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## Anti-Semitism Without Anti-Semites In The House Of The Rising Sun

by Rabbi Abraham Cooper

History has taught us to associate anti-Semitism with threats, discrimination or violence against the Jewish people. Throughout the millennia — from the Crusades to the Inquisition, and the 20th century Nazi Holocaust — Jews have been the targets of well-organized hate campaigns, often designed by charismatic leaders who ignited deep-seated religious, cultural and political prejudices of the masses.

But how to account for serious anti-Semitism in a country with virtually no Jews or physical manifestations against the 400 or so Jewish inhabitants? How to explain the scapegoating of Jews for real and imagined problems in a society which venerates cultural achievement, pursuit of knowledge and which boasts a 99% literacy rate?

Yet the fact is that Japan, a nation of 120 million citizens, which has emerged in the 1980s as the economic power, has experienced an explosion of popular anti-Semitic works over the past three years that have gone virtually unchallenged by Japanese intellectuals, the government or the media. Last year alone, over 1% of all books sold in Japan had themes which

blamed international Jewish conspiracies for a variety of the world's ills — from the overvalued Yen to an alleged cover-up of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster. One author — Masami Uno — who professes to be a fundamentalist Christian minister, has sold over 1.5 million volumes of his works, including *If You Understand the Jew — You Will Understand the World*, and *If You Understand the Jew — You Will Understand Japan*.

Some ninety other titles have 'educated' their average readers — middle and high ranking company employees — further about Jews. A new, hardcover bestseller I bought in Tokyo's largest bookstore is by an outspoken anti-nuclear critic, Takashi Hirose. He reveals to his readers that industrialist Armand Hammer is actually a pro-Israel agent who heads up a "shadow network," which worked to hush up the extent of the Chernobyl nuclear accident, even as he conspired to cash in on the catastrophe by manipulating international food supplies which — you guessed it — are also controlled by Jews. Another popular book reveals who the 'Jews' are in America who control so much of the world's wealth: the

Rockefellers, Duponts, Morgans and Mellons! Jews, Japanese readers are told, are plotting an economic collapse for 1990 — designed to cripple Japan's economic ascendancy. Other Jews plot WWII — guaranteed, — they say, to hasten the coming of the Messiah.

Why the Jews? Clearly, extremists in the Arab world who have been promoting these transmuted classic Christian and Czarist anti-Semitic themes around the world serve as a source of inspiration and information. There is an overwhelming fear of a potential Arab-inspired oil boycott and some Japanese are prepared to do anything to satisfy some of the most fanciful visions of the Arab-rejectionist front. But while this may explain Japan's almost slavish adherence to the Arab boycott, and perhaps partially account for the presence of these themes, it cannot explain their popularity.

Not surprisingly, everyone I spoke to in Japan had their own theory. A Foreign Ministry official dismissed the anti-Semitic thrust of these books, asserting that many Japanese often look for 'conspiracies' to explain past events and to project future

## The Battle Of The Blaze



Intifada against trees keeps Israelis constantly alert for signs of smoke. Arsonists have begun setting synchronized, multiple blazes destroying, to date, over 35,000 acres of forests and pasturelands. (Story on page 12.)

scenarios. Further, some academicians and media experts sought to reassure me that Japanese readers are well educated and very cynical, who "surely dismiss these ridiculous notions even as they toss the used paperbacks into the garbage."

But others aren't so sure. They see anti-Semitism as a function of deteriorating relations with America and resurgent Japanese

nationalism. "You can't automatically dismiss these books," said one member of Tokyo's Jewish community, "... Japan is a democracy and one cannot discount the potential impact popularly circulated ideas can have on public opinion and policy..."

Clearly, continued silence on this problem will impact in (continued on page 19)

## The Major Effects Of America's Social Feminist Revolution On Orthodox Women And Communities

by Jeff Benkoe

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY — America's "social revolution" which has trickled down to the Jewish community is posing new challenges for the Orthodox Jewish woman as mother, parent, and communal leader, according to a professor of Jewish history at Yeshiva University.

"The signs are in place of a social transformation that is emerging in Jewish life," said the professor, Dr. Jeffrey S. Gurock, author of *The Men and Women of Yeshiva: Higher Education, Orthodoxy, and American Judaism* (Columbia University Press 1988), a social history of Orthodox Judaism using the evolution of 100-year-old Yeshiva University in New York City as a metaphor.

"Orthodox women are beginning to manifest the same sort of career aspirations that the men have wanted," said Dr. Gurock, Libby M. Klapperman Professor of American Jewish History.

"We have a modern orthodox community, where men and women are both involved in pursuits outside of the home and outside of the community, and women are behaving more like the men," he said.

### Women In The Work Force: The Early Stages

According to Dr. Gurock, the changing role of the American Jewish woman in 20th century society can be traced to the late 1800's, when immigrant women first worked in factories,

sweatshops, and as peddlers.

Among second generation immigrants, beginning with the 1920's, the mother remained at home while the father worked. Women only worked if it was financially necessary.

"One of the signs of the maturation of second generation American Jews, of having 'made it' in America at the time," said Dr. Gurock, "was the removal of women from the work force. Only the poorest women had to work alongside their husbands, like they did in Eastern Europe."

Those women who did work during the pre-1945 period, according to Dr. Gurock, assumed positions as secretaries, bookkeepers, and stenographers — jobs which they held until marriage. "To be a private secretary was maybe the highest aspiration, a sign of status," Dr. Gurock said. "And once they married, if they could then leave the work force because their husbands were doing well, then that, too, was a sign of status."

But, historically, the implications of Jewish women remaining at home have been important in the formation of Jewish women's groups and organizations on behalf of Israel, according to Dr. Gurock.

"Women now had time on their hands, and they slowly began to dedicate themselves to the pursuit of Jewish causes," he said.

But since the 1950's, concomitant with the founding of

the University's Stern College for Women and the dawn of a generation of college-educated Jewish women, new circumstances have arisen, according to Dr. Gurock.

"When Stern College was first founded in 1954, very few women were interested in pre-med, law and business," Dr. Gurock noted. "Remarkably, towards the end of the 20th century, we are finding Orthodox Jewish women are behaving more and more like their brothers and their husbands, which has had tremendous implications in terms of how this community is going to be run in the 21st century."

### The 'New' Jewish Woman

The Orthodox woman who is a product of the college and graduate education and who has assumed professional and leadership positions in the business world now faces new challenges, according to Dr. Gurock.

"She is beginning to see a dichotomy between her power in the real world and her powerlessness within the Jewish communal fold," Dr. Gurock observed, "as a member and chairman of executive boards, as directors, as presidents, and as spokespersons."

"If these women are having to go out and work and serve as providers, are they going to be satisfied with second class citizenship in educational, social, and communal agencies?" he said.

Women who have assumed

leadership positions with UJA/Federation, the Board of Jewish Education, and Council of Jewish Federations, for example, have become role models, said Dr. Gurock.

Yeshiva University, too, he said, has responded to this phenomenon, with its recent election of a woman to its Board of Trustees — a first in the institution's history — and the formation of a Board of Directors for the University's Stern College for Women.

### The 'New' Jewish Family

But the strides made by the Orthodox Jewish career mother have given some cause for concern about the future of the Jewish family unit, according to Dr. Gurock.

"With both parents working and out of the home, how is one to live an Orthodox life and raise the traditional Jewish family?" Dr. Gurock asked. "With parents leading dual careers, who is going to be the stabilizing agent that very much is a part of the Orthodox conception of the Jewish home? Who's going to raise the children? If two parents are working, who shares Jewish knowledge and customs?"

"This is a very problematic issue which is of serious concern for the future of the basic structure of the Jewish family. It appears that, by our own success, we have created real problems. But we have also made for ourselves a challenge. 'Orthodox Jews Not Immune'

What is required in meeting the challenges put forth by the changing social conditions of the 1980's is "a rethinking and restructuring of the educational approach to our children to better service this new world," Dr. Gurock said.

"The schools have to respond," he said. "We're not questioning how they [the schools] go about teaching children, but rather, what the social approach is to this Jewish family in an Orthodox school."

According to Dr. Gurock, American Orthodox Jews "are not immune to the same processes which affect everybody. It may be delayed to some extent, but Jews — who live in both the secular and traditional worlds — are going to be troubled by the interface of these worlds."

### Impact On Ultra-Orthodox Community

"Centrist Orthodox Jews are engaged in the interface with modernity," Dr. Gurock said, "but people to the right on the ideological spectrum — whether they are conscious of it or not also have to be seen as being engaged in the same type of dialectic with modernity. We are all involved in the same process."

According to Dr. Gurock, the major social revolution taking place in centrist Orthodox camp has been guided by what is happening in American society, and has "spilled over," into every segment of society.

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# Local News

## Congregation Beth Sholom

Congregation Beth Sholom will be observing the fast of Tisha B'Av on Saturday night, July 23 and Sunday, July 24. Tisha B'Av commemorates both destructions of the ancient Temple in Jerusalem. The first destruction occurred in 586 B.C.E. when the Babylonian armies of Nebuchadnezzar captured Jerusalem. The second destruction took place in 70 C.E. at the hands of the Roman general Titus and his legions.

The evening service for Tisha B'Av will begin at 8:45 p.m. on July 23, which is the time at which the Sabbath concludes. The Book of Lamentations, Megillat Echa, will be read in the traditional manner. Shacharit service will begin on Sunday, July 24 at 8 a.m. The traditional Kinot, mourning dirges, will be read. The Mincha afternoon service will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday evening.

## Touro Synagogue

The special, traditional "Tisha B'Av" religious services will be held at Touro Synagogue on Saturday evening, July 23, at 9 p.m. and Sunday morning, July 29, at 9 a.m., announced Rabbi Chaim Shapiro, the spiritual leader of the congregation. Cantor Neil Shapiro of New York, the Rabbi's son, will assist his father in conducting the services. "Tisha B'Av" is one of the saddest occasions of the Jewish calendar. It commemorates the destruction of the two Temples of Jerusalem (586 B.C.E. and 70 C.E.) and this is an occasion for fasting and various customs of mourning. At the Saturday evening service, Cantor Shapiro will chant the traditional scriptural portion of "Lamentations." The Jewish community and any interested summer tourists are invited to participate in these services. For further information, contact the synagogue office at 847-4794.

## Temple Beth David

TEMPLE BETH DAVID, NARRAGANSETT, will hold Friday Evening Services this Friday, July 22, 1988 at 8 p.m.

Shabbat services will be held on July 23, at 9:30 a.m. A plaque dedication in memory of Mr. Joseph Block will highlight the Services.

Saturday night, July 23, Temple Beth David will join Temple Torat Yisrael, in the observance of Tisha B'Av.

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

## Touro Fraternal News

Touro Fraternal Association presents, For Your Summer Enjoyment, 42nd Street at Theatre-by-the-Sea in Matunuck, R.I. on Saturday night, August 20, 1988 at 9 p.m.

The price for members is \$25 per couple, non-members pay \$35 per couple.

There is a Limited Supply of Tickets (60 only). Cut off date is August 12, No Exceptions.

## Bureau Of Jewish Education

The Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island has prepared a guide to supplement the *Ramesses the Great* exhibit at the Museum of Science in Boston. For your complimentary copy, designed for parents of elementary school children, please call the Bureau at 331-0956.

## Eden Garden Club — Temple Beth-El

The Eden Garden Club of Temple Beth El will be holding a meeting on Thursday, July 21, 1988 in the board room of Temple Beth-El at noon.

Pearl Pitterman will conduct a class in decorating with sea shells. Bring a small picture frame, box, tray, material to cover the object (if you wish), and whatever you would like to decorate. If you have any shells, please bring them. If not, I am sure we can share. Dried items like beans or pasta can be used instead.

### SURPRISE RAFFLE!

Also bring a brown bag lunch. Dessert and a drink will be provided.

If you have any questions, feel free to call: Lillian Strauss, 884-2903; Fran Sadler, 942-7796.

## Service At Cathedral Of The Pines

The 42nd annual Jewish worship services at the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, N.H. will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, August 7, 1988. Services for this year will be conducted by Rabbi Norman T. Mendel assisted by Rabbi Janice B. Garfunkel, both from Temple Emanuel, Worcester, Mass. Musical settings for the liturgy will be sung by Cantorialist, Sheri E. Blum, also from Temple Emanuel.

The Jewish service, which annually attracts as many as three thousand people, is one of the many services held at the Cathedral throughout the summer. To date, more than 40 different religious denominations — Christians, Jewish, Christian Science, Mormon and others have availed themselves of the facilities of this beautiful outdoor place of worship.

The Altar of the Nations at the Cathedral of the Pines attained the status of a national shrine honoring all military and civilian war dead, this by virtue of an Act of Congress. Its appointments contain stones from every State of the Union and from every part of the globe, each as a tribute to some person or historic event.

Operated as a public charitable trust, the Cathedral makes no collections or charges of any kind, being supported mainly by voluntary contributions. Parking facilities for thousands of cars are available. After each service, staff lecturers tell the story of the origin of the Cathedral project and the history of the many famous stones embedded in the Altar of the Nations and other appointments.

At the Jewish service the current Sedra or portion of the Torah and of the Prophets will be read. A booklet containing the entire service is given to each attendant.

Milton Posovsky, Barry Jaffe and Alan Yaffe are in charge of arrangements. Host at Hilltop House will be Leo Lakin. Torah assistants will be Raymond and Judy Levine. Morris Moses will be usher.

### Directions from Worcester:

From Lincoln Square — take Grove Street or Salisbury Street to Route 122A in Holden. Go through Holden and turn right after the Holden Country Club onto Route 68 and join Route 140 in Gardner. Take Route 140 North to Winchendon. In Winchendon, pick up Route 202 North to Rindge, N.H. Follow signs marked Cathedral of the Pines.

### From Boston:

Take Route 2 to Gardner, then pick up Route 140 to Winchendon. In Winchendon, pick up Route 202 North to Rindge, N.H. Follow signs marked Cathedral of the Pines.

