high grades (mostly "A's"). He has also done very well on the school's reading tests. He has worked hard this year and we feel that it's important to give him a break during the summer. However, his teacher, the person who tested him, and my wife and I are aware that he has a tendency to respond to various kinds of questions without thinking. The person who tested him felt that while our child was in the above average range in intelligence and ability, the way he answers questions and problem solves is holding him back. We're wondering what you think about summer tutoring.

Just Wondering

Dear Just:

You've certainly raised a hot issue. Now, some educators begin to sizzle when a summer tutorial program is even suggested. It would not be surprising to hear the phrase "give the kid a break" ... echoed in the halls of academia. Others might take an even more conservative position and say "If you tutor him in the summer, you'll burn him out!" Still others might reflect, "Suppose he advances during the summer months? What's the school going to do with him next year?" In short, suggesting that summer

tutoring might be an appropriate activity for your child could spur a heated debate.

Certainly, there are educators who view summer tutoring as medieval torture. "If you're going to do that, why not just lock him in the basement with a bunch of books and throw away the key. Certainly he can be nourished by bread and water!" In fact, a summer tutorial program designed for enrichment can be an educational nightmare — if it is handled improperly.

It is entirely possible that a positively refreshing and stimulating program can be implemented during the summer months. If the program is implemented by a positive and creative person, your child may not only make academic gains, but he'll enjoy it!

Here are a few suggestions designed to address your concerns: (1) If your child is to be instructed, it would be best for him to work one hour to one hour and one-half two times per week to provide some consistency without overloading him. (2) Using the most recent test results, it would be helpful if your son were instructed at a level commensurate with his present abilities. That is, if he is functioning at a third or fourth grade level, then the instruction should be individualized at the level. (3) Your son should have an opportunity to suggest topics of interest. Decisions about content to be used for improving performance in reading comprehension should reflect his current interests. (4) Instruction

can include some "hands-on" experience, not purely book work. That is, summer field trips associated with reading and writing activities will prove stimulating and enjoyable. (5) It would seem that formulating an appropriate method to help your son process information more thoughtfully before responding is important. There are specific techniques well suited to improve your son's performance in processing orally or visually presented information. (6) It is important that your son appreciate his own strengths and abilities. How a summer tutorial program is presented and how it is experienced will determine how positively he will perceive the program. (7) It is especially important, therefore, to find an instructional specialist who "knows their stuff" but is a lot of fun to work with. (8) It is especially important that your son have many other positive experiences during the summer months. You may wish to consider sending him to a day camp for a minimum of two to four weeks. Some camps (e.g., Camp Sunrise) provide a balanced program permitting students a considerable amount of choice of activities while maintaining a general sports and swimming program.

If you create a balance between challenging your son's educational abilities and providing a positive overall summer experience, you'll find that despite the heat summer '88 will be "no sweat!"

Dr. Imber is a Professor of Special Education at Rhode Island College, a past president of the International Council for Children

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## What You Always Wanted To Know About July 4th But Were Afraid To Ask

by David DeBlois

July 4, 1776—the day the United States declared her independence, right?

Well...sort of.

Actually, the Continental Congress passed the resolution on independence on July 2, 1776. That's right. No, I'm not kidding. On July 4, they approved the document which announced their actions to the world—the Declaration of Independence, written by Thomas Jefferson.

John Adams confidently predicted that future generations would celebrate America's independence on July 2. A great statesman, sure, but not exactly Nostradamus, if ya know what I mean.

Mr. Adams redeemed himself, though, when he suggested that the independence celebration should be marked "by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty...with songs and parades, with shows, games,

## Safety First

WELLESLEY, Mass. — The ALA Auto & Travel Club urges motorists to "put safety before pleasure" when traveling during the Fourth of July holiday weekend.

"Extra police will be patrolling the highways during the long weekend, but they can only do so much," David Thibodeau, ALA president, said. "Highway safety is a major responsibility for every motorist and it must be the main concern of every motorist."

"Holidays should be filled with great times, but the fun can disappear quickly when highway safety is neglected," Thibodeau said. "Making highway safety your top consideration will help ensure that your holiday trip is as pleasurable as possible."

"Be as courteous to other drivers as you want them to be to you. Don't let traffic pile up behind you. Dim your high beams. Don't tailgate. Yield the right of way," Thibodeau said.

Don't take any chances on the highway.

sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of the continent to the other, from this time forward forevermore." Good idea, John—we might just do that.

Why did we declare independence? Didn't they teach you anything in school? Well, it's kind of a complicated issue, but the best simple explanation of it that I've heard came from Benjamin Franklin, who said:

"Calling an American 'an Englishman' is a bit like calling a steer 'a bull.' He appreciates the compliment, but he'd rather have the privileges that go along with the title."

So, in 1776, did the country celebrate on July 2 or July 4? To tell you the truth, neither. In 1776, the country actually ended up celebrating on July 8. The festivities, of course, were centered in Philadelphia, and were highlighted by the public reading of the Declaration.

The tradition of celebrating Independence Day on the 4th began the following year.

When did the British finally acknowledge America's Independence Day? The sore losers back in jolly old England didn't join America in her celebration of independence until 1918, the 142nd birthday of our nation. In that year, there were a great number of American servicemen stationed in England, and quite a few more fighting alongside the Brits across the Channel in the trenches of World War I. King George V himself was on hand as a spectator at a baseball game between American Army and Navy servicemen. Dang nice of ya, George ol' boy—it only took 142 years for you guys to come around. What gentlemen, huh? Give those guys the John McEnroe Good Sportsmanship Award....

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## World and National News

### Faux Shrimp Hit Of Kosher Expo

by Marlene Goldman

NEW YORK (JTA) — "I guess this tastes like real shrimp," commented one of some 15,000 nosherers at last Sunday's second annual Kosher Foods and Jewish Life Expo at the Jacob Javits Convention Center here. "I've never been able to eat shrimp, so I wouldn't know."

Imitation shrimp and "crab" meat cocktail were the genuine hits of the Expo, which ran from June 17 through the 21.

According to show manager, Irving Silverman, the attraction of Mendel's Haymish shell-less "shellfish" — actually, carefully disguised pollock — lay mainly in its taboo.

Mendel's was one of the more than 400 vendors at the fair, more than double last year's number. Some 60,000 people were expected to attend the four-day gala, as opposed to last year when 42,000 attended and 18,000 were turned away.

At least a dozen new products were initiated at the show, either new varieties of existing products, new products from new companies or established items gaining kosher approval.

Although the Expo, sponsored by the Israel Government Tourist Office and El Al Israel Airlines, was spread over 150,000 square

feet, four times the space of last year's, and tickets were sold for three-hour shifts lines stretched at times for hour-long waits, frustrating many ticket holders.

The loyalty of the kosher food market, according to Ruth Folger Weiss, who handles advertising for Bernie's East Bagel Dogs, appeals to even established companies like Pepperidge Farms.

More than 100 of its 400 baked goods now sport an "OU" seal of approval from the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations.

The kosher food industry now does \$1.5 billion in sales annually, according to Silverman, an increase from \$250 million a decade ago and growing at a rate of 20 percent a year.

In addition, general products with kosher symbols bring in annual sales of \$30 billion.

Of the 16,000 kosher products now available, the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations certifies between 1,200 and 1,300, twice as many as 10 years ago.

Silverman, who has conducted studies among supervisory agencies, synagogues and Jewish organizations, concludes that of some 6 million kosher consumers, 4.5 million are not Jewish.

Perhaps the reason lies in New York Mayor Ed Koch's explanation.

### Austria Asked To Prosecute Former Nazi

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith called on the Austrian government last week to "prosecute Nazi war criminal Robert Verbelen under Austrian law, or revoke his citizenship so that he may be extradited to Belgium" for trial there.

In a letter to Austrian Chancellor Franz Vranitzky, dated June 20, ADL national director Abraham Foxman noted that Verbelen, a Belgian Nazi was sentenced to death in absentia by a Belgian military court in 1947 for his role in 101 murders during World War II.

He was not extradited to Belgium because he had become an Austrian citizen. "Apparently Verbelen's Austrian citizenship was not revoked because of claims made by his attorney that it had been granted at the request of the American government," Foxman wrote.

"This claim has been shown to be absolutely false by the Justice Department's report."

Foxman referred to a report by the U.S. Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations, released last week, which confirmed that despite his Nazi past, Verbelen was employed by the U.S. Army Counter Intelligence Corps from 1946 to 1956.

"Verbelen can no longer rely on his misrepresentation to maintain his citizenship which was fraudulently secured," Foxman wrote.

Foxman said that the Belgian-born Verbelen "commanded the Nazi-allied Flemish SS which terrorized the local population through reprisals, torture, assassination and deportations."

### New Israeli Envoy To Egypt Named

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Professor Shimon Shamir, an expert on Arab affairs, will be Israel's next ambassador to Egypt, the Foreign Ministry announced last Thursday.

Cairo has already agreed to the appointment, the ministry said. Shamir will take his post at the end of this summer, replacing Moshe Sasson, who has been ambassador to Egypt since 1981.

## Nachmann Accused Of Bribery

by David Kantor

BONN (JTA) — The late Werner Nachmann, accused of embezzling funds intended for Nazi victims, used part of his illicit money to bribe people into silence and secure his position as leader of West Germany's Jewish community, according to press and radio reports.

Nachmann, who died last January, was chairman of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, which administered funds provided by the Bonn government for former Jewish persecutees.

He is alleged to have misappropriated at least \$12 million. The case is under investigation by the Finance Ministry and by private investigators hired by the Jewish community.

The latest allegations by a West German radio station charge that Nachmann paid thousands of dollars a month to friends and supporters in the federal state of Baden-Wuerttemberg where he lived.

Smaller sums went to elderly Jews to ensure his re-election as head of the community. He was chairman of the Central Council for more than 20 years.

The radio station Hessischer Rundfunk reported that Nachmann made available more than \$400 a month to an unnamed director of a state-owned radio and

television station. He is alleged to have transferred about \$13,000 to a journalist in Bremen, who is a member of the Central Council.

In addition, according to the radio report, Nachmann provided about \$100,000 to a group based in Konstanz, which allegedly looked after Jewish cemeteries in Poland.

Nachmann apparently played politics with local Jewish communities as well, the reports said. For example, plans to build a new community center in Heidelberg were reversed by Nachmann, and the money went for a project in Freiburg instead.

Another \$400,000, which was supposed to have been transferred to the Jewish community in Heidelberg, has disappeared, the radio station reported.

Further, it reported, when a construction company contracted to build a Jewish community center in Baden estimated its cost at \$4 million, Nachmann changed the estimate to \$5 million.

Siegmund Nissenbaum, a former Jewish community leader in Baden, urged in 1982 that disciplinary action be taken against Nachmann for failing to provide a full report of his handling of the community's assets, Nissenbaum's lawyer said.

The leadership body of the community rejected the idea and Nissenbaum was not reelected to the community council.

## The Courage To Care

NEW YORK — A former Turkish diplomat who saved 42 Jews on the Island of Rhodes from deportation by the Nazis to Auschwitz in 1944 has received the Anti-Defamation League's Courage to Care Award.

The award, instituted by ADL's International Center for Holocaust Studies to honor non-Jews who sheltered and saved Jews during the Holocaust era, was presented to Selahattin Ulkumen, who was Turkish Consul on Rhodes during World War II.

Mr. Ulkumen, now retired and living in Istanbul, made the trip to New York for the ceremony during ADL's 75th anniversary National Commission meeting June 8-12 at the Marriott Marquis Hotel here.

Abraham H. Foxman, ADL's national director, in making the presentation, noted that only 150 of the 1,673 Jews living on Rhodes during the war survived. "Mr. Ulkumen was responsible for saving and protecting nearly a

third of them," Mr. Foxman said, adding "we are in your debt for saving this remnant and for inspiring hope by your act of courage and profound humanity."

When the Jews of Rhodes were rounded up, Mr. Ulkumen went to the Nazi commander, gambling that he could at least claim jurisdiction over the Turkish Jews. His gamble paid off. They were released and remained under his protection until he, himself, was arrested and imprisoned by the Nazis.

Previous recipients of ADL's Courage to Care Award have been Miep and Jan Gies of Amsterdam, who sheltered the Anne Frank family; the late Aristides de Sousa Mendes, a Portuguese diplomat who saved some 10,000 Jews, and Jan Karski, a Pole whose covert missions into the Warsaw ghetto and Belzec concentration camp brought the free world one of the first eyewitness accounts of Hitler's "Final Solution."

The award is an inscribed work containing in miniature the bronze plaques that make up ADL's Holocaust Wall on the Dag Hammarskjold Plaza side of the agency's New York headquarter's building. The plaques, which depict the murder of millions of Jews by the Nazis, are the work of noted sculptor Arbit Blatas.