## Sons Of Jacob

Friday, July 22 — Candlelighting, 7:54 p.m.; Minchah service, 8:15 p.m.; Maariv service, 8:15 p.m.

Saturday, July 23 — P'Devarin. Shabbatz Chazon. Morning services, 8:30 a.m. Kiddush after sharkarakaz. Minchah service is at 7:00 p.m., with the Third Meal directly after Minchah. With the Third Meal is a preparation for the Fast of the 9th Day of Av, beginning this Saturday evening until Sunday after Maariv (at 8:00 p.m.). Additionally, Saturday night after Maariv, the Kinus (Lamentation) along with other prayers are recited.

Sunday, July 24 — The 9th of Av, morning services at 7:30 a.m. (No Talis and Tfillin — these will be worn at the Minchah services). Minchah, 7:45 p.m. promptly. Next Shabbath is a very happy day; it is called Shabbatz Nachamu, which is a Shabbath of comfort and sdosh.

## Congregation Ohave Sholom

The following is the schedule for this Tisha B'Av weekend.

Friday evening services, 8:05 p.m.

Saturday morning services, 9 a.m.; (the Rabbi will speak about the meaning of the fast day). Saturday Mincha, 6 p.m.; (one cannot eat or drink after 8:13 p.m. Saturday evening). Saturday evening Ma'ariv and Book of Lamentations, 9:15 p.m.

Sunday morning services are 8:30 a.m. (Kinot are recited). Sunday afternoon Mincha is at 5:45 p.m. (put on Talit and Tephillin). Sunday evening 6:30 p.m. Community program on Ethiopian Jewry. Sunday evening Ma'ariv 8:50 p.m. Fast is over at 8:57 p.m.

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Barbara Ribakove Gordon, Director of the North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry (NACOEJ), will show extraordinary slides taken on her seven visits to the Ethiopian Jews in Gondar Providence, Ethiopia.

Named "Unsung Hero" of 1986 by the New York Jewish Week for her work on behalf of the Ethiopian Jews, Barbara Gordon leads groups of American and Israeli Jews to the remote mud-hut villages of Ethiopia, bringing hope and help to families struggling to survive in a land of war and famine.

Don't miss this remarkable presentation on the world's most endangered Jewish Community!

## Peace Corps Information Sessions

Peace Corps Representatives will be sponsoring an Open House/Information Session in the Rhode Island Area. Peace Corps is currently involved in development projects in 65 countries in Africa, South Pacific, Caribbean and Latin America. Those interested in Peace Corps should attend. For more information on Peace Corps, call (617) 565-5555 x. 642 or write Peace Corps, 10 Causeway St., Rm. 450, Box 642, Boston, MA 02222.

### PROVIDENCE

August 1 — Film and Information Booth: Providence Commerce Center Theatre, 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

August 2 — Film and Information Booth: Providence Commerce Center Theatre, 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

### NEWPORT

August 3 — Information Booth: Newport Harbour Center, 10:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Film Presentation: Newport Harbour Center, 5:30 p.m.

## Connecticut Rabbi To Chair New Orthodox Rabbinical Group



Rabbi Ehrenkranz

The Fellowship of Traditional Orthodox Rabbis (FTOR) has recently been formed under the chairmanship of Rabbi Joseph H. Ehrenkranz of Congregation Agudath Shalom, Stamford, Conn. Members of FTOR are rabbis who

have orthodox training and commitment, who serve congregations in the U.S. and Canada, both with and without mechitzot, with the intent of enhancing the depth and character of the Jewish life of their members.

The group was started by an initiative taken by Rabbis Stanley Wagner, of Denver, Colo., and Ben Zion C. Kaganoff of Chicago, Ill. in the early part of 1986, who were concerned with the excessive polarization to the right in orthodox Jewish life, which they felt was incompatible with the interests of Jewish peoplehood and their understanding of classical Jewish values. They subsequently convened a meeting of colleagues in Denver in May 1987 to discuss these issues, followed by an

organizational meeting in New York in August of that year at which Rabbi Ehrenkranz was appointed chairman. Rabbi Bernhard Rosenberg of Yonkers, N.Y., vice chairman, as well as Regional Directors Rabbis David Chanovsky of Monsey, N.J.; Simcha Friedman of N. Miami Beach, Fla.; Ira Grussgott of Philadelphia, Pa.; Howard J. Kaplan of Lake Hiawatha, N.J.; Mark Kunis of Brooklyn, N.Y.; A. Norman Strickman of Brooklyn, N.Y.; Stanley Wagner of Denver, Colo.; and Ephraim Zimand of St. Louis, Mo.

Chairman Ehrenkranz was ordained by Yeshiva University in 1949 and is rabbi of the largest orthodox congregation in Connecticut. He serves on countless boards such as St. Joseph's Hospital, Stamford Forum for World Affairs, and the Visiting Nurses' Association Continued Care Program. He was chairman of the Stamford Chapter of the NCCJ and of the Stamford-Darien Clergy Association. He spent Passover 1976 with Russian refuseniks and dissidents; on July 12, 1987 he received an honorary Doctor of Divinity from Yeshiva University.

Rabbi Ehrenkranz stated that the fellowship will serve as a support group and a means for exchange of ideas and concerns for its members; as a moderating force in strengthening and supporting the unity of the people and land of Israel; and as a voice for reasonableness and balance in Jewish life and practice.

## To Study Under Professor Neusner

by John F. Walsh

No need to bring a pen to Professor Neusner's Religious Studies class. Notetaking was prohibited. "If you are writing," he said, "you are not thinking. I want your eyes. I want you to listen. I want you to think!"

This was not your typical introductory course despite its title "Introduction to Judaism." Sure, there were 150 students (at the outset) and the class was held in the List Art building's auditorium — perfect setting for breezing your way through a freshman experiment, the more invisible the better. Not with Neusner. He worked the room better than Donahue — up one aisle, across a row of seats, down another aisle, to the stage for a short stay, and then up the aisle again. Raising your hand had no bearing on who Neusner would single out to answer a question. Every student in the room was his prey. Slouchers and looker-downers were as likely to get called on as eager I-know-it-all hand wavers. You never relaxed.

Neusner nails a kid on the aisle — a sloucher, not a hand-pumper. What's he think? The kid starts slowly, awkwardly. Stammers. Smiles. Neusner is unaffected, lets him finish, lets him down. "That's not what you think," he says. "That's stupid. Come on, think about it — use the brains your parents gave you. You can do better than that. Don't be lazy. Think."

Neusner is very visible on the college green. Always crossing it with the same two graduate students, two disciples accompanying him to the Religious Studies building on George Street. Neusner is always talking.

Neusner assigns a reading list. He's written half the books.

He approaches me before a class at mid-semester. Who are you? Where are you from? Where'd you go to high school? I tell him I went to LaSalle Academy in Providence (read: Catholic). He tells me his kids go to Classical. I tell him I have a lot of friends who go there. He says his kids like the school. For those few minutes, Neusner is as human and friendly as I've ever seen him. More friendly and human than most profs I'll meet during my entire four years at Brown.

I drop the class at the very end of the semester — avoiding the only requirement save attending class and listening, a 10-page paper on the topic of our choice. Cleared beforehand with Neusner. I watch the NBA playoffs and drink beer instead.

Neusner catches me on the green the following September. Breaks away from his graduate disciples, walks up to me and asks why I never submitted a paper for his class. I mumble something inane — too much other work, feeling lost in the class. "Nonsense," he says. "You attended all the lectures. You were there all semester long. You should get credit. You should get your money's worth ... your parents should get their money's worth." He says he'll change my No Credit grade — just write the paper. I tell him I'll come see him in his office.

I'm sitting with him in his office later that week. Being Catholic, I suggest I do a paper On Christ — prophet or saviour? He tells me to read *The Source* by Michener. A book report. Give it to him, he'll change the grade.

Never did the paper. I'm living proof of all that Professor Neusner says is wrong with the New Curriculum. It's too easy on students. It makes them irresponsible. It tells them that the world does not hold you accountable for your actions.

Ironically, I'd never have taken Neusner's class in the first place if the New Curriculum worked. I followed my father's advice and took a Religious Studies course to give me valuable background for my English and American Literature studies. Little did I know that "Introduction to Judaism" would hardly be applicable. In theory, my Teacher Advisor (the professor all frosh are assigned to for guidance in selecting first-year courses) should have directed me to a course that would have been more appropriate. I had little faith in my assigned TA however. At our first meeting, it took him five minutes to realize that he was looking at an engineering student's course print out as we discussed my first semester at the University.

The final irony: I took the wrong class, I dropped it at the end of the semester, I never got credit, but more than any other first-year professor, Neusner taught me how to think.

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## Opinion

### Where Is Reform Judaism Now That We Need It?

by Jacob Neusner

If I had to choose two words to characterize the contemporary state of Reform Judaism, they would be sloth and envy. Now that we need Reform Judaism, it has run out of steam.

I call Reform Judaism slothful because it has become lazy about developing its own virtues and so deprives all Jews of its invaluable gifts, its insights and its powerful ideas. I call it envious because it sees virtue in others and despises itself. The single greatest and most urgent idea in the Jewish world today is the one idea that Reform Judaism has made its own and developed for us all, and that is the idea that God loves all humanity, not only holy Israel. Today, no single idea is more urgent than that one. Let me explain.

Reform Judaism in the temples and in the schools lacks vitality, even while it correctly points to enormous growth. Reform Judaism in the USA is the most numerous Judaism and is growing faster than Conservatism and, in absolute numbers, much faster than Orthodoxy.

The reason is that Reform Judaism has accurately taken the measure of the condition of American Jewry and has framed a Judaism that deals with the real and urgent issues of contemporary American Jewish life.

But that success, for which the lay people must take credit, since they are the creators of Reform Judaism, has yet to make its mark on the morale and attitude of the Reform movement. The movement still regards itself as a second-class and somehow less than fully legitimate Judaism.

Without conceding for one minute that less observance or less learning are to be treated as unimportant, I think Reform Judaism has a message to offer to all Jews, including the most Orthodox of the Orthodox and the most nationalistic of the

nationalists, and one that in importance outweighs devoting oneself to studying the Talmud and not eating lobster.

It is that Judaism, as Reform Judaism defines Judaism, is a religion of respect and love for the other, as much as for the self. Reform Judaism teaches that God loves all people, finds and emphasizes those teachings of the received holy books of the Torah that deliver that message, and rejects bigotry and prejudice when practiced not only by gentiles but even by Jews.

Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion has delivered to Reform Jews a corps of rabbis bearing a moral concern and — more important — an intellectual system and structure that form a monument to the capacity of Israel, the Jewish people, to think both of itself and also of the other, and to love not only itself but also the outsider.

There should be no doubt at all, the single most urgent moral crisis facing the communities of Jews today is the Jews' self-indulgent hostility toward the other or the outsider. We have turned into haters and takers and we justify ourselves for it: we do not owe anything to "the other," but everyone owes us.

Take for example our visceral response to the candidacy of Jesse Jackson for the Democratic nomination for the presidency. Jackson, widely held in Jewry to be an anti-Semite and unfriendly to the State of Israel, precipitated debate in American Jewish circles. On the one side a candidate from a long-oppressed minority, on the other side himself distrusted as unfriendly, Jackson elicited mixed feelings.

Mayor Koch's statement that any Jew who voted for Jackson is "crazy" provoked Norman Mailer, the novelist, to reply (*New York Times*, April 18, 1988) in language reminiscent of the prophetic tradition: "What made us great as a people is that we, of all ethnic groups, were the most concerned with the world's problems. . . We understood as no other people how

the concerns of the world were our concerns. The welfare of all the people of the world came before our own welfare. . . The imperative to survive at all costs. . . left us smaller, greedier, narrower, preternaturally touchy and self-seeking. We entered the true and essentially hopeless world of the politics of self-interest; 'is this good for the Jews?' became, for all too many of us, all of our politics."

Mailer concluded, "The seed of any vital American future must still break through the century-old hard-pack of hate, contempt, corruption, guilt, odium, and horror. . . I am tired of living in the miasma of our indefinite and ongoing national shame."

I find in Mailer's comments that morally vital prophetic tradition that Reform Judaism — alone among contemporary Judaisms — espouses. And that is a nonpartisan judgment, because, as a Republican, I could not care less who won the New York primary.

But there is a much more telling comment on the condition of contemporary Judaic morality. It comes in an address by Yehoshaphat Harkabi to the Council of Reform and Liberal Rabbis at the Liberal Jewish Synagogue in London last year. Harkabi chose his platform well, the only religious Judaic platform for his message, that there is a crisis in our relationships to the gentiles (a.k.a. "the goyim").

Professor Yehoshafat Harkabi, Hebrew University, raised in a stunning public statement the issue of the divisive power of the Jewish religion within the Jewish people itself. Harkabi raised the possibility that "the Jewish religion that hitherto has bolstered Jewish existence may become detrimental to it."

He pointed to manifestations of hostility against gentiles, formerly repressed, but ascendant in the past decade. In the State of Israel, in particular, that hostility took such forms as these. The Chief Rabbi Mordechai Eliahu forbade Jews in the State of Israel to sell apartments to gentiles."

A former Chief Rabbi ruled that a Jew had to burn a copy of the New Testament.

A scholar who has received the Israel Prize in Judaic Studies, Rabbi Eliezer Waldenberg, declared that a gentile should not be permitted to live in Jerusalem.

The body of a gentile woman who lived as a Jew without official conversion was disinterred from a Jewish cemetery.

Explaining these and many other expressions of anti-Gentile prejudice, Harkabi pointed to the belief of what he called "religious radicals" in the imminent coming of the Messiah as explanation for these developments. They are not limited to the State of Israel. Harkabi called for "discarding those elements" of Judaism that instill or express hostility to outsiders. He said, "Demonstrating to Orthodoxy that some of its rulings are liable to raise general opprobrium may facilitate the achievement of a *modus vivendi* between it and the other streams in contemporary Judaism." Maybe so, maybe not.