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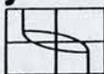
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# On The Eve Of Assembly: Jewish Agency Faces Whirlwind Of Change

by Charley J. Levine

JERUSALEM (JTA) — No accounting expertise was required to understand the role of Project Renewal in last year's voluminous Proposed Budget of the Jewish Agency for Israel.

It was isolated at the very end of the official tally, set apart with a heading in red typeface, and it represented little more than a conventional "money in, money out" summary.

This year, a renamed Project Renewal and Development budget takes center stage in the 1988-89 Jewish Agency Proposed Budget, occupying a strategic slice of the budgetary pie and commanding no less than \$90 million in income and services.

The change, a fundamental conceptual shifting of gears, says a lot about the spirit of the Jewish Agency today. Overseas Jewish communities are no longer content to simply funnel contributions into innumerable bureaucratic pigeonholes in Israel.

Project Renewal is but one example of a concerted effort to bring constructive, orderly change to the fund-distribution process. Similar changes are taking place in many other spheres of Jewish Agency operations.

These changes will be manifest at this week's Jewish Agency Assembly, when 800 world Jewish leaders will gather in Israel's capital to make important decisions about the future direction of the agency.

Aside from examining agency priorities, assembly delegates are likely to discuss a number of timely controversies that have made headlines of late.

Already, major players in the Jewish Agency have joined the debate over Israel's efforts to curb

a 92 percent dropout rate of Jews leaving the Soviet Union on Israeli visas. The Israeli Cabinet has proposed direct flights from Moscow to Tel Aviv to prevent the vast majority of Jewish emigrants from opting to live in countries other than Israel.

At a news conference in Jerusalem last week, WZO-Jewish Agency Executive Chairman Simcha Dinitz and Jewish Agency Board of Governors Chairman Mendel Kaplan shared their fervent disapproval of the escalating "dropout" trend.

Together, they challenged the "freedom of choice" argument that some Diaspora Jews intone in justifying the extension of support to Soviet Jews who, upon leaving the USSR, choose to settle in America or other Western countries.

"What kind of freedom of choice can there be," Dinitz asked, "when their minds have been systematically turned against Israel for their entire lives? Let them at least come and see the reality of Israel before they decide."

The two men also detailed plans for bone-cutting measures aimed at reducing dramatically the number of WZO-Jewish Agency emissaries abroad or, alternatively, convincing local communities to participate more fully in finding the funds to sustain the "shlichim."

The general strategy for restructuring the Jewish Agency is to appoint blue-ribbon panels to study its essential service functions. The panels have license to propose far-reaching changes.

One area in which this already has taken place is absorption. In an age when few major institutions are prepared to relinquish

time-honored functions, the Jewish Agency is now eager to turn over its absorption services for newcomers to the government's Absorption Ministry, eliminating a historic duplication of efforts.

The switch, fostered by an agency-sponsored investigation, headed by academic Dr. Israel Katz, seeks to shut down several absorption centers, the newcomers' traditional first sheltered residence upon arriving in Israel, and encourage "direct absorption" into mainstream Israeli society instead.

This move has brought a sharp protest from various immigrant associations. A typical outcry took place at the Mevaseret Zion absorption center, just outside Jerusalem, recently when a 10-year reunion of largely English-speaking olim turned into a protest forum against the proposed changes.

The bonds formed by shared challenges at the critical absorption phase contribute significantly to the ultimate success of the process, the successful olim argued.

But Jewish Agency Secretary-General Howard Weisband, himself a newcomer from the United States, thinks the move is long needed to bring efficiency to the absorption process.

"You certainly can't just throw people into an apartment building," he said. "But if you enhance the family's planning through better pilot trips and augment that with more logical housing and neighborhood options, you can achieve a solid transition period within real society, not within a somewhat artificial environment."

Weisband is proud that the

agency is moving away from "governmental and quasi-governmental services, and toward the supplying of professionally administered services."

Another report to be presented at the assembly will focus on the agency's rural settlement priorities. The major thrust will shift emphasis away from pouring overseas contributions into individual kibbutzim or settlements and focus on integrated regional planning.

The concept is that kibbutzim, development towns and other players in a given local scene will work together on developing the region. Common planning will cut duplication of efforts and bring more results for the dollar.

Yet another report, on youth aliyah, is in the works, with a 1989 implementation date.

Beyond substance, there is a remarkable change in the leadership style of the Jewish Agency. The old-school mold of Leon Dulzin, Akiva Lewinsky and their contemporaries has been supplanted by a crisper, higher echelon of policy-shapers.

Simcha Dinitz is younger than his predecessors and is a savvy political leader, a former ambassador to the United States who gave up his Knesset seat to serve in this new capacity.

Mendel Kaplan has a reputation as a result-oriented businessman who demands accountability. And WZO-Jewish Agency Treasurer Meir Shitrit is a powerful up-and-coming Sephardi politician who also arrived via the Knesset route.

Whatever decisions are taken in the days ahead, the 1988 Jewish Agency Assembly promises to be more open to honest self-evaluation and change than gatherings of years past.

## News In Brief

### Moshav Farmer Was Stabbed Seven Times

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM (JTA) — An investigation into the murder of Elisha Cohen, a farmer from Moshav Shekef, showed that he was stabbed seven times in his back and then struck with a steel pipe. His mutilated body was found last Monday morning in the moshav's vineyards.

An overnight curfew was clamped on eight Arab villages in the Lachish region of Israel while police searched for the murderer of Cohen, 33. The curfew was lifted last Tuesday morning.

Twenty Arabs detained as suspects last Monday remained in custody last Tuesday.

Cohen went to work unarmed last Sunday night. Authorities said relations between Shekef and the Arab villagers had been good until the Palestinian uprising began in the West Bank and Gaza Strip more than six months ago. Since then, moshav property has been frequently damaged by the villagers.

### Palestinian Smuggler Arrested

by Jean Cohen

ATHENS (JTA) — A Palestinian was arrested last Monday trying to smuggle arms and explosives aboard a car ferry sailing to Israel.

The man, identified as Omar Sofrini, was driving a Mercedes. An inspection of the car, reportedly prompted by Israeli security agents at Piraeus, the port of Athens, uncovered concealed weapons and explosives.

Sofrini had booked passage aboard the car ferry Paloma, which sails twice weekly from Piraeus to Haifa via Cyprus. He carried a German passport and reportedly entered Greece by car from Yugoslavia.

The arms and explosives may have been intended for Palestinian terrorists in Israel. The Greek authorities have given no details of the affair.

### Sabotage Ruled Out In Explosion

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The authorities have completely ruled out sabotage or terrorist activity as the cause of an explosion last Monday that destroyed a restaurant and old-age home in Herzliya Pituach, injuring 23 people. They said last Tuesday that the blast was due to a leakage of cooking gas from cylinders stored in the basement of the restaurant.

### Appeal Issued For Jews Of Yemen

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM (JTA) — An Israeli living in Canada charged last Thursday that Israel has not done enough to help the Jews of Yemen, and he called it disgraceful.

Moshe Nahum, interviewed by the army radio, spoke on behalf of the World Committee for the Rescue of Yemen's Jews, which he heads.

He said there are presently some 6,000 Jews in Yemen dispersed over more than 35 localities. They are the first to suffer from political and intertribal strife. Hostility toward Jews has been fanned by Palestinians who went to Yemen after the Lebanon war.

Nahum said he has visited Yemen several times and met about 300 Jewish families that are "torn in half." He explained that "in many cases, the husband, with two or three children, lives in Yemen, and the wife lives in Israel or vice versa.

### Israeli's Concerned Syria May Buy Missile

by David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israeli policy-makers and military planners are watching with mounting concern Syria's growing arsenal of ground-to-ground missiles, which could put Israeli population centers in jeopardy.

According to recent press reports, Syria is seeking to buy an advanced short-range missile, the M-9, which is produced in China.

The M-9 has a range of about 375 miles, double that of the Soviet-made SS-23, which Moscow has refused to give the Syrians. Israeli sources said the M-9 is not yet operational, but would be capable of hitting Israeli cities from deep inside Syria.

The Israelis say it is possible that Iran might be prepared to finance Syria's purchase of the weapon from China, which will insist on immediate payment in hard currency.

But the United States may be able, through diplomatic means, to dissuade the Chinese from making the sale, Israeli analysts said. The *New York Times* quoted a State Department spokesperson as saying the United States would view such a sale with "deep concern."

Israeli sources noted, however, that American efforts did not prevent China from selling its Silkworm missiles to Iran.

The Israelis are especially worried about the missiles, because of the use of chemical warfare in the Iran-Iraq war and indications that Syria, too, is seeking a chemical warfare capacity.

Premier Yitzhak Shamir said in a television interview that Syria consistently seeks to arm itself with missiles. "This is not new," he said, "but it is worrying." Shamir would not comment on the report that Syria was seeking

missiles from China.

But the Israel Defense Force chief of staff, Gen. Dan Shomron, referred to it earlier this week. He said Israel would develop methods to intercept ground-to-ground missiles in flight, to strike at their launching pads and improve defensive measures to absorb their impact.

### ADL Angry Of "Jews Control Media" Remark

HOLLYWOOD (JTA) — Local leaders of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith are reportedly outraged by a former Mississippi film commissioner's remark that the media are "controlled" by the "Jewish community."

According to *Variety*, former film commissioner John Horhn made the remark to the *Los Angeles Times* June 5 in a story about the filming of *Mississippi Burning*, a movie about the 1964 civil rights era.

Horhn, who is black, was describing the difficulties of getting a movie made concerning the era. "You hear people say, 'Well, that's civil rights — that story's been told already.' But no one has questioned the right of the Jewish community, which controls the media, to retell the story of the Holocaust," he told the *Times*.

ADL attorney Betsy Rosenthal told *Variety* that Horhn's remarks were "obnoxious."

"Hopefully, it was obvious to the majority of readers that this person needs an education. His comment about the Jews controlling the media is completely inaccurate. It's an age-old, anti-Semitic canard," she said.

In reply, Horhn, now executive director of Mississippi's Federal States Program, said: "Stereotypes are things we fall victim to." If his charge about the

media is untrue, he added, "then I stand corrected."

*Mississippi Burning* tells the story of murdered civil rights activists James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner.

Goodman and Schwerner, *Variety* points out, were both Jewish.

### Massachusetts Funds Shrink As Soviet Immigration Swells

by Barbara Wolf

SALEM, Mass. (JTA) — The North Shore communities' Soviet resettlement program, the nation's seventh largest, is stretched to the limit financially and has been placed on unofficial hold.

The pressure of resettling 221 people over the 14 months prior to May has created a shortfall of as much as \$40,000 in the budget of the Jewish Family Service, which administers the program, according to Bruce Yudewitz, director of the Jewish Federation of the North Shore.

Jewish Family Service assures the Soviet community that services will continue to be provided to those new Americans who have already arrived and Soviet emigres whose arrivals have been confirmed.

But the Federation has reluctantly asked Bernice Kazis, Soviet resettlement coordinator of the Jewish Family Service, not to accept additional applicants until the financial crisis can be eased.

"The boards of Federation and the Family Service have always taken the position 'let anyone come who can come,' but the situation we face is critical right now," said Yudewitz.

In addition, the Federal government has not yet determined the level of reimbursement for refugees this year.

Federal grants have generally

amounted to approximately \$1,000 per immigrant to cover their first three months in the United States. New arrivals are also eligible for food stamps.

"It's breaking my heart, especially now that more Jews are getting permission than in years," said Kazis.

One bright note: Federation was able to dip into next year's budget and allocate funds to underwrite summer camp scholarships for up to 50 newly arrived Soviet youngsters.

### Journalist Charges Red Cross Failed To Help Jews

by Tamar Levy

GENEVA (JTA) — A West German television journalist has accused the International Red Cross of doing little during World War II to help Jews in concentration camps, and of facilitating, as a result of negligence, the escape of Nazi war criminals after World War II.

The charges were leveled by Heiner Lichtenstein, correspondent for a West German television network, who is also author of a book attacking the Red Cross. His allegations were published in *La Suisse* and *La Tribune de Geneve*.

In his book, Lichtenstein charged that although it has claimed otherwise, the ICRC in Geneva was well aware of Nazi atrocities during the war. He said rumors were circulating in 1941 of genocide in Nazi death camps, but the Red Cross "closed their eyes."

Lichtenstein also charged that in 1945 when it was possible to help concentration camp inmates, the ICRC neglected Jewish prisoners from Poland or Germany in favor of those from the Allied nations.