But I don't see in Conservative Judaism or in Reconstructionism the will and the energy and the intellectual tradition to make the effort at all. Reform Judaism began because vast numbers of Jews wanted to be Jewish and did not want to be Orthodox, and Reform Judaism thrives today for the same reason. And all the more reason to look for a renewal of an aggressive and forthright Reform Judaic critique of the other Judaisms of the day.

Where are we to find the corpus (continued on page 19)

## To The Editor

The *Herald* wishes to thank Mrs. Charles Goodman of Warwick, R.I. for sharing the following letter with us. The letter was sent to the Goodmans from an Israeli tour guide they met two years ago while visiting Israel.

Shalom!  
I have enclosed for your records my new business card which contains several changes.

However, the real purpose of this letter is to try to correct the distorted picture that is portrayed by the news media of what has been happening in Israel.

We are in a difficult period today which includes riots and violent disturbances by the Arab population under Israeli jurisdiction since 1967. Their immediate goal is to force Israel to leave Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip, but it is obvious to us that the ultimate goal is the complete elimination of the State of Israel.

The Arabs are more sophisticated today than in the past and are waging their struggle on the battlefield of the news media. Rather than using conventional weapons they have resorted to primitive weapons that are no less dangerous, but more effective: stones of all sizes, Molotov cocktails, knives, axes, pitchforks and hoes. People in the Western world cannot imagine how much hatred and desire to kill are expressed in these violent disturbances. In many cases they send women and children against Israeli troops, knowing that IDF soldiers will not act against them: first, because of the natural inborn humanitarianism of every Jewish soul, and second, because of the severe limitations on the use of live weapons by the Israeli Army.

Thus the Arabs have succeeded in gaining the sympathy of the news media and, through them, world opinion. They have discovered news crews eager for every opportunity to depict Israel not as the traditional "David" but as a new "Goliath." Such is the one-sided news media: their demands of Israel are above and beyond those required of any other country in the world. As a democracy, Israel gave, until very recently, free access to the media to any place at any time. When the cameras are rolling, the rioters know that they are performing for an audience of millions of viewers, and they are stimulated to increase their disturbances, sometimes with prior collaboration with TV news crews!

In an occupied or captured territory, the controlling army must ensure a normal and quiet way of life for the population in the area. When someone violates the peace, the army, subject to international laws, must restore law and order.

When a group of soldiers is faced with a serious disturbance, it is rigidly regulated by standing orders on how to respond. If it is necessary to act to disperse rioters and warnings are not heeded, first "soft" measures must be used (such as tear gas) while physical contact with the rioters is to be avoided. Only later, and if enough soldiers are present, is force used. Use of live weapons is restricted to clear cases of life-threatening danger to the soldiers under attack. And even then the soldiers are permitted to fire only in the air. If repeated warning shots are to no avail, then shots can be fired toward the legs of the attacking mob. Only in extreme cases and only if immediate life-threatening danger exists for the soldiers are they permitted to shoot to kill.

The news camera that is hungry for sensation and whose reports must be short shows only the "After" pictures, not the "Before" pictures, the demonstrators' violence that led to army reaction. It shows only the tough reaction of

Israeli soldiers in the case of contact with rioters, but fails to show the restraint over time in the face of provocation: curses and showers of donkey dung, stones, broken glass and jagged metal hurled from slingshots, Molotov cocktails, and more. I don't believe there is another army in the world whose soldiers would be able to show such restraint in the face of such provocations as the Israeli Army.

In the beginning of the disturbances both the government and the army were surprised by the force and extent of the riots. A clear-cut policy was lacking initially on how to deal with the situation, which resulted in a period of some confusion. However, after that early period a number of steps were taken — all of which, of course, came up against the one-sided behavior of the media and world condemnation — but were successful to a large extent in restoring law and order.

It is difficult for us, the Israelis, to see our image ruined in the eyes of millions of people in the world, especially those who consider themselves friends of Israel. But most difficult is to see how the media reports have influenced the Jews of the world. Leaders, writers, artists and Jewish intellectuals condemn Israel in the harshest of language without the knowledge and understanding of what is really happening here.

The Arabs of the territories have achieved several things: sympathetic world opinion, condemnation of Israel around the world, increased polarization of Israeli society, economic damage to Israel, longer reserve duty this year, strengthening of ties with Israeli Arabs, damage to the 40th anniversary celebrations of the state, and a serious blow to the most important industry in the state of Israel — tourism.

The 40th year of the State of Israel was planned as a record year for tourism. Many and varied events and cultural activities were planned and prepared for the large numbers of guests and tourists that were expected to come to Israel, but the disturbances ruined the joy. The news crews created the impression that Israel is caught up in a real war, as if the scenes portrayed on television are happening all over Israel. Viewers around the world would never believe that life goes on as normal and that the incidents that occur are restricted to only a few areas. During the recent period of the disturbances, many tourists from Germany and Scandinavia visited Israel and they can attest to the normalcy of life here. Not one tourist was hurt.

The first ones to cancel their planned visits to Israel were the Americans and among them, to our sorrow and shame, were American Jews. They were helped, of course, by the State Department warning to refrain from traveling to Israel and Jerusalem particularly — an unnecessary and unjust warning that is normally given to other areas of the world under far more serious conditions. Those who cancelled their trips are helping the Arabs gain one of their greatest achievements.

We need your help in a time like this, help in changing world opinion and help in changing the atmosphere regarding tourism to Israel. Come to Israel now and encourage your friends and family to do so as well. I am sure that whoever comes to visit will learn that the situation is far different from the impression given by the news media.

Come to Israel "davka" this year and demonstrate your support for us. L'hiraot!

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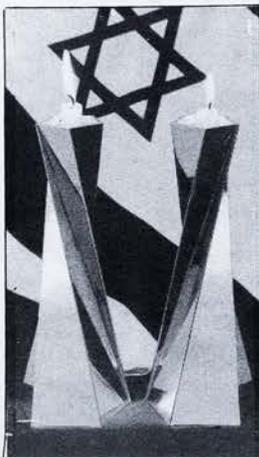
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## Holocaust Roller Derby

by Jerry Snell

When historical revisionists came forward to "inform" the world that the Holocaust did not exist, the Jewish People were reviled by their utter insolence. Just four decades after the war, the new Nazis were out to make life miserable for the last of the Jewish survivors. Now, there are those who claim that the Jews are "stealing the show" by claiming the Holocaust as their very own. There are Jews that are letting them get away with it. There are others who are aiding and abetting them, without even realizing it (by referring to our people's loss and "everybody else's loss").

Most nations in this world are selfish, by nature. As long as a nation is prosperous, who cares about the others? So what if there is disease, drought, and starvation. Over the last century, there have been so many wars that it has been hard to keep track of just how many there have been. In each war, there have been casualties among civilians (especially the two World Wars). The gentle civilians who were casualties were barely remembered by the world. Jewish civilian victims were never remembered by the nations. Now, there are those who decry the fact that Jews have created memorials to Jews. They ask for memorials to the "innocent" Gentile civilians. They even make the crude claim that most people in concentration camps were Christian and not Jew. One wonders if there is no end to the haters' Chutzpah.

The Pope's recent visit to Austria and his lending of credence

to the rule of Waldheim has opened old wounds. He has made it seem that World War II was a war between the Church and Hitler. He talked of the death of priests at Nazi hands but made little (or no) mention of the Jewish Churban (destruction). Rav Eisenberg, Chief Rabbi of Austria, was none too happy about the slight to the Jews. One would think that the rabbinate of Europe had it easy during the war. One might call it revisionism with a Papal seal. Also, the Pope did not mention the "innocent" Croation priests that joined the S.S. in order to help slaughter Serbian Orthodox Christians, because they did not belong to the "right" church. In the publication of the Jewish organization known as Jewish Overview, there was an essay (and a picture of the "priests" posing with other Nazis) on this despicable chapter in the war's history. Rav Eisenberg was right to be angry at this "Clerical Error" to Jewish history.

In World War One, no one decried the loss of innocent civilians. The Armenian tragedy was glossed over by most "humanitarians." After all, who cared if one nation was wiped off the face of the earth? This was, as Mayor Koch recently stated, the impetus for Hitler's genocide of the Jews. After all, the Turks wiped out a nation without any rebuke. Why couldn't Hitler attempt to wipe out a religion (a despised one, at that). He found it quite easy, indeed, to wipe out the Eastern European part of Jewry. Although there were a few

thousand Goyshe Tzaddikim (Righteous Gentiles) in such places as Poland that saved Jews, there were many more that made every effort to turn Jews over to the Gestapo. Many roundups of Jews in Eastern Europe were conducted by the civilians of the occupied lands. Rebbitzin Esther Jungreis, daughter of Rav Avraham Jungreis, tells a story of how it took only five German Nazis to round up Jewish civilians of Budapest. They were aided by the general populace that was pro-Nazi. Without that aid, the Nazis could not have decimated the Budapest Kehilla in such an easy fashion. The Hungarian Jews were the last Jews rounded up for death. This was in 1944. Before that, the Jews were "merely taunted" (beaten to a pulp) by pro-Nazi hooligans (civilians) on the streets.

Rebbitzin Jungreis tells an interesting story of what happened to her own father, in the pre-deportation days. The Rebbitzin had an ancestor (her father's grandfather's grandfather) who was known to have success in praying for the recovery of the very ill. At one time, a Christian political leader had an ill son and asked the ancestor of Esther to pray for his son. The ancestor (he was a Rabbi) prayed for the boy and he lived. This was about 200 years ago. During the second World War, an amazing thing happened. Rav Avraham Jungreis (Esther's father) was walking the streets of his city when Nazi thugs (civilians in Nazi regalia) accosted him. From out of nowhere, a car pulled up to the scene. A Christian got out of the car and asked what was going on. The thugs answered that they were beating a Jew. The Christian asked the Rav to let him see his I.D. Card. Upon looking upon it, he asked the thugs permission to take the Rabbi in his car so he could "finish him off." The thugs agreed. When the Rabbi got in the car he felt that this was the end. All of a sudden the driver asked him where he lived, since he wished to bring him home. Rav Jungreis didn't quite understand why the Christian was riding him home and not "finishing him off." He was shocked when the Christian revealed the answer. The Christian recognized the name Jungreis, when looking at the I.D. His ancestor was the sick Christian boy who received the benefit of the prayers said by the ancestor of Rav Jungreis.

Unfortunately, not all the war stories had such a happy ending. Six million paid the price with their lives and the political extremists of the world decry the Jewish memorials "exclusivity" of victimization. No nation or religion paid so dearly as the Jews. It was the centerpiece of Hitler's plan to wipe out the Jews. Even when the Nazis were losing, at the end of the war, they always found time to wipe out more Jews.

Hitler realized that the Jews would be easy targets, in many European lands, where the churches had done the groundwork for nineteen centuries. There are stories told to prove this. One Russian immigrant to Israel was on a speaking tour of Johannesburg (a few years ago) when she told a shocking war story to show the built-in hate produced against the Jews by the Church of Russia. A certain Christian child in her old Russian neighborhood was orphaned a number of years before the war. Since no neighborhood Christians were willing to take him in, her family did. The boy grew up in her house. When Hitler invaded Russia, the orphan that her father had cared for turned on him. He took her father and brother to the woods and shot them. All their showering of love and affection could not erase the bigotry he had learned at a tender age.

Gideon Hauser, of Israel, tells

the story of a Lithuanian mayor who, to win office, always condemned the Jews. He never believed in what he was saying, but since it helped him get votes, he felt it politically advantageous. When Russia (as well as Lithuania) was invaded by Hitler, he saw his constituents jump upon the murder bandwagon. He felt to blame, because of his vitriolic speeches before the war. He decided to hide Jews from the Nazis. When word got out after the war, his constituents burned down his home.

Just to be "fair" to the Nazis, our own people do not care about their fellow Jews, as much as they should (and even during the war). I was once told the story of a Jewish-American who had really made it big, before World War II. He had actually gotten a big position in the anti-Semitic U.S. State Dept. When the Nazis started slaughtering Jews, at the beginning of the war, Rav Teitz of New Jersey approached this man to intervene with F.D.R. and other

government officials to save the Jews. The Jew at the State Department said that he would do nothing. He had all Americans to think about, not just six million American Jews. The pleas of Rabbis and American Jews meant nothing to him. His high-paid job meant more to him than saving Jews. So what if Europe's soil was being bathed in Jewish blood!

Some of our Jews show extreme insensitivity. I recall two speakers from Israel coming to the old J.C.C., after the Six-Day-War. After the speeches and question and answer period, an Egyptian-Jewess (who lived in R.I.) stood up. She had tears in her eyes and began telling of her tzoores (troubles). She had relatives living in Nasser's Egypt and was extremely worried about their condition. One cold-hearted member of the community cried out, "Do we have to hear this again?" How can a Jew react this way to another Jew's anguish. Reports were reaching America, at

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## Fear Not — Why Not?

by David Jaffe

Adults are weird. Peculiar. Gonzo. Hey, if you don't believe me, ask a kid. Kids know. They've witnessed the weirdness in action. Heck, they've had to stomach it (a la liver & onions). Here's a prime example: Fear. Being told: "Don't be afraid." There's nothing to fear but fear itself. "Confront your fears and then conquer them." "Only sissies are afraid. Do you want to be a sissy?" "Grow up!"

Grow up. Now, there's some sensible advice, something to take to heart. Imagine telling that to a house plant. It'd spit sap at you. Hey, like the song says, *everything has its season; everything has its time.* Childhood, like an exquisite meal or a fine bowling match, should not be rushed. Haste, after all, does make waste. But I stray from the point, which is the utter pablum offered offhandedly by well-meaning (though clearly off-base) adults on the awful subject of fear. Listen up, folks. Fear is healthy. Fear is valuable. Fear is a primal mechanism of survival, our brain's cute, little way of warning us not to play "dodge" on I-95 or slap a "high five" on a grizzly bear. Fear is also what we oh-so-clever adults have trained ourselves to back-burner in our quest for extinction. Nice going, y'all.

What is the meshuggener talking about? Holocaust. I'm talking about holocaust, nuclear holocaust. I'll say it again, holocaust. It's a frightening, familiar word (cf., *audit*). It's an even more frightening thought. And the reality...well, it's so overwhelming, it seems unthinkable. It is unthinkable, actually, because we strive not to think about it. It's the lesser of two fears. We're afraid to think about what we're actually more afraid of (but, complication of complications, since it's definitely uncool to be afraid of

anything at all, we pretend we're not afraid to begin with). Pretty convoluted, huh? No wonder kids think we're weird.

You know, if adults were more like kids, chances are we would wear more silly grins and build less (if any) nuclear weapons. Chances are we would croon more like Johnny Mathis and less like rationalizing ideologues. Chances are we would wage war with spitballs and taunts of "yer mutha eats salami 'n' root beer" rather than sleek missiles bearing megatons of death. Chances are the prisons would be full of teachers who assigned homework on Fridays rather than pacifists who spilled blood on warheads. Chances are...

I don't know. I live in fear, Damoclean fear. Accidents have been known to happen. Chernobyl. Three Mile Island. An Iranian commercial jetliner. How frightening to think that millions of people, hundreds of millions perhaps, could be mere shadows on the wall by accident. How frightening to think that one moment of anger or malice or desperation could link the human species with the dodo bird. How frightening to ponder the nearness of the abyss. How utterly frightening.

Kids know. We adults could learn something from them. We could learn how to "walk the dog" on a yo-yo and how not to behave like one. We could learn that Twisted Sister is neither a contorted sibling nor a demented nun. We could learn to take ourselves less seriously and be more resilient. We could learn how to skateboard without breaking our collective coccyx. We could learn to fear again.

The American essayist and poet, Ralph Waldo Emerson, perhaps said it best: *Fear is an instructor of great sagacity...He indicates great wrongs which must be revised.*

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# Social Events

## Todd Baron And Deborah Brown To Wed



Bob and Barbara Brown of Livingston, N.J. and Rabbi Gershon M. and Tamra Baron of Stroudsburg, Penn. have announced the engagement of their children, Deborah and Todd. Deborah is a psychology major at Barnard College, Columbia

University of New York. Todd received his degree in business and economics from Yeshiva University on June 2. Todd is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Haskell Mark and the late Rev. and Mrs. Jacob Baron of Providence.

## B. Elizabeth Valente Weds David L. Jaffe



The wedding of B. Elizabeth Valente and David L. Jaffe took place June 18 at the Sheraton Is-

lander Inn, Newport. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Valente of Warren. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Jaffe of Miami, Fla.

The bride wore a Victorian style gown made by her mother. The maid of honor was Rebecca J. Valente, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Janet M. Mello and Kimberly J. Aguiar. The best man was James Diana. Ushers were Paul Caruso and Russell Shores. The bride graduated from Our Lady of Fatima High School and Bryant College. She is employed by Bank of New England. The bridegroom graduated from the University of Florida and has a master's degree from Brown University. He is employed by the R.I. Herald. They live in East Providence.

## Neusner To Lecture At Vatican Universities

ROME — In January, 1989, Dr. Jacob Neusner, University Professor at Brown University, will lecture at several Vatican universities upon the invitation of Cardinal W. Baum, head of the Sacred Congregation for Catholic Institutions of the Vatican. His lectures are expected to take place at three Vatican universities, the Lateran University, the Pontifical Biblical Institute, and the Gregorian University, and will cover both ancient and contemporary Judaic studies as well as the religious relationships between Judaism and Christianity.

In the same tour of Italian universities, Neusner will present lectures at the Universities of Bologna, Modena, Turin, and Venice.

Neusner has taught at Brown since 1968 and this year received honorary degrees from the University of Bologna and the University of Rochester. This coming November, Neusner, together with Professor Ernest S. Frerichs, Director of the Program in Judaic Studies at Brown, will address a University of Bologna conference on planning international cooperation in humanistic studies, particularly in the area of the academic study of religion among Italian and American universities.

## Children's Museum

**Puppets Make And Take**  
 Join the fun at the Children's Museum for "Puppets Make and Take" on Friday, July 22 from 10-noon and Sunday, July 24 from 1-3 p.m. Children will see a lively puppet show featuring jungle beast puppets. Education Director Karen Lambe will teach visitors how to stage puppet shows at home, how to create sound effects for shows, and how puppets are made.

On Tuesday, July 26, from 1-2 p.m., children will meet Rhode Island's favorite puppeteers, PUPPET WORKSHOP. Visitors will enjoy having a close-up look at these colorful puppet characters while learning how shows are staged.

Children's Museum, located at 58 Walcott St., in Pawtucket, is open Tuesday - Saturday, 10-5 p.m.; Sunday, 1-5 p.m. For more information, please call 726-2590.

## "Sporting Summer"

Take the family to "Children's Museum Night at the Paw Sox" on Saturday, July 30 at 7 p.m. The Pawtucket Red Sox will challenge the Maine Phillies at McCoy Stadium (raindate: July 31, 1 p.m.). This fund-raising event is being cosponsored by the Pawtucket Jaycees. Tickets are \$3 each (of which \$1.50 will benefit the Museum). Tickets can be purchased in the Gazebo Gift Shop at the Museum during public hours, Tuesday - Saturday, 10-5 p.m.; Sunday, 1-5 p.m.

August 23 is the big day for the Children's Museum's Fifth Annual Golf Tournament. Chairman Allen Chatterton, Jr. is promising sunshine for the full day event scheduled at the Agawam Hunt Club in Rumford. Individual golfers and foursomes are welcome, as well as tee-sponsorships by businesses. \$125 per person includes meals, greens fees, carts and favors. The luncheon will begin at noon followed by the shotgun at 1 p.m., dinner and awards will continue at 7 p.m. Women are most welcome! Proceeds will benefit the Children's Museum of Rhode Island. For more information, please call 726-2591.

## Jewish Television Magazine Examines Decrease In Israeli Tourism

The Jewish Television Magazine is a monthly, half-hour, magazine documentary format program. This program is available to all Jewish Federations.

The first year of the program is free provided the federation is able to obtain airtime on cable. After one year, the Federation is charged based on the size of its community.

The program can be viewed in the Boston area on cable channel 26. Currently, the program is not available in Rhode Island.

Based on recent reports from Israel indicating a decrease in the number of North American Jews travelling to Israel, Jewish Television Magazine this month closely examines this critical situation and the role that local Jewish communities can play in helping to change it.

The August edition of this monthly magazine-format program produced by the Council of Jewish Federations begins with a special fact-finding mission, led by National UJA Mission Chairman Bennett Aaron, which explores what the current travel situation is and how leaders can help to promote tourism within their own communities. The segment also highlights many of the experiences and reactions shared by several of the mission participants.

The second segment of the program focuses on adventure travel in Israel. Jewish Television Magazine joins a group of visitors as they 'uncover their roots' on an

archaeological dig at the Citadel of David in the Old City of Jerusalem.

The August program also features an interview with actress Liv Ullman, who recounts the moving story of how her grandfather was imprisoned by the Nazis at Dachau for trying to help the Jews in Norway during World War II, and tells how his life and values have influenced her own.

The final segment reveals how Israel's elderly population are leading productive and fulfilled lives — by putting their hands to good use.

The monthly programs which make up the Jewish Television Magazine series, now in its third year, are made available to Jewish Federations affiliated with the Council of Jewish Federations, which then obtain airtime on their local television stations. The program is currently being shown in 58 communities from coast to coast.

The host of Jewish Television Magazine is film and television actor Stephen Macht, currently best known to viewers for his featured role on Cagney and Lacey.

The Council of Jewish Federations is the national association of 200 Jewish Federations, the central community organizations which serve nearly 800 localities embracing a Jewish population of more than 5.7 million in the United States and Canada.

## Bruce Pollock Named President Of Rhode Island Bar



PROVIDENCE — Attorney Bruce G. Pollock was recently named treasurer 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.

Pollock maintains a private practice in the town of West Warwick, in association with Town Solicitor, R. Daniel Harrop.

After receiving a B.A. from the University of Rhode Island in 1968, he earned his J.D. from Suffolk University Law School in 1974.

Pollock has served on several Rhode Island Supreme Court Committees, including the Sentencing Guidelines Commit-

tee, the Bail Guidelines Committee, and the Committee on the Appointment of Counsel for Indigents. He has been active on the Rhode Island Bar Association's Criminal Law Bench/Bar Committee, the Rhode Island Legal/Educational Partnership Program, the Volunteer Lawyers Program, and has served on the executive committee since 1986.

Pollock is also a member of the National Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys and has been admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court.

Attorney Pollock lives in West Warwick and his wife, Sheri, and daughter, Dawn.

## Guide To R.I. Support Groups Unveiled

PROVIDENCE — In ceremonies held at InSIGHT headquarters in Warwick, the Neighborhood Friendly Visitor Program (NFVP) unveiled its new publication, *From A.A. to Z...A Guide to Rhode Island Support Groups*. Sister Rhea Lachapelle, director of NFVP, and Lili Feinstein-Hogan, editor of the guide, presented the first copy of the book to Adelaide Luber, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs (DEA).

According to Ms. Hogan, the guide is designed to help people find appropriate support groups which they may wish to join in times of need. Sister Rhea noted, "the sharing of feelings and experiences, which support groups provide, helps to diminish feelings of isolation and fear."

For easy reference, the guide features a table of contents which gives general headings for a number of conditions, problems, or life situations, such as addictions, aging, grief and loss, mental health, parenting and family concerns, and physical health/physical disabilities. Under these general headings, specific support groups are listed.

*From A.A. to Z...A Guide to Rhode Island Support Groups* was created in response to a lack of centralized support group information in this state. Hogan declared that 2,500 bound copies of the 145-page guide will be mailed to social service and health care agencies across Rhode Island. In addition, phone and mail requests for the guide will be honored. NFVP also printed 1,000 unbound copies for distribution to clients of the DEA In-Home Services Program.

For copies of the guide, call NFVP at 421-7833 or DEA at 277-6880.

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"It's wonderful to know that there is a Jewish organization like B'nai B'rith," asserts Ronit Klemens, a graphic designer who came to use Sherut Shalom when she moved with her family from Champagne, Illinois, to Washington, D.C.

The Sherut Shalom coordinator in the Community Volunteer Services office gave Ms. Klemens' name to Sharon Rosenfield, a volunteer contact in the Washington, D.C. area.

Rosenfield had undergone a similar experience three years earlier, and has a great appreciation for what it is like to be a newcomer. "I had no one to explain to me about the Maryland-Washington area, and my family and I had to search for the answers to our questions by ourselves. I feel that the Sherut Shalom program is so wonderful because the local contact speaks to the moving family before they arrive in their new city, thereby offering assistance before the move is planned."

The Rosenfields spoke to Ronit

several times on the phone, sent her maps and information about employment, schools and apartments, and hosted her when she made a preliminary trip to the Washington area.

Sherut Shalom is unique in its ability to provide local contacts before the move. This way, valuable information can be obtained before making important decisions regarding housing, synagogues, schools and neighborhood resources.

Sherut Shalom also serves as a Jewish "welcome wagon" for new arrivals already transplanted and settled in their new homes. Several months after Dr. David Kaufman moved to Tucson, Arizona, he was put in touch with Gerd Strauss, who recommended medical facilities and eased his transition into the community.

Anyone can request a local contact by writing or calling the Community Volunteer Services Department of B'nai B'rith, 1640 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC, 20036; (202) 857-6580. The Sherut Shalom coordinator will ascertain your particular needs and match you up with a local contact in your new community.

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## Around Town

by Dorothea Snyder

"Cajun cuisine and the kosher kitchen ... incompatible?" ask Mildred L. Covert and Sylvia P. Gerson.

"Not with this exciting collection of tantalizing kashruth-approved delicacies!" reply these two creative culinary mavens from New Orleans, who fused Kosher with Creole in their earlier *Kosher Creole Cookbook*.

And now with a drum roll, the *Kosher Cajun Cookbook*!

"Cajun cooking," the authors say, "can best be described as a close relative to the sophisticated Creole cooking. Cajun food is more down-to-earth, simpler, and hearty with a fiery gusto. One might say it's the 'soul food' of the French-Canadian descendants.

"Like Cajun cooking, Kosher cooking has adapted to its surroundings. As more and more Jewish immigrants came to America and adjusted to the new land, they adopted not only the country and its customs, but the food as well.

"They made use of what was available, but at all times they adhered to the Kashruth (the Jewish Dietary Laws), with its restrictions and Biblical injunctions.

### BECKY'S BLACK-EYED PEA SALAD

2 small apples, peeled and cored  
 ¼ cup sweet relish  
 2 ribs celery  
 ¼ small bell pepper  
 1 small onion  
 1 15-oz. can black-eyed peas, drained  
 Becky's Salad Dressing (see recipe)

In food processor fitted with steel knife, place apples, relish, celery, bell pepper, and onion. Pulse 2 or 3 times until coarsely chopped. Do not overprocess. Mix with drained peas. Add the dressing. Store covered in the refrigerator for several hours to allow flavors to blend before serving. Serves six to eight.

### BECKY'S SALAD DRESSING

½ cup sugar  
 ½ cup water  
 2 tbsp. flour  
 ½ tsp. salt  
 ½ cup white vinegar  
 2 eggs  
 ½ tsp. dry mustard

Mix all ingredients together. Cook in the top of a double boiler, over simmering water, until thick. Set aside and allow to cool.

### CO-CO'S CORN SALAD

4 ears cooked fresh corn  
 1 large tomato, peeled and chopped  
 ½ green pepper, cut into thin strips  
 3 shallots, thinly sliced  
 ¼ cup chopped parsley  
 Co-Co's Dressing (see recipe)

Cut kernels off corn. In a large salad bowl, toss corn, tomato, green pepper, shallots, and parsley. Pour dressing over salad and toss again to coat evenly. Serves four.

### CO-CO'S DRESSING

¼ cup salad oil  
 2 tbsp. tarragon vinegar  
 1 tsp. lemon juice  
 ½ tsp. salt  
 1 tsp. prepared mustard  
 1 tsp. dried basil

Combine all ingredients. Chill. Shake well before using.