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(kah yeetz)  
summer



טיול  
(tee yool)  
hike

סוס  
(soose)  
horse



טניס  
(teh neese)  
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אופניים  
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bicycle  
(two wheels)

בריכה  
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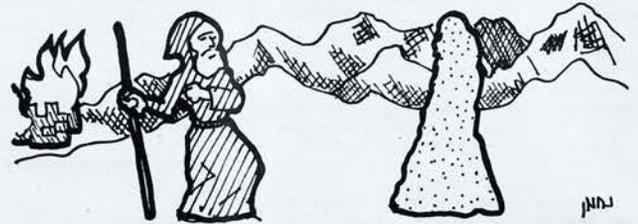
## NOAH'S ARK Readers Send Thousands Of Gifts To Ethiopian Children!



The publishers of NOAH'S ARK, A Newspaper For Jewish Children are surrounded by the thousands of packages that readers sent for Ethiopian Jewish children. These gifts will be delivered by members of the North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry. When they receive these gifts from NOAH'S ARK readers, the Ethiopian children will know they have not been forgotten - and they will receive things they really need and want. Thanks to all readers who participated in this mitzvah (act of lovingkindness)!

## תחרות

### (Tah-chah-root) - Contest!



To enter this month's contest, write a short story, poem, or limerick about this picture. You can write something serious or something funny. Send your entry with your name, complete address, and age (you must be 6-12-years-old to enter) to: Picture Contest, NOAH'S ARK, 7726 Portal, Houston, Texas 77071. All entries become the property of NOAH'S ARK and cannot be returned. **Deadline:** July 15, 1988.

## Happy Birthday, Israel!

Here is a letter to NOAH'S ARK readers, written by the Vice-Premier of the State of Israel. The letter was written in honor of Israel's birthday after he was asked to share his thoughts about Israel.

Dear Readers,

Israel, to me, is a living miracle. After two thousand years in exile from its homeland, the Jewish people retained (kept) its faith and its sense of nationhood, and we returned to our homeland. Despite (in spite of) many hardships, the State of Israel was reborn. This year Jews all over the world are celebrating Israel's 40th birthday. My dream for Israel is that we will achieve peace with our neighbors, and that, in the next 40 years, even more Jews will come to live with us and together build our country.

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
JERUSALEM



Sincerely,  
*Shimon Peres*  
Shimon Peres



How many big men were born into the family of Noah?

None. They were all born babies.

# Youth Hi Lights

## Pop Quiz

by David DeBlois

O.K., class, get out your pencils and paper — time for a Pop Quiz. No groaning, please. These are questions every respectable pop music fan ought to be able to answer. Each question is worth 1 point. Now keep your eyes on your own paper and get to work.

**1. What was the name of Bruce Springsteen's first LP?**

- A. *Born to Run*
- B. *The Wild, the Innocent, & the E Street Shuffle*
- C. *Greetings from Asbury Park, N.J.*
- D. *Darkness on the Edge of Town*

**2. Whitney Houston's mother was a backup singer for what famous rock-n-roller?**

- A. Elvis Presley
- B. Mick Jagger
- C. John Lennon
- D. Paul McCartney

**3. What is the biggest selling LP of all time?**

- A. *Born in the USA*, Bruce Springsteen
- B. *Thriller*, Michael Jackson
- C. *Dark Side of the Moon*, Pink Floyd
- D. *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band*, The Beatles

**4. What LP holds the record for most weeks on the charts?**

- A. *Thriller*, Michael Jackson
- B. *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band*, The Beatles
- C. *Rumours*, Fleetwood Mac
- D. *Dark Side of the Moon*, Pink Floyd

**5. What is the record industry's term for an album that has sold 1 million copies?**

- A. Aluminum
- B. Platinum
- C. Silver
- D. Gold

**6. The Irish group U2 took its name from:**

- A. An abbreviation for "You, too."
- B. A submarine
- C. A spyplane
- D. A license plate

**7. Frank Sinatra, Bruce Springsteen, and Jon Bon Jovi all hail from what state?**

- A. California
- B. Michigan
- C. New Jersey
- D. New York

**8. Who plays bass for the Rolling Stones?**

- A. Ron Wood
- B. Keith Richards
- C. Charlie Watts
- D. Bill Wyman

**9. What "Small Town" was John Cougar Mellencamp born in?**

- A. Seymour, Indiana
- B. Des Moines, Iowa
- C. Columbus, Ohio
- D. Toledo, Ohio

**10. Who played drums on the Stevie Nicks hit "Stand Back"?**

- A. Alex Van Halen
- B. Mick Fleetwood
- C. Prince
- D. Phil Collins

**11. Who contributed the guitar solo to Michael Jackson's "Beat It"?**

- A. Edward Van Halen
- B. Dweezil Zappa
- C. Prince
- D. Carlos Santana

**12. Motley Crue drummer Tommy Lee is married to what TV actress?**

- A. Valerie Bertinelli
- B. Heather Locklear
- C. Heather Thomas
- D. Justine Bateman

**13. BONUS: For 2 points, name the biggest selling single of all time.**

**Scoring**  
12-14 Excellent; 9-12 Good; 5-8 Fair; 3-4 Poor; 0-2 We're not mad, we're just disappointed.

## Pop Quiz Answers

- (Crossed by Hint)
- 1. B
  - 2. C
  - 3. A
  - 4. D
  - 5. B
  - 6. D
  - 7. C
  - 8. B
  - 9. A
  - 10. B
  - 11. A
  - 12. A
  - 13. D

## Parents Who Play Both Roles: They Should All Get Medals



by Tj Feldman

I couldn't do an article on Jewish fathers, because my father passed away — but sometimes I don't give my mom enough credit for the effort she makes to be both parents. While this article is mostly for my mom, all you other single parents should pat yourselves on the back.

Ever since I was almost nine, my mom has had to raise me with only a small amount of help from a few close friends and my brother. I fought (and sometimes still do) my mom on everything, determined to make her miserable. However, as I've grown up, I've begun to appreciate all the time, money and energy she has put into trying to make me happy. In return she only asked for respect and neatness. As a matter of fact, she knew nothing about this article.

As a mom, she has done an expert job of being ready with band-aids everytime I lose control while slicing a bagel, helping me prepare for proms, and making a mean lasagna.

As a dad, she's a baseball aficionado, an expert on the proper way to wash a car, and the quickest lightbulb changer in the east.

With a mom like this, who needs two parents? Actually — I'd still like to have a dad, but if there is any one parental thing that my mom has done outstandingly well over the years, it's giving me all the love, hugs and kisses a kid needs.

While I have sometimes undermined my mom's authority and underestimated her intelligence, I'll never again doubt her ability to do the job of two parents. Soon enough I'll leave home to go to college, but I'll always be mommy's little baby. I'll also never forget the security that's so easily found when I'm being held in her arms. Nor will I forget the feeling of terror I get whenever she makes her "Mommy Dearest" eyes.

O.K., so bye for now. My mom is thoroughly embarrassed or blushing — but just one more thing ... I love you, mom!!

## USY Sponsors Mission To Visit Refusniks

Hilary Buff, International President of USY and Amy Katz Wasser, Projects Coordinator for the Department of Youth Activities returned from the Soviet Union after meeting with second generation Refusniks and other Russian Jews in Moscow, Lenigrad and Minsk.

The second annual USY-sponsored visit enabled USYers to maintain contact with the Refusniks met last year and to develop communications with new groups including new-wave (youngsters wishing to emigrate without their parents consent).

Mrs. Buff and Mrs. Wasser provided them with cultural and religious materials including a wedding dress, Hebrew-Russian books and stereo equipment. In keeping with a long-standing USY tradition two younger Refusniks, Galina Pilmstein of Moscow and Lilila Undov of Minsk were appointed as members of the International USY Board in abstentia. Eight additional young Soviet Jews have been adopted by the 17 USY Regions throughout North America and will serve as honorary Executive Board members in each region.

## Israel Study Tours Strengthen Identity

"Six months or a year in Israel will do more to strengthen a young person's sense of Jewish identity than any other experience I know of," says Rabbi Allan L. Smith, director of the Youth Division of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Rabbi Smith speaks from experience. As head of all youth programs sponsored by the central body of Reform Judaism in the U.S. and Canada, he has had contact with thousands of high school- and college-age youth who have been to Israel on extended study-tour projects over the past 25 years.

The UAHC youth division sends more young people to Israel each year than any other Jewish group, according to Rabbi Smith. He adds:

"Programs that enable Diaspora youngsters to become part of Israeli life for even a few months are the most effective means of insuring a strong sense of worth as a Jew, a feeling that will remain with them for the rest of their lives."

He cites a survey of delegates to

the UAHC's 1985 biennial convention that found trips to or study programs in Israel by youngsters were the strongest influence in contributing to their sense of religious identity and encouraging them to become leaders in the Jewish community. The next most significant experiences were participation in Jewish youth groups and summer camps, he says.

"It is hard to overemphasize the importance of Jewish childhood experiences in promoting strong adult ties to Judaism," says Rabbi Smith. "I am convinced that visits to Israel are by far the most effective influence. Our 1985 study confirmed that."

Study-and-tour visits to Israel, Rabbi Smith says, expand a youngster's view of the world, increase his knowledge and understanding of Israel and Judaism and deepen a sense of Jewish identity and concern for the welfare of Jews everywhere. Close contact with Israeli families can solidify the Israeli experience even further, setting up a friendship network that in many

instances lasts for a lifetime, he adds.

The American Jewish community is a major winner, says Rabbi Smith, pointing to the fact that alumni of UAHC programs in Israel have gone on to become rabbis, leaders of congregations, heads of Jewish communal organizations and academic specialists on the Middle East.

The UAHC's youth programs in Israel have also had an impact on Israelis by bringing them in contact with young Reform Jews. "Until we initiated the programs in the early 1960s, Reform Judaism was a largely unknown quantity to many Israelis," Rabbi Smith explains. "Much of what Israelis have learned about the Reform movement they discovered through contact with our youngsters and the adults who run our programs."

Many of the young people in these programs develop such strong attachments to Israel and the close friends they have made that they return again and again, and some eventually make aliyah, he notes. Programs geared for high school and college youth are offered through UAHC's North American Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY).

In addition to programs for high-school-age youth, UAHC's NFTY offers a variety of short- and long-term programs for college students. Many combine academic study, transferable for college credits, with kibbutz living and touring.

Rabbi Smith is not surprised by such a spirited response. "Discovery — about one's self, including one's heritage — is what our youth programs in Israel are all about," he says. "For reinforcing a young person's sense of religious identity, there is no other experience to match it."

Information may be obtained by writing or calling: NFTY/UAHC Programs in Israel, 838 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10021; phone (212) 249-0100.



A PAUSE THAT REFRESHES: Youngsters on a study-tour program in Israel sponsored by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations Youth Division take time out from field school classes on the Golan Heights to cool off and have some fun.

## Camp Young Judaea, Amherst, N.H. 50th Reunion, June 1989

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## Obituaries

### EVERLYN S. DICKENS

WARWICK — Mrs. Evelyn S. Dickens, 67, of 1403 Warwick Ave., Warwick, died at Roger Williams General Hospital in Providence on Monday, June 20, 1988. She was the wife of Joseph Dickens and was born in Revere, Mass., a daughter of the late Maurice and Anna (Cohen) Cohen.

She resided in Warwick for the past 20 years, previously living in Cranston for 20 years.

She was current President of the Jewish War Veterans Post 23 Auxiliary. She was a member of Temple Am David, its sisterhood, Majestic Senior Guild, Women's Association of Jewish Home for the Aged.

For three years she was manager of Uniform Plus in Cranston, retiring in 1986 due to illness. Previously she had been manager for five years of the former Uniform III that had been in Warwick.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a daughter, Roberta L. Dickens, Cranston; a son, Dr. Michael S. Dickens, Bergenfield, N.J.; a sister, Helen Green, Chelsea, MA; and a brother, Harry Wellinger, Rosindale, MA; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick, R.I.

### JACOB LEONARD KARKLIN

NORTH MIAMI, Fla. — Jacob Leonard Karklin, 60, a resident of the Pinecrest Nursing Home, died June 22, 1988, at the Veterans Hospital, Miami.

Mr. Karklin had been a salesman for a food concessionaire in Miami for more than 10 years before retiring due to poor health.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Henry and Sarah (Cohen) Karklin, he resided in Providence for 20 years before moving to Florida in 1948.

He was a World War II Army veteran.

He leaves a sister, Ethel Sperling of Roslyn, N.Y.

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

### ETHEL LURY

CRANSTON — Ethel Lury, 71, of 320 Beckwith St., died June 24, 1988, at St. Joseph Hospital, Providence. She was the wife of Frank M. Lury.