Kosher cooking was no longer stereotyped.

"As creative cooks who had successfully invented Kosher Creole cooking, we thought the time had come to introduce still another fusion of ethnic cuisines - the Kosher and the Cajun."

Before each delicious chapter of Covert and Gerson's recipes are cultural notes of Arcadian areas in south Louisiana. Kosher Cajun food they concocted from Lafayette are soups, gumbos, and bisques; from St. Martinville, appetizers, salads and dressings; from Morgan City, seafood; from Crowley, rice; from Opelousas, sweet potatoes; and from Mamou, fowl.

Festivals highlight Cajun culture, so the authors have a host of recipes for special Jewish holidays. Their sense of humor comes to play with zippy recipe titles, such as "Ragin' Cajun Cabobs," and Allan Gerson's whimsical drawings that tickle the funny bone.

The cookbook duo dedicate this treasure to their husbands, Lester and Dave, "who patiently savored and enjoyed our Kosher Cajun recipes."

*Kosher Cajun Cookbook* available through *Pelican Publishing Company, Inc.*

### OY!-STERS BENNYVILLE

1 bunch shallots, with tops, chopped  
 3 tbsp. butter  
 3 tbsp. flour  
 ¼ cup milk  
 ¼ cup kosher white wine  
 1 2-oz. can mushrooms  
 2 tbsp. seasoned bread crumbs  
 2 tbsp. grated Parmesan cheese  
 4 large gefilte fish pieces

Cook shallots in butter until tender but not brown. Add flour, milk, and wine. Cook until thick, about 15 minutes, on medium heat. Add mushrooms and cook for about 2 more minutes.

Slice gefilte fish pieces into ½-inch slices. Line the bottom of a 1½-quart rectangular casserole dish with slices of gefilte fish. Pour sauce over fish. Sprinkle with bread crumbs mixed with cheese. Bake in a 400-degree oven for about 10 minutes or until cheese is brown. Serves four.

### KING KAJUN BURGER

2 tbsp. vegetable oil  
 2½ tsp. spice mix (see recipe below)  
 2 medium onions, cut into ½-inch slices  
 1 large green pepper, cut into ½-inch slices  
 1 tsp. chopped garlic  
 2 tbsp. melted pareve margarine  
 4 hamburger buns  
 1½ lbs. ground beef

Preheat broiler. In a large skillet heat oil with 2 teaspoons spice mix. Add onions, green pepper, and chopped garlic. Cover and cook, stirring occasionally, for 15 minutes or until tender.

Combine margarine with ½ teaspoon spice mix. Split hamburger buns and brush cut sides with seasoned margarine. Broil on cookie sheet until toasted; set aside.

Divide ground meat into 4 patties. Coat each side evenly with remaining spice mixture. Broil about 4 inches from heat for about 3 to 5 minutes, depending upon degree of doneness desired. Place patties on toasted rolls and top with sauteed onion and pepper mixture. Serves four.

### Spice Mix

1¼ tsp. salt  
 1 tsp. freshly ground black pepper  
 ¼ tsp. ground red pepper  
 1½ tsp. paprika  
 1¼ tsp. thyme  
 1¼ tsp. basil

Combine all spices in a small bowl. Makes 2 heaping table-spoons.

## Kosher Cajun Cuisine

### RAGIN' CAJUN CABOBS

4 Italian-kosher sausages  
 ¼ cup dry white wine  
 ¼ cup hot mustard  
 1 large clove garlic, crushed  
 2 tbsp. olive oil  
 2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce  
 ½ tsp. dried thyme  
 ¼ tsp. salt  
 ½ tsp. ground pepper  
 2 whole boneless chicken breasts, skinned, cut into 32 pieces  
 2 small zucchini, cut into 32 rounds  
 4 medium bell peppers, quartered lengthwise, then halved crosswise

In a covered skillet cook sausages in ¼-inch of water over medium heat until cooked through (about 15 minutes). Cut each sausage into 8 pieces and set aside.

Combine wine, mustard, garlic, oil, Worcestershire sauce, thyme, salt, and pepper in a medium bowl. Add pieces of sausage and chicken and stir to coat. Chill, covered, for 4 hours or overnight.

Heat broiler or grill. Thread sausage, zucchini, chicken and bell peppers (in that order) on 16 skewers. Broil 5 inches from heat, turning occasionally, until sausage is browned and chicken is cooked through (about 8 to 10 minutes). Serves sixteen.

### GATOR GREEN BEANS

4 slices Beef Frye, diced  
 1 onion, diced  
 1 clove garlic, minced  
 1 lb. fresh green beans, trimmed and cut into 1-inch pieces  
 1 tsp. salt  
 ¼ tsp. pepper  
 water  
 2 tbsp. pareve margarine  
 ¼ cup chopped pecans  
 ¼ cup seasoned kosher bread crumbs

**MICROWAVE:** Combine Beef Frye and onion in a 2-quart casserole dish. Cover tightly with plastic wrap, turning back edge to vent. Microwave on 100 percent power for 5 minutes or until Beef Frye is lightly browned. Add garlic, beans, salt, pepper and 2/3 cup water. Cover, leaving vent, and microwave on 100 percent power for 13 minutes, stirring once.

In a 1-cup glass measure, combine margarine, pecans, and bread crumbs. Sprinkle on top of beans. Microwave on 70 percent power for 2 to 3 minutes or until hot and bubbly. Serves four to six.

**CONVENTIONAL:** Sauté Beef Frye and onion in a large saucpan until onion is transparent and Beef Frye is lightly browned. Add garlic, beans, salt, pepper, and 1 cup water. Heat to boiling. Reduce heat, cover, and simmer for 20 minutes. Transfer to a 2-quart casserole dish. Sprinkle top with mixture of pareve margarine, chopped pecans, and bread crumbs. Bake in a 375-degree oven for 8 to 10 minutes or until top is hot and bubbling. Serves four to six.

### BAYOU LAFOURCHE BREAD PUDDING

1 loaf stale French bread (about 18 inches long)  
 1 qt. milk  
 4 eggs  
 2 cups sugar  
 ½ tsp. cinnamon  
 2 tbsp. vanilla extract  
 1 cup seedless raisins  
 2 apples, peeled, cored, and sliced  
 ½ cup chopped pecans  
 ¼ cup butter

Break bread into milk and allow to soak well. Beat eggs and add to bread and milk. Combine sugar, cinnamon, vanilla, raisins, apples, and nuts. Add to bread mixture. Mix well. Melt butter and pour into a 13-inch x 9-inch x 2-inch baking pan. Add the bread mixture. Bake about 50 minutes in a preheated 350-degree oven or until pudding is set and firm. Serve with Whiskey Sauce (see recipe). Serves twelve to fifteen.

### WHISKEY SAUCE

1 stick butter, melted  
 1 cup sugar  
 1 egg, beaten  
 ¼ cup whiskey

Cream butter and sugar in a double boiler. Add egg and stir rapidly to prevent curdling. Allow to cool. Add whiskey and pour over bread pudding. Makes one scant cup.



## Business and Finance

### Estate Planning Helps Your Heirs

by Mary Rudie

"In this world," Benjamin Franklin commented, "nothing is certain but death and taxes." However, with proper estate planning, you may be able to minimize the tax collector's share of what you leave behind.

A well-planned estate can help to guarantee that your heirs receive their inheritance, avoid lengthy probate, as well as save in state and federal taxes. In practical terms, this could mean financial security for a child or a college education for a grandchild.

#### Make a Will

The first thing you should do is write a will. Having a legal, up-to-date will gives you three basic privileges. You may nominate a guardian for your children; designate your will's executor (the person in charge of collecting your assets and seeing that they are properly distributed), and name your heirs.

Changing laws and obscure technicalities can make drafting and updating a will difficult, so seek professional advice. For a typical estate, legal fees for these services are usually quite reasonable. An experienced lawyer can guide you and help ensure that your desires will not be frustrated on a technicality.

Even an uncontested will, though, must undergo probate to determine whether it was properly executed and whether the testators had "testamentary capacity." Once the will is admitted to probate, it becomes the executor's responsibility to be sure that the will's provisions are being followed and all of the estate's debts are paid. Assets are usually frozen until taxes and other expenses are paid. Even a simple estate may take several months. Solid legal and financial advice when planning your estate can help speed probate and minimize estate taxes.

Estates are usually subject to federal estate tax if they exceed \$600,000 in value. However, surviving spouses no longer have to bear the burden of federal estate taxes, since an unlimited "marital deduction" reduces or, in many cases, eliminates these taxes until the death of the second spouse.

Upon the spouse's death, however, an estate worth more than \$600,000 may be heavily taxed (up to 55 percent on estates worth more than \$2.5 million). Administrative fees can also run high. When all costs are tallied, a large estate could be more than halved.

#### Trusts Can Make Things Simpler

One way to make things simpler is with a trust. Trusts allow you to transfer control of your assets to a designated trustee who will manage them for your beneficiary. Since the beneficiary is named in the trust agreement and trusts are not subject to probate, the beneficiary may be able to enjoy the property sooner than if it were part of the decedent's probate estate. Under certain circumstances a trust can also save estate taxes.

Here's how one trust might work to cut your taxable estate to \$100,000, even though you have a net worth of \$1.3 million. During your life you put \$600,000 in a family trust (sometimes called a bypass trust). This can also be done at death by using a testamentary trust. The provisions of the trust provide that all income from the trust will go to your spouse and/or children and that the principal goes to your children upon your spouse's death. Your spouse will inherit the other \$700,000 free of estate tax because of the marital deduction. Until you die, these terms may be changed at any time, either in the living trust or in your will if you are utilizing a testamentary trust.

Upon the death of your spouse, the \$600,000 in trust passes directly to the children, since, technically, they've owed it since you died and it is not legally part of your spouse's estate. Your spouse is then free to leave \$600,000 more to the children's estate tax-free, leaving only \$100,000 subject to taxes.

This arrangement also guarantees that your children receive at least \$600,000 of your estate even if your spouse remarries. If the money were not in trust, your spouse would be free to leave it to his or her new mate.

#### Consider Life Insurance

If your estate is worth more than \$600,000, life insurance can provide dollars to pay estate taxes. Many single premium whole life policies available from insurance brokers and full-service financial firms combine the traditional advantages of a whole life policy — including income tax-free death benefits — with tax-advantaged accumulation on the cash value. This tax-advantage growth lets you reduce your tax bill while you're alive and the death benefit helps your heirs pay estate taxes after your death.

Receiving this cash may be especially important to your heirs if most of your wealth is tied up in a family business. Without ready cash, expenses may force them to sell your business hastily — probably at a reduced rate — or to incur extensive debt to retain it.

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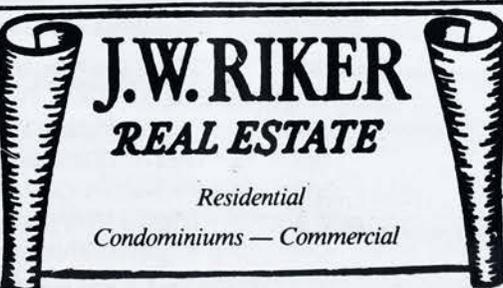
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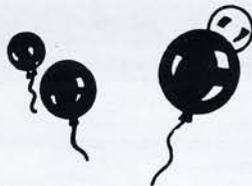
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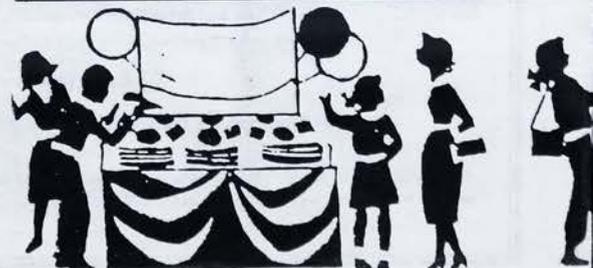
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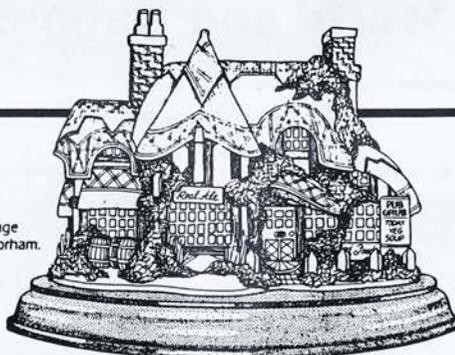


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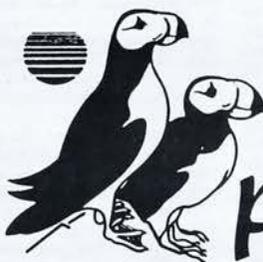
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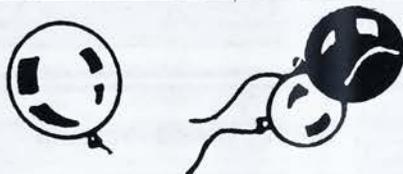
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## World and National News

### Intifada Against Israel's Trees

by Aryeh Bender

For weeks now, the teleprinters at Jewish National Fund headquarters in Jerusalem have been spewing out lengthy reports on the extensive forest- and brush-fire damages suffered in various regions of Israel.

Of particular concern is a new phenomenon dubbed by Moshe Rivlin, JNF world chairman, as the "intifada (Arabic for uprising) against the trees," viewed as responsible for the growing number of fires set with malicious intent.

Since April, over 35,000 acres of Israel's forests and pasturelands have been ravaged, at a cost of over \$35 million, including 23,013 acres of natural grazing land, 10,868 acres of natural forest and 2,003 acres of planted forest.

"It's exceptionally easy to set a fire," stated Mr. Rivlin, who recently delivered a report on the situation to the Israeli Cabinet at Prime Minister Shamir's request. He continued, "This is nothing less than a plague of forest fires, out of all proportion to anything we have hitherto known. The arsonists use a variety of techniques. In one case, we discovered that a fire had been set by a cigarette to which eight matches had been wired. Left in a field, the cigarette burned until it ignited the matches, which set fire to a patch of thorns and caused a huge blaze. It was a primitive device that any 10-year-old could prepare, but for us the results were disastrous."