Born in Providence, she was a

daughter of the late Charles and Florence (Greenleaf) Mandell. She had lived in Cranston since 1955.

Mrs. Lury was a member of the Pioneer Women, the Cranston Senior Citizens and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Pythias.

Besides her husband she leaves two daughters, Ruth S. Hurwitz of Cranston and Donna L. Pottle of Burrillville; two sons, Alan M. Lury of Sharon, Mass., and Samuel W. Lury of Cumberland; two brothers, Leonard C. Mandell of Seekonk, Mass., and Frank S. Mandell of Warwick; and eight grandchildren.

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

### EMIL REICHER

PROVIDENCE — Emil Reicher, 82, of 38 Twelfth St., an accountant and night manager for Korb's Bakery in Pawtucket from 1953 to 1979, died June 23, 1988, at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of the late Rosalee D. (Waldman) Reicher.

Born in New York City, he was a son of the late Marcus and Regina (Hochfelder) Reicher. He had lived in Providence 43 years.

Mr. Reicher attended Brooklyn College.

He was a Marine Corps veteran who served in the Nicaraguan Expeditionary Force and was a Navy Seabee veteran of World War II. Mr. Reicher was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Jewish War Veterans of Rhode Island.

He leaves two daughters, Marjorie L. Degnan of Providence and Ilene S. Berger of Plymouth, Mass.; a brother, Arthur Reicher of Piscataway, N.J.; and five grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was private.

### MADLINE TALAMO

PROVIDENCE — Madeline Talamo of 167 Laurel Ave., a concert pianist and music teacher, died Saturday, June 25, 1988, at Miriam Hospital. She was the widow of Dr. Haskell Talamo.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late Barney and Fanny (Greenberg) Taber.

Mrs. Talamo attended the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, and also studied piano in New York and Paris. She was known as a concert pianist for more than 50 years, having given

performances in Newport, New York and Paris.

Every year she presented at the music mansion on Meeting Street, an annual recital which she called "Music in the Home." On that occasion parents would frequently participate with their children in the program.

She taught piano in the Rhode Island area for 50 years, and was active until two weeks ago. The mother of one of her pupils — herself a pianist who had studied in England, Poland and Israel — once remarked about Mrs. Talamo: "I wish I had a teacher like this when I was a kid. She can bring out absolutely any amount of talent from anyone."

Mrs. Talamo was a member of the Chopin Club, the Chaminade Club, Temple Beth-El, its Sisterhood, the Women's Association of Miriam Hospital and the Jewish Home for the Aged.

A music scholarship fund will be set up in her memory.

She leaves a daughter, Fern Cohn of Port Washington, Long Island, N.Y.; two sons, Ronald M. Dworkin of London, England, and New York City, and Alan T. Dworkin of East Greenwich; a sister, Caroline T. Cohen; a brother, Albert A. Taber, both of Providence; nine grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

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

### Workshop For Displaced Homemakers

The R.I. Displaced Homemaker Program will sponsor a six-week Personal and Career Exploration Workshop starting July 5, for women who are divorced, separated, widowed or caring for a disabled spouse, and single parents.

The first three weeks will focus on building confidence and self-esteem. The next three weeks will concern career development, including occupational testing, resume-writing, and career-related issues. Sessions are free and open to all displaced homemakers regardless of economic background.

For more information and to register, call Florence Fish at the Displaced Homemaker Program: 277-2862.



## Women In Judaism

If Jewish women are to have real power in the future, "they must hold leading positions in major institutions of learning — Hebrew University, Yeshiva College, Hebrew Union College and the Jewish Theological Seminary," noted author and scholar Francine Klagsbrun told delegates to the recent B'nai B'rith Women Convention, in Miami Beach.

Despite the fact that close to 30 percent of the students at the Seminary's Rabbinical School are women, and that women are beginning to hold pulpits throughout the United States, she said, "today's realities are that women still are subject to inequalities in Judaism. We need to develop a learned corps of women scholars — women who know halachah — Jewish law — and understand the processes of change that are built into Halachah." Only then, she said, could women successfully influence and enhance the role of women in Judaism.

Klagsbrun pointed to Jewish study as a means for moving women forward. "My vision," she said, "is to have study groups for women existing in every Jewish organization. It is a great mistake for Jewish women to reject our heritage of texts. It is a heritage from which we can move forward and bring about creative change."

Speaking at the same convention, Rabbi Avis Miller of Adas Israel Congregation in Washington, D.C., also assessed the gains that women have made in professions such as the rabbinate and the cantorate and explored their roles in Jewish law, the liturgy and life cycle ceremonies.

Speaking from her own experience as the leader of the largest adult bat mitzvah program in the country, Rabbi Miller said that women were drawn to Jewish study because of a desire to feel competent, to participate actively in synagogue life and to be actively involved with other Jewish women. Women have discovered, she said that "special bonds are formed between women who study together."

Rabbi Miller believes that women have brought unique styles of leadership to their roles in the rabbinate. "Men lead from out in front, with an attitude of 'follow me,'" she said. "Women are more likely to lead from within the group, with an attitude of 'let's all do this together.' I would rather lead a discussion than lecture," she said. "I would rather teach than

preach."

Rabbi Miller asserted, however, that underlying the changes that have been occurring so rapidly for women in Judaism, there are some very basic questions that remain unanswered — questions as to what the proper role for women ought to be in our tradition. "I am not suggesting that women give back the gains we have made through enfranchisement," she said. "I have seen the satisfaction and the delight shining from women who study, who can chant the words of the Torah with competence — and with love. I'm talking about our identity as Jewish women."

Rabbi Miller went on to question what women stand to lose by merging their roles and their identities with Jewish men. "How do we accommodate what I have come to believe is an innate female instinct and ability to nurture," she asked, "with our desire to share a wider role in Jewish life? And how will all this change affect the Jewish family and the Jewish community?"

Other workshops at the convention dealt with women in politics, intercultural prejudice and Israel. B'nai B'rith Women unites Jewish women to promote social advancement through education, service and action.

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## Penny Jackim: Peace For Sale



by David DeBlois

Below the picture of the Earth as viewed from space, it says:

*Earth, which has seemed so large, must now be seen in its smallness. We live in a closed system, absolutely dependent on Earth and on each other for our lives and those of succeeding generations. The many things that divide us are therefore of infinitely less importance than the interdependence and danger that unites us.*

The quote, which is taken from a message to the world drafted by a meeting of biologists from 6 different countries in 1970, makes a striking postcard. Penny Jackim knew it would.

"When you're looking out for quotations," she says, "you'd be surprised at how many of them come your way."

In 1986, Jackim, an illustrator, calligrapher, and designer, founded Ahisma Graphics. The company is dedicated to representing messages of nonviolence on its line of postcards, greeting cards, note cards, and T-shirts. Ahisma, in fact, is a Sanskrit word which means "lacking any desire to kill." In addition to the quote above, Ahisma also markets merchandise with quotes from such sources as the Bible, Gandhi, Goethe, and Chief Seattle.

After coming to Rhode Island from New York, Penny worked in the URI Publications Office and did freelance artwork. Then, she explains, something changed her life:

"Even years ago, during the Vietnam period, I had attended big demonstrations in New York--at that time I lived in New York--but I wasn't any more involved than that. I guess the beginning of it was around...oh, it must've been around 1981 that I heard Helen Caldicott speak, and I got involved with [her group] Women For a Non-Nuclear Future."

It was Caldicott, Penny says, who inspired her to rededicate her life to the peace movement.

And so Ahisma Graphics was born. Originally, the company marketed postcards. When Penny's son suggested that she put some of her designs onto T-shirts,

a new facet of the company was born. With the still-expanding business being run entirely out of her own home, living quarters for Penny have become a bit cramped. In describing her home, now dominated by cartons of Ahisma merchandise, she uses phrases like, "This used to be the living room," and "This used to be my bedroom."

Despite the strain on finances which any small business owner can identify with, Penny still manages to regularly donate a portion of her proceeds to various peace organizations. "I sell at a lot of conferences, and sometimes they charge a table fee, but often they don't. Yet I still make that offer to donate part of my proceeds. As a result, I give to a lot of different groups."

In addition to selling at conferences, Penny's works are sold at a number of R.I. and Massachusetts retail outlets, including the College Hill Book Store on Thayer Street in Providence. Her mail order business is also growing.

Though Penny says she does not at all regret having started Ahisma, she admits that it can be trying at times:

"Well, I know very well how to design things, but when it comes to running a business, I don't know so much. And yet, the primary thing I'm doing is running a business. I have made a few mistakes--every-one will when they're in unfamiliar territory. I'm just trying to learn fast enough so that I can survive in the business arena. The success rate of small businesses is not exactly the rosiest picture. I'm hanging in there, but it's not easy sometimes."

Though her hopes for mankind are quite high, her immediate hopes for Ahisma are quite modest: "I'm really just trying to make the business work. I want Ahisma to break even in 1988. That's my goal for this year. We really need to break even this year."

One of Penny's postcard designs sports a quote from Goethe: "Whatever you can do, or dream you can do, begin it. Boldness has genius, power and magic in it." Penny Jackim has taken heed of this advice, and if Goethe was correct, Ahisma Graphics will endure.

## Ruth Morgenthau Speaks On Hunger

Ruth Morgenthau of North Kingstown was a main speaker last week at the American Jewish World Service's conference on "Jewish Responsibility in a Hungry World."

Speaking on "Values, Choices and Hunger," Mrs. Morgenthau told hundreds of religious and community leaders at New York's Lincoln Square Synagogue, that hunger today is manmade and can be eliminated in our lifetime.

"G-d did not create the hunger that persists in our lifetime," she said, "man did. It is up to us to end it."

"Every 50 years in Biblical times, Jews in rural society were to redistribute the land, the main source of wealth and sustenance," she noted. "Therefore, the persistence of inherited disabilities, from one generation to the next, is against Jewish values," Morgenthau observed. "That means it is up to us, as Jews, to continue to build effective specific programs suitable to ending hunger."

"Effective programs must differ in different places around the world," Mrs. Morgenthau commented, referring to her book, *Fighting Rural Hunger in a World Full of Grain*.

Known as an authority on the subject, a professor at Brandeis University and associated with the Alan Shawn Feinstein Hunger Program at Brown University, Mrs. Morgenthau developed the Food Corps International when she was a United States delegate to the United Nations.

She is a founding trustee of American Jewish World Service, and is currently running for Congress as a Democrat in Rhode Island's Second District, which runs from Providence to Westerly.

## ADL Poll: Anti-Semitism In Germany

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with the statement that "40 years after the war, we should stop talking so much about the persecution of Jews."

In the words of the pollsters, this latter finding shows that two-thirds of Germans want to call "it quits with the past."

The Allensbach Institute asserted that on the basis of its earlier poll in 1986 "the past is strictly viewed as a burden by the majority rather than as indispensable and valuable knowledge which must be passed on and preserved under any and all conditions, i.e., knowledge of the danger of prejudice and ideology and of the possibility that... a civilized country can revert to barbarism."

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uncompromising position against violence.

In expelling Mr. Awad, Israel may have committed an error in political judgment. Arguably, it is in Israel's interest to encourage a moderate Palestinian leadership in the territories. Despite Mr. Awad's questionable credentials as an advocate of non-violence, his present position of recognizing Israel's legitimacy and need for security is to be welcomed. But however one comes down on this question, Israel has done nothing illegal.

It is to be regretted that the U.S. administration has chosen to make a major issue of Awad's deportation. No sovereign nation likes to be lectured endlessly about every minute aspect of its domestic and foreign policy. The administration would be better advised to use its influence more sparingly and in the pursuit of more fundamental objectives.

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Instruct us in the art of living together. Teach us to respect differences, to reconcile clashing interests, and to help one another achieve a harmonious and abundant life.

Give us the wisdom to choose honest and capable leaders who will govern us according to Thy law of righteousness.

Bless Thou the enterprise of the American people, that they may utilize the resources of the land for the good of all men.

May our nation be ever receptive to new revelations of truth in science and philosophy, ever sensitive to the appeal of beauty in nature and art, ever responsive to the call of duty and the spirit of religious consecration and worship;

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## Very Special Arts Festival

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"This year's theme for the special event involves creative installations relying on wind power," Festival Coordinator Bobbi Houllahan explains. "We are inviting Festival participants to become involved beforehand in constructing these pieces, some of which will be aerial and others earthbound."

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## Goldman Fellowship Applications

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Those interested in applying should send a letter advocating their candidacy to the Ralph I. Goldman Fellowship, JDC, 711 Third Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10017. The letter should include education and work history, reasons for interest in the Fellowship, plans for the future, and references. The winner will be announced in January 1989.

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