Gidon Keidar, in charge of fire fighting and prevention for JNF, stated, "We've established a communications network linking the Army, the Police, JNF, the Society for the Protection of Nature, the 'Green Patrol' and the Ministry of Agriculture. Everyone is on full alert to transmit early warnings, as well as to deter and apprehend would-be arsonists."

JNF has set as an urgent priority the purchase of emergency equipment, according to Mr. Keidar. "We must expand our fleet of all-terrain vehicles and station them in as many places as possible, so that we can reach fires as soon as they are detected and prevent them from spreading," he said.

Alon Galili, head of the "Green Patrol," relates that he and his men "are in the field day and night, doing everything possible to deter arsonists. But we cannot be everywhere, nor do we have any control over the sermons preached in mosques all over the country every Friday, which are often inflammatory. In fact, during the war in Lebanon, a brochure published by Fatah was found which listed its 'achievements' during 1979, and heading the list were the fires it had set in Israel. We have no doubt that the terrorists are behind many of the recent fires and that, as part of their war against us, they are trying to destroy every patch of green."

Recently, two 18-year-old residents of Um-el-Fahem were apprehended on suspicion of

setting a forest fire for nationalist reasons. Both of them confessed and even reenacted their crime of using gas balloons to set fire to a pine forest near a local moshav. Two Druze youngsters were also caught setting what turned into a major fire on the Golan Heights. On the other hand, those responsible for the huge blaze set recently in the Adullam Region, as a result of which hundreds of villages had to be evacuated and almost 4,000 acres were consumed, have yet to be apprehended. There is no doubt that this was a case of arson, since the fire began simultaneously from eight separate locations.

Police Minister Haim Bar Lev confirms that most of the recent fires were set deliberately by hostile elements. As an example, he tells the story of a 10-year-old Arab who set fire to a wheat field at Ein Dor. "The youngster admitted," Mr. Bar Lev said, "that he had set the fire because, in his words, 'there is an uprising and the Israelis are arresting Arabs in the territories.' There can be no doubt that the wave of arson is yet another stage of the intifada."

Those who wish to help the Jewish National Fund reforestation effort may call the agency's toll-free emergency hotline, 1-800-542-TREE. A special Emergency Forest Fund certificate is available, through Visa or MasterCard, for donations of \$50 or more. A personal check may also be made out to the JNF Emergency Forest Fund, 42 East 69th Street, New York, N.Y. 10021.

### Soviet Success Story



Professor Irene Borde, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

BEERSHEVA, ISRAEL — Professor Irene Borde of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, who immigrated to Israel fourteen years ago from the Soviet Union, was one of eleven distinguished women honored by the Council of Israeli Women's Organizations in the fortieth year of statehood.

The eleven honorees, who received awards at a special ceremony at the Knesset, were selected for their outstanding achievements and prominent standing in Israeli society.

While a student of engineering in Leningrad in 1953, shortly after the death of Stalin, Irene Borde was arrested in the classroom by the KGB for subversive activity and exiled to Siberia, where she succeeded in completing her studies with distinction at the Siberian Institute of Technology.

She immigrated to Israel in 1977 from her native Riga, with a distinguished record of teaching and research in thermodynamics and heat transfer. Today, Professor Borde is a senior faculty member of the BGU Department of Mechanical Engineering and also conducts research, as head of the Energy Unit of the University's Engineering Institute, on utilization of waste

heat and solar energy for refrigeration and direct contact cooling.

The team has recently developed an innovative absorption refrigeration unit, which can save up to 60% of the energy costs of industrial refrigeration. The new system, for which Professor Borde has received a U.S. patent, exploits waste heat in a temperature range of 90-110 C, which is created in the course of industrial production processes, in order to supply cooling at a range of up to minus five degrees. It is particularly suitable for use in the chemical, petrochemical and food industries.

Professor Borde developed the new system, with two colleagues, the late Dr. Yitzhak Yaron, and Michael Jelinek, a BGU engineering graduate.

The BGU Energy Unit team is also conducting research on development of heat pumps for heating water in the 25-50 C range for domestic and industrial use, based on working liquids which enable higher exploitation at a lower price than previous systems. They are also studying heat and mass transition in thermal systems for drying purposes.

Some of the Unit's projects have been funded by the U.S. Department of Energy.

### ADL Fundings Spur Scott Resignation

NEW YORK, N.Y. — A state chairman of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights whose suitability for the office was challenged by the Anti-Defamation League for favorably reviewing an anti-Semitic and racist book has resigned his post, the League has learned.

The announcement of the departure of Dr. Ralph Scott, chairman of the Iowa State Advisory Committee to the Civil Rights Commission, came in a letter (dated July 5) to Jeffrey P. Sinensky, director of ADL's Civil Rights Division, from Murray Friedman, acting chairman of the Commission.

Mr. Sinensky had told the Commission in early May that Dr. Scott was unsuited for the post because of his "insensitivity" to racial and religious minorities. In his review of *The Dispossessed Majority*, a 584-page book written under the pseudonym of Wilmot Robertson, Dr. Scott called the volume "valuable" because it throws a "bright, clear light on facts which our politicians have kicked into dark corners. For those 'Majority' Americans who seek to understand their cultural heritage, this book is a family must."

The *Dispossessed Majority* charges that the United States has degenerated over time because its Northern European majority has been displaced by such "inferior" peoples as Blacks, Hispanics, Jews and persons of Mediterranean origin.

The book vilifies Jews as having

such traits as "intrusiveness, disputatiousness and haggling" and alleges that they are disproportionately represented in the "inner circles" of the American government. In discussing the Jewish "problem," the book declares that "separation is obviously part of the solution."

The book also asserts that the Northern European race "has managed to soar a little higher above the animal kingdom than the other divisions of mankind." The author also claims that "the more Negroes are helped . . . the more they progress, the more America as a nation seems to regress."

In his letter to the League, Mr. Friedman thanked ADL for its disclosures about Dr. Scott and said he concurred with the agency's assessment that Scott's "enthusiastic review of a bigoted book is inconsistent with the attitudes and role of a civil rights official."

Expressing his gratification that Dr. Scott has resigned, Mr. Sinensky said the continued presence in an important civil rights post of a person who defends racist views is "an affront to those working to advance the cause of civil rights in this country."

Mr. Sinensky pointed out that the "author" of *The Dispossessed Majority*, Wilmot Robertson, is the pen name of "a Southern-based propagandist who also publishes *Instauration*, an equally racist and anti-Semitic magazine."

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## Doctors Wary Of New Health Plan As Compromise Offered

by Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — A compromise proposal to end the health care crisis at Israel's public hospitals appeared to have won the approval of government and Histadrut officials early Wednesday, July 13.

But striking doctors said they didn't know enough about the plan yet to decide whether or not to accept it. Hospital nurses rejected it outright on grounds it does not address their specific needs. They called a hunger strike to protest.

The compromise, credited to Premier Yitzhak Shamir, was accepted by representatives of the Treasury, the Health Ministry and Kupat Holim, Histadrut's health care agency, after some 12 hours of continuous debate that ended at dawn Wednesday.

So far, details of the plan released to the public are sketchy. It calls for a 5 percent premium to cover second-shift use of operating rooms at public hospitals.

Presumably part of the money will be used to recompense doctors for the extra duty. It replaces a 75 percent allocation to the physicians pension fund, which was one of the doctors' early demands.

Still, Finance Minister Moshe Nissim, who absolutely refuses to consider salary increases for publicly employed doctors, said Wednesday he had "certain reservations" about the proposals. He said he would discuss them with the prime minister.

Second-shift surgery, with commensurate remuneration, has been the center of the dispute that has created havoc in recent months at Israel's many public hospitals.

It is intended to reduce the large backlog of patients who have been waiting as long as two years for non-emergency operations and other medical procedures.

Government officials put their number at 15,000 and say the wait-

ing list can be erased in nine months. Doctors say the number of patients waiting for elective surgery and other treatment is closer to 45,000 and will take much longer to complete.

The strongest reaction to the compromise came from the nurses union, which sent a delegation to start a demonstrative hunger strike outside the prime minister's office Wednesday.

The nurses said the arrangements appear to have been made to satisfy the physicians' demands for extra pay for extra shifts, but ignore the nurses' demands for higher single-shift salaries.

Negative reactions were also expected from hospital administrative, maintenance and cleaning staffs, who say second-shift use of operating rooms will add to their workload.

Meanwhile, doctors continued their work sanctions, shutting down hospital outpatient clinics and performing only emergency surgery.

They were joined in their job action Wednesday by pharmacists at the government and Kupat Holim hospitals in the southern region of the country.

The druggists said they were closing their dispensaries for three days because their own wage demands are being ignored.

News of a compromise brought an end to a hunger strike by about 10 opposition members of the Knesset. It began Sunday with a demonstration outside the prime minister's office while the Cabinet was in session.

The Knesset members, representing parties on the far right and left, said they would persist on water and fruit juices for a week to protest the government's failure to resolve the hospitals crisis.

By Tuesday, however, hunger took its toll. Three of the strikers had to be hospitalized.

by the Menora organization and the Religious Affairs Ministry. Zvi Fixler, president of the Orthodox Jewish community in Budapest, apologized for the condition of the books, which were all that could be saved.

But, he added, "Torah has returned home, for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and now it has returned."

Moshe Moskowitz, chairman of Menora, said negotiations were going on with other East European countries to bring Torah books to Israel.

The Jewish communities in those countries are small and the Torahs can be spared. In Israel, they would be distributed to synagogues in new settlements, Moskowitz said.

## Ex-Nazi Sentenced To Life In Prison

by David Kantor

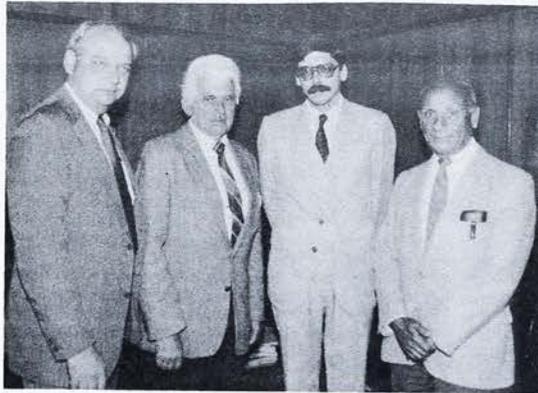
BONN (JTA) — Manfred Poehlich of Halle in East Germany was sentenced to life imprisonment for complicity in the murder of thousands of Jews while serving in the Nazi SS, the official East German news agency ADN reported.

Poehlich was found guilty by an East German court of having participated in the mass shootings of Jews in the Ukraine in 1941.

The sentence and its announcement in the official media was seen in Western circles as another move by the East German Communist regime to win Jewish good will as a means of gaining favor in the United States.

East Germany desperately wants to improve trade relations with the United States. Communist Party boss Erich Honecker hopes to win most-favored-nation status and, in exchange, has indicated a willingness to pay reparations to

## Eye Witnesses Testify Against Schwammberger



BUENOS AIRES — Eyewitnesses, located and brought to Argentina by the Simon Wiesenthal Center, testified in closed hearings in Buenos Aires in the case of Nazi war criminal Josef Schwammberger.

Accompanied to Argentina by the Center's Director of Public Relations Lydia C. Triantopoulos and Martin Mendelsohn, Washington-based legal counsel for the Simon Wiesenthal Center, the three eyewitnesses gave testimony which will be used in the Argentine government's case to strip Schwammberger of his citizenship and extradite him for

trial to West Germany. Schwammberger, among the Wiesenthal Center's "most wanted" Nazi war criminals, was arrested in November 1987 and is being held in a high security prison in La Plata.

Pictured in the office of the Attorney General of Argentina are (left to right): Martin Mendelsohn; eyewitness Edward Blonder of Miami; Chief Prosecutor in the Schwammberger case, Dr. Guillermo Lopez; and eyewitness Abraham Secemski of Chicago. Not pictured is eyewitness Morris Reiter of Toronto.

## Japanese Official Thanks Shamir

by Cathrine Gerson

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Foreign Minister Sosuke Uno of Japan has written to Premier Yitzhak Shamir, thanking him for "the warmest hospitality extended to me and my delegation during our recent visit to your country."

Uno, the first Japanese Cabinet minister to visit Israel, was here

June 26 on a one-day visit. His letter, received at the beginning of July, was made public.

Uno, who visited the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial, wrote that he had been moved "to face the past tragedy of the Jewish people and felt the importance of its meaning to mankind."

Jews for their losses during the Nazi era.

The East Germans have not named a sum, but estimates range from \$100 million to \$175 million.

Honecker is expected to meet with World Jewish Congress President Edgar Bronfman later this month to discuss the issue.

## Geneva Officials Deplore West Bank Conditions

by Tamar Levy

GENEVA (JTA) — Four Geneva municipal officials returning from the West Bank said that they had witnessed "a real state of siege."

"We found villages and refugee camps under curfew, general strikes, military siege, dead and wounded persons, concentration camps and deportees," the group said at a news conference.

The officials are preparing a report, which they will present to the Swiss government, the International Red Cross and other organizations.

The four, all members of left-wing parties, spent four days in the West Bank. They had declared prior to leaving that their purpose was to observe conditions that could be used to promote an international peace conference, and to reaffirm their solidarity with the Palestinians.

The group consisted of Jean Spielmann, a member of the Geneva City Council, who is secretary-general of the Swiss Labor Party; Erica Deuber-Pauli, also a City Council member and a member of the Swiss-Arab Friendship Association; Anjuska Weil, a Jewish political activist from Zurich; and Marie-France Spielmann, municipal councilor of Geneva.

They praised the work done by doctors and international voluntary organizations in the

territory, but said conditions were deplorable.

The Palestinian population, they said, live a life fraught with terror and atrocities that have become banal.

## Israeli Yacht Completes Race

NEWPORT — In the 40th birthday year of the State of Israel, the *Maccabi*, the first Israeli yacht to compete in the 28 years of the Singlehanded Transatlantic Race, successfully completed the 3,300-mile course and landed here July 6.

The yacht, sailed by Clive Shelter, an officer in the Israeli Merchant Navy, joined 120 solo yachtsmen from 17 countries who set sail from Plymouth, England on June 5.

Two British benefactors jointly donated £50,000 to help finance the purchase of the yacht.

The *Maccabi* is a Class V, 32 foot Contessa, fitted out specifically for long distance, singlehanded sailing. Clive Shelter was born in England and emigrated to Israel in 1971. He joined the Israeli Merchant Navy and immediately began training as an officer. His present position is Chief Officer.

Shelter recently completed a solo 1,800 mile qualifying sail and also met the very stringent criteria set for the Singlehanded Transatlantic Race by its organizers, the Royal Western Yacht Club. His acceptance was considered a major achievement for Israeli sport.

Originally backed by *The Observer*, the Singlehanded Transatlantic Race is now sponsored by Carlsberg and takes place every four years, attracting participants from all over the world. The race was first won by Sir Francis Chichester in 1960.

For more information: Robert Rafsky, Howard J. Rubenstein Associates, Inc., (212) 489-6900.

## Palestinians To Sell Citrus In Europe

by Henrietta Boas

AMSTERDAM (JTA) — Palestinian citrus growers in the West Bank and Gaza Strip will soon have direct access to the European market.

The European citrus importers have signed a contract with the Palestinian exporters to accept their produce without the intervention of the Israel Citrus Marketing Board.

Holland was largely instrumental in arranging the deal, which is expected to greatly improve the Palestinian economy in the territories. Palestinian citrus growers export about 16,000 tons a year to Western Europe.

A Dutch agrarian expert visited the territories three times in recent weeks to advise the Palestinians on export procedures.

## Dutch Won't Sell Subs To Israel

AMSTERDAM (JTA) — The Dutch government said July 12 it will not grant export licenses for two submarines Israel wants to order from the RMD Shipyards in Rotterdam.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said the reason is that Israel is considered a country at war and the Netherlands, in principle, denies military equipment to countries at war.

## Physicians Obey Halacha Via Hotline

NEW YORK (JTA) — A 24-hour hotline for physicians and other health-care professionals to consult with halachic authorities on medical questions of Jewish law is being instituted by the National Conference of Rabbanim of Agudath Israel branches.

Rabbi Meyer Scheinberg, co-chairman of the rabbonim group, said the hotline is being implemented in response to a problem cited by many Orthodox Jewish doctors, who complain that they had trouble finding ready access to rabbis qualified to decide complex, and sometimes even routine, medical halacha questions.

Rabbi Scheinberg said that the hotline number will be provided privately to professionals working in the field. Many hundreds of Orthodox Jewish physicians throughout the U.S. and Canada will be receiving complete information in the mail in the coming weeks.

## Soldier Killed In Lebanon Is Buried

by Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — An Israel Defense Force paratrooper killed July 13 in a skirmish with guerrillas in southern Lebanon was identified as Lt. Ori Maoz, 22, of Yesud Hama'ala, a village in northern Israel. He was buried there Thursday, July 14.

According to military sources, Maoz was leading a routine patrol searching for Katyusha rocket launchers just north of the Israeli-controlled security zone in southern Lebanon. The patrol came under heavy fire from gunmen concealed in dense undergrowth.

Maoz was wounded and died on the way to the hospital. Three gunmen were killed.

Hezbollah, pro-Iranian group of Shiites, announced in Lebanon that three of its fighters were killed in the clash, including its eastern sector commander, and three were wounded.

## Brandeis Receives \$400,000 For Scholarship Fund

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

## Austrian Jews View Pope's Visit Positively

by Reinhard Engel

VIENNA (JTA) — The Austrian Jewish community considers the visit here by Pope John Paul II last month to have been "positive" and as good as could have been expected.

That assessment was given by the president of the Jewish communities of Austria, Paul Grosz, in an interview with the Austrian news agency APA.

The positive evaluation contrasts sharply with the reaction of Jews when the Pope visited Austria the last week of June.

At that time, they expressed shock and anger over the Pope's failure to mention Jewish suffering when he spoke at the site of the Mauthausen concentration camp, and his reference to Austria as a "victim" of Nazism rather than as the collaborator it was.

After the Pope met with Jewish community leaders here on June 24, Grosz and Austria's chief rabbi, Paul Eisenberg, described the encounter as "disappointing."

But Grosz now told the Austrian news agency that the papal visit was seen by the Jewish community as "extraordinarily positive."

## Torah Books Buried In Jerusalem

by Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Torah books damaged and desecrated by the Nazis in Hungary during World War II were brought to Jerusalem for burial in accordance with Jewish custom.

The remains were carried in pottery jars by members of the chevra kadisha, the burial society, to the place of interment on the Mount of Olives.

The books were shipped to Israel

# Books in Review

## AMC: Hikers' Best Friend



Reviewed by David DeBlois

If you are a wayfarer, wanderer, hiker, or nature lover in New England, then you've got a friend.

That friend is the Appalachian Mountain Club.

Based in Boston, the AMC offers a line of wonderfully complete trail guides for serious and casual hikers alike.

Incorporating all of the best elements offered by other guides, the AMC offerings are compact, lightweight, and easy to use, as well as being decidedly inexpensive (All the guides included in this article retail for less than \$15.). Though

the club does offer guides from such other areas as North Carolina, West Virginia, and Baltimore, it specializes in documenting the trails and footpaths of the New England area. Included among these are:

**AMC Massachusetts and Rhode Island Trail Guide, 5th Edition** (*Appalachian Mountain Club, 481 pages, 1982. \$12.95 paperback.*). A terrific edition to the libraries of Bay and Ocean State residents. Along with the comprehensive trail listing, the book comes complete with 4 area maps. With the handy pocket pro-

vided inside the back cover, hikers are free to choose and insert the map(s) relevant to the day's activities. In addition, the book's size (6" X 3-1/2") allows it to fit easily into a back pocket. The guide also sports a water resistant cover, making it less susceptible to foul weather than other guides. The pocket for map storage is also water resistant. Lightweight pages have allowed the AMC to pack well over 400 pages of information into a volume weighing only a few ounces and less than three-quarters of an inch thick.

The trail entries in the Guide include directions to reach the trail, and descriptions of the layout and terrain of them. The total distances of each trail are provided, as well as time estimates for completing the trail, calculated at the modest pace of 2 miles per hour (with allowances for difficult terrain). I found especially useful the abundant listings for trails in Southeastern Massachusetts. Easily accessible from the Providence area, they offered a fine diversion to the familiar R.I. trails. Surprisingly, though I have lived in R.I. all of my life, I also discovered a few trails in our fair state that I was not even aware of with the help of this guide.

Through limited testing, I have also found the trail descriptions to be fairly accurate, especially considering this edition was published in 1982. A new edition is due out in October, and one may wish to simply wait and purchase that one.

The only flaw with the guide, that I could detect, was with the supplementary maps. Printed only using black ink on white paper, they are sometimes difficult to follow, as roads, trails, and bodies of water are not quickly discernible from each other. At times the guide book relies heavily on these maps to direct the reader to a given trail

or refuge, and thus a more readable format for them is in order.

Still, for hikers in R.I., a more comprehensive and compact guide is not available. Far more useful and clear than the tourist-promotion tripe doled out by the state's agencies, the *AMC Massachusetts & Rhode Island Trail Guide* is highly recommended. If you're a Rhode Islander who likes to hike, this is the book for you.

**AMC Maine Mountain Guide, 6th Edition** (*Appalachian Mountain Club, 306 pages, 1988. \$12.95 paperback.*). This new release from AMC closely resembles the guide from Massachusetts and Rhode Island in size and content. However, the few ways in which it does differ are worth mentioning.

On the positive side, the distances and times covered in the trail listings have been broken down in many cases here, to include various parts of the trail (distance and time to a landmark or junction with another trail, for example). This is quite a handy feature. As a result, the reader is given an even better indication of the nature of the trail.

The map style has also been improved. The maps here are tri-colored, a vast improvement over those provided with earlier guides. As a result, they are easier to read and allow for much quicker locating. This is probably the single most effective change from the *Massachusetts & Rhode Island Trail Guide*. The *Maine Mountain Guide* includes 3 maps which, like in AMC's other guides, are stored in a pocket inside the back cover.

It is with this pocket, however, that the single negative aspect of the *Maine Mountain Guide* comes into play. Unlike the water-resistant flap offered on earlier volumes, this book sports a manila pocket glued to the inside of the back cover. In terms of cost to the AMC this may have been an effective move, but it greatly reduces protection for the map from moisture.

The *AMC Maine Mountain Guide* offers comprehensive information on such areas as Baxter State Park, Camden Hills, Mount Agamenticus, and my personal favorite, Mount Katahdin. It also covers the very popular Mount

Desert Island, though if you plan to do your trekking only through this region, I recommend:

**AMC Guide to Mount Desert Island and Acadia National Park, 4th Edition** (*Appalachian Mountain Club, 38 pages, 1988. \$3.95 paperback.*). Weighing in at only a couple of ounces, this guide packs a remarkable amount of information. Basically an extract of the *Maine Mountain Guide*, it sports a water-resistant cover which is not as lush as the larger guides (About the consistency of a child's coloring book cover). The map of Mount Desert Island, provided in the *Maine Mountain Guide*, is also included here.

This guide is highly recommended for those who plan to limit their hiking to Mount Desert Island, as it eliminates much of the cost needed for the larger volumes. However, for one frequently visiting "Vacationland," the purchase of the *Maine Mountain Guide* will more than suffice.

One of the nicest features of the Appalachian Mountain Club Guide Books is that they encourage input from the users of the guides. A request for any information regarding inaccuracies in the trail entries is included in each book's introductory section, along with an address to forward your comments to. These updates, coupled with the club's own surveys, are what keep each new edition of the guides so accurate.

In addition to AMC's new guide book offerings, they have recently reissued a wonderfully detailed map of *Mount Washington and the Heart of The Presidential Range* in New Hampshire. Prepared for the club by surveyors and Boston's Museum of Science, the map is an invaluable aid to planning a hike in the area. Though easy to take along on a hike and handy to have in an emergency, I found it to be somewhat cumbersome for frequent field use. This is caused mainly by its sheer size (40" X 27"). Luckily, though, its simple accordion fold is very manageable, even for those of us who can never get those road maps folded back the way they came.

## 'What's This, Mom?'

### Beachcombing For Kids

*Seashells in My Pocket* by Judith Hansen, il. by Donna Sabaka (*Appalachian Mountain Club, 125 pages, 1988. \$8.95 paperback.*)

Reviewed by David DeBlois

"What kind of bird is that, Daddy?"

"Look, Mommy, that starfish is missing an arm. Does that mean it will die?"

If you've ever walked along a beach with a child, especially at low tide, then you know how many questions they're capable of asking. And, inevitably, they always ask at least one or two that you just can't answer.

Alas, help has arrived for the bewildered parent who can't tell a Jonah Crab from an Atlantic Rock Crab. *Seashells in My Pocket* by Judith Hansen is a guide for children aged 6 and up that will answer all those questions normally hurled at Mommy and Daddy.

*Seashells* is a charming identification guide to the Atlantic coastline whose terminology and frame of reference so that children can read and understand it themselves. The result of investigating the mysteries and creatures of the seashore on their own is increased learning on the part of the children. Parents, in addition, may even find themselves learning a thing or two.

In the guide's introduction, Hansen has included a number of handy lists for the children. "Some Safety Rules," one of the most important of those lists, is exemplary of the book's concern for the safety

of the child using it. Throughout the identification entries, children are warned which creatures are safe to touch and which are best left alone.

However, one passage in the book may represent a lapse in this concern for safety. In a list headed, "What to Take," Hansen writes that it is best to go exploring with "a buddy or grown-up." If the guide, as stated by the publisher, is intended for children as young as 6 yrs. old, parents may wish to warn their child(ren) that they should only go exploring with proper supervision. Two 6 yr. old "buddies" should not, I feel, be encouraged to go exploring on their own, especially in this day and age. If one considers this to be a flaw in the book would depend, I believe, largely upon the age and maturity of one's child. Parents should, however, at least be aware of this aspect of the guide.

Another list in the introduction, "Some Rules to Protect the Environment," provides a perfect example of the care with which Hansen approaches the natural world. This attitude of preserving nature has won *Seashells* the praise of such groups as the National Audubon Society. This conservationist stance does not lapse at any point in the book, and the praise it has received on this note is well-deserved.

The guide sections of the book are clear and informative, covering sea creatures, shells, and shore plants and birds. The latter section I found somewhat lacking in its sandpiper and tern identification, and if children wish to identify shore birds, perhaps making an adult bird identification guide available to them would be wise. Overall, though, Donna Sabaka's illustrations are quite effective—a difficult task in a black and white format.

Ending the guide, an appendix suggests areas to go "exploring" in each of the Atlantic Coast states from Maine to North Carolina. The small glossary, another helpful device, will explain those terms which may be unfamiliar to the child. A checklist provided by Hansen challenges the child to try and identify as much as he/she can at the shore. This increases the "fun" aspect of learning, making it not seem like learning at all—an accomplishment not to be under-rated.

*Seashells in My Pocket* is the best introduction to nature study for children that I have come across. With this guide and a little natural curiosity, a child could easily get hooked on investigating the wonders of the natural world.

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## Youth Hi Lights

### Pioneering Passed On:

#### Nitzana In The Negev



**CHILDREN OF THE DESERT** — Israeli pupils visiting a pioneering settlement in the Nitzana region of the Negev desert, where the Jewish agency has established a new youth village. With the help of American Jews, through the UJA/Federation Campaign, thousands of Israeli and Diaspora youth will learn the meaning of modern pioneering. Shown with the students is Uri Gordon, former World Head of Youth Aliyah and current Head of the Aliyah Department.

by UJA Press Service

Pioneers have arrived in the Negev, Israel's desert region, where Nitzana — a dynamic educational center — has opened its doors to young Israelis and Diaspora Jews.

Nitzana, established by the Jewish Agency's Youth Aliyah and Settlement Department, will provide visiting Diaspora youth and Israeli youngsters studying at Youth Aliyah institutions in Israel, with archaeological excavation programs, agricultural work, and study tours of the fascinating region. All programs will emphasize democracy and tolerance.

On the map, Nitzana is a small dot along the Israeli-Egyptian border. Part of Ramat Hanegv, Israel's largest district, the region is also the most sparsely populated, with only 2,000 residents. The closest neighboring settlements are Moshav Kadesh Barnea, with 15 families, and Azziz, with four.

Nitzana was established through the efforts of Uri Gordon, former chairman of Youth Aliyah, and Arie "Lova" Eliav, a veritable legend in Israel's settlement history. Gordon wanted to find a location where pioneering values could be instilled in Jewish youth. Eliav visited scores of locations until he selected Nitzana.

"Our students will experience and participate in the creation of something from nothing, manual labor in a desolate terrain," Gordon said. "They will learn the meaning of modern pioneering in the late 20th century, of making the desert bloom under adverse conditions — and all this, within view of Israel's peaceful border with Egypt."

The area around Nitzana forms a land reserve of great potential to the State of Israel. Students will assist scientists in conducting experiments in saline-water agriculture, exploiting the water's heat and mineral content. To acquaint them with the nature of the Negev, pupils will be taken on hikes and motorized outings in the area. In conjunction with other Negev research institutes, Nitzana students will delve into selected fields of Negev study, including the geography and history of the Negev.

The Nitzana community will ultimately be able to accommodate some 1,500 pupils, a teaching staff of 300, and additional administrative workers. It will serve as a focal point for the development of the entire region.

The Jewish Agency, supported by American Jewry through the UJA/Federation Campaign, has absorbed and educated more than a quarter of a million children; today it stands at the forefront of Israel's modern educational challenge.

#### Noar LeNoar At the JCC

Plantations-Roger Williams Unit B'nai B'rith and B'nai B'rith Youth Organization present Noar LeNoar (Young Adults of High School Age who belong to the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization from Israel, Great Britain, and Europe). These Young Adults are coming to Providence, R. I. on Monday evening July 25, 1988 at 7:15 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence, R.I. and will present a program of song and dance. The admission is free, and it is open to the public. Please join us for a very enjoyable evening. Any questions call Paula Waldman at 831-7967. Refreshments will be served following the program.

### Summer: When Parents Are Away, Kids Won't Play

by Tj Feldman

Shalom, y'all. Since coming to Kutz, I've developed this terrible habit of saying "y'all." If anyone has any ideas of how to turn me back into a Yankee, I'm listening. Seriously, while I've been here at Kutz, I've seen a trend away from the "negative" habits that parents fear their children will develop. Such habits include smoking, bad table manners, messiness, and laziness.

When I arrived here I was a smoker (don't all cringe in horror, it's no big deal). However, as I started to make friends, I felt extreme pressure not to smoke and I began to think about how much I needed cigarettes. During services one night, I decided that my life was too valuable to ruin with cigarettes and this revelation was followed by my decision to try to give up smoking. It has only been a day and a half since I gave up smoking but so far, so good. Additionally, some of my other friends who smoked are also trying to give it up.

It helps that the UAHC (which is NTTY's parent organization) recently adopted a resolution to prohibit smoking at UAHC events (or something along those lines). In order to smoke here at Kutz, each program participant (camper) had to have a smoking release signed by their parents (my mom signed mine begrudgingly). Also, there is only one place called

"The Burning Bush" or "The Cancer Ward," where people are allowed to smoke, thus segregating smokers from the rest of the Kutz population. The benefits of giving up smoking include: more time to socialize and feeling healthier.

As far as the other negative habits I outlined: messiness, the majority of the cabins are interested and strive to get A's on inspection, and competition among the cabins for neatness is sometimes cutthroat. Concerning poor table manners, once again people don't seem enthused by others who belch loudly and throw food. Civilized eating seems to be the trend. Laziness in its natural form is unpopular. Obviously when its 100% all people want to do is swim, but generally speaking people seem to use their free time productively to either further explore a topic they are learning about, or to sit and play a guitar, or sing in four-part choir.

Everyone here is special. There is no one here who isn't willing to give 100% of themselves to all they do. Not only that but there seems to be a trend toward developing "positive" habits that they can use later. It's nice to be in a place where "peer pressure" works on a different scale. The trend toward caring about others, rather than the traditional view of teenagers caring only about themselves, is long overdue, and its arrival is welcome!!!

### College Students To Register For AIPAC Seminar

WASHINGTON — This summer, college students are fine-tuning their political skills at the party conventions in Atlanta and in New Orleans ... and at the convention between the conventions in College Park, Maryland.

The American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) will host the eighth annual National Political Leadership Training Seminar (NPLTS) July 30-31 at the University of Maryland's Hillel. The Seminar will focus on Campaign '88 and how students can play a productive role in the November elections. The annual conference gives students headed back to the campus a chance to meet one another and plan school year programs, prepare for legislative lobbying efforts and set priorities for their campus pro-Israel communities.

Representatives from both sides of the political aisle will be on hand for a campus campaign resource fair. Workshops and discussions will include: Israel in the media, the current state of U.S.-Israel relations and how to respond to Israel's critics. Accommodations for students who are shomer Shabbas are available, and a pool

party is planned for Saturday evening.

As part of the National Political Leadership Training Seminar, parents of entering college freshmen are invited to a special briefing Sunday, July 31 at noon to discuss the challenges facing their children as pro-Israel activists on campus.

Leading up to the weekend conference, Sen. Albert Gore Jr. (D-TN) will address the third AIPAC Summer Seminar in this year's series. The speech will be held on July 27 in Room 50 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building at 6 p.m. Rep. Jack Kemp (R-NY) and Editor-in-Chief of *The New Republic* Martin Peretz were the featured speakers during past seminars this summer, which attracted more than 400 students.

College students wishing to attend the Gore seminar or the National Political Leadership Training Seminar should contact Linda Mann at AIPAC — (202) 638-2256. Deadline for registration for the weekend conference is July 25, cost is \$15.00, registration is limited to 200. Sabbath accommodations are available. Dietary laws are observed.

### Attention Future Marine Scientists

Imagine this: it's early in the morning and you're watching the sunlight spread over the horizon as you dip the sampling net over the side of the boat. You need to collect two more water samples containing the tiny phytoplankton that help sustain and direct the ebb and flow of the Bay's living organisms. Within an hour you can travel back to the lab and help discover which microscopic plants were involved in the day's community dynamics of Narragansett Bay. At the end of the week you can pick up your paycheck for a job well done.

Sound like a terrific way to spend next summer? This could be you — if you win one of the Narragansett Bay Project's (NBP) science fair awards at the 43rd Rhode Island State Science Fair. All Rhode Island high school students will be eligible to win one of the three prizes the NBP will be awarding in the senior division (grades 9 through 12) to the best student science projects concerning Narragansett Bay.

The science projects should dovetail with one of the areas currently being investigated by Bay Project scientists (see below for details). The awards are summer '89 work-study/internships with a Project investigator whose ongoing research matches the winning student's areas of interest (maximum award \$2,000). Dr. Scott Nixon, Director of R.I. Sea Grant, thinks the internships are a "terrific idea" and that the students and the researchers will both benefit. The award winners will get "hands-on" experience working in the field, or in the lab, and also contribute to the research checking the health of Narragansett Bay. It is hoped that interested students take advantage of this early notice to act now and maximize the summer weather for sampling and field studies.

The three categories of research the science projects can address are: Bay water quality (pollution); innovative pollution control devices; and applied research.

Bay Water Quality (pollution) — How polluted is Narragansett Bay? What are the possible effects

on the Bay's living organisms of different physical and chemical factors? Suggested topics for this broad category include monitoring to determine water quality trends, or to identify pollutant sources, and the possible biological/ecological effects of physical factors, such as salinity concentrations, dissolved oxygen, pH and light penetration, on selected Bay plants and animals.

Innovative Pollution Control Devices — How can we effectively measure pollution? Included in this category will be the design and construction of experimental equipment, such as a water quality monitoring gadget or a pollution control device.

Applied Research — How can we use the information science tells us about the Bay to actually manage the Bay? The winner in this category will construct a project designed to collect data on Narragansett Bay, that also suggests how to use the information to make recommendations aimed at improving the Bay.

The awards will be presented at the Rhode Island State Science Fair the weekend of March 11 and 12, 1989. Other science fair awards concerning Narragansett Bay will also be given by various other organizations, such as the Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC) and the *Providence Journal Bulletin*.

There will be one prize in each category and the Narragansett Bay Project reserves the right to withhold an award if the judges determine no appropriate science projects are entered in any of the categories.

The NBP is jointly sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the R.I. Department of Environmental Management. It is a 5-year program whose mission is to study the water quality of Narragansett Bay, through scientific research, and to make recommendations to better manage the Bay.

For more information on the Project science fair awards, contact Trish Johnson at (401) 277-3165.

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# Health and Fitness

## AHA To Establish Consumer Health Information Program For Food

ST. LOUIS — In a major expansion of its 40-year leadership role in the nation's fight against heart and blood vessel diseases, the American Heart Association has authorized the creation of a mechanism: within the association to identify selected food items that meet AHA dietary guidelines.

The new AHA Food Product Approval-Consumer Health Information Program will include a free-standing AHA product-approval process designed to help consumers through identification of heart-healthy food items and through a comprehensive nationwide health information program.

AHA officials said many details remain to be completed before beginning the program, which will include a national nutrition telephone "hotline." Plans will undergo final development by association volunteers and staff during the next fiscal year, and the program's first phase is expected to begin operating after July 1, 1989.

"We regard this new initiative as a logical extension of the American Heart Association's well-established

role as the public's chief advocate in efforts to reduce premature death and disability from heart disease and stroke," said W. W. Aston of Dallas, who chaired a special two-year volunteer/staff task force that recommended the new program to the governing assembly.

Heart and blood vessel diseases, the nation's leading killer, took nearly one million lives in the United States in 1985, the most recent year for which statistics are complete. Nearly 65 million Americans have one or more forms of the diseases, the AHA estimates.

"With increasing clarity, scientific evidence points to diet modification as an effective way to reduce cardiovascular disease risk," continued Aston, who is chairman of the AHA's national Board of Directors. "Since 1961, the association's scientific leadership has provided the American people a series of prudent dietary recommendations, revising them, when necessary, based on a carefully analyzed continuum of nutrition research."

Consumers and much of the food

industry have responded favorably to these guidelines, Aston noted. "Many Americans have adopted healthier eating habits, and dietary improvements recommended by the AHA clearly have played a part in the welcome decline in heart attack and stroke death rates that we have seen during the last two decades.

"Now," he said, "the AHA is taking the process a sensible step further. Over the next several years the association will develop and put into place a program to help the public become even better informed about the diet-heart disease connection, through more specific guidance in food selection and more widely available health information."

During its two-year study, the task force headed by Aston examined the AHA's ongoing role in influencing the nation's dietary habits and looked for ways to improve compliance with its dietary guidelines. Two independent, nationwide surveys of consumers and health specialists indicated favorable response to the association's

efforts and a strong desire for more specific information about the fat and cholesterol content of food items, the AHA reported. These studies and other research led to development of the proposal approved today.

Aston explained that the new program structure will be designed to operate as a separate entity inside the association, entirely self-supported by assessments made to participating companies. The product approval effort will generate no revenue for the AHA, and no public funds contributed to support the association and its existing programs will be used for this purpose, he said.

The AHA production approval/health information unit will have its own staff, overseen by a board of scientists who will serve on a volunteer basis, officials said. Present plans call for the program to be housed in its own facilities apart from the national AHA headquarters in Dallas.

According to the proposal, independent laboratories under contract to the AHA will evaluate the nutritional content of packaged, process foods submitted by manufacturers for analysis. The samples to be tested will be acquired from the marketplace. Product makeup will be measured against AHA dietary guidelines for a particular food category. Those products found to be sufficiently low in total fat, saturated fat, cholesterol and sodium — elements implicated in the development of heart and blood vessel diseases — will be given a seal of approval. Under prescribed guidelines, the AHA seal may appear on an approved item's label or package.

A major fixture of the new AHA nutritional initiative will be its Consumer Health Information Program, also funded by fees from

manufacturers whose products receive AHA approval. Included will be a national nutritional telephone hotline staffed by registered dietitians, who will give heart-health nutrition and risk-factor information to the public and health professionals.

The information effort will also include print and broadcast media campaigns and a brochure listing approved products. The brochure will describe the seal-of-approval program and provide additional facts about risk factors. The program's goal, according to the AHA statement, is "to provide important health information — chiefly nutrition — to all segments of the population."

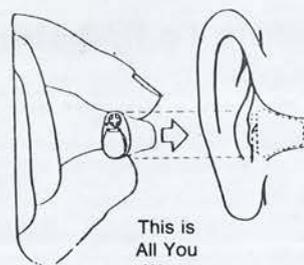
Safeguards to be built into the product-approval program include verification by a second laboratory of all food-test results, the AHA said. U.S. Department of Agriculture and Food and Drug Administration standards must be met by all food items being considered for approval.

The program will be operated at no cost to the AHA's 56 state and metropolitan affiliates. Fees assessed to manufacturers will be set to recover only operating costs of the product approval program including administrative overhead. Separate assessments will be made to finance the public health information portion of the new initiative, the AHA said, but exact formulas for the assessments and other details remain to be worked out.

In its report the task force acknowledged some degree of legal risk in such a program but members said they believe these were worth taking, with sufficient benefit to the public and with safeguards built into the program to minimize such risks and assure its efficacy.

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## Cause Of Becker's Muscular Dystrophy Pinpointed

WARWICK — Researchers supported by the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) reported today that the crippling disorder, Becker muscular dystrophy, is caused by a deficiency of or abnormality in the muscle protein dystrophin. The finding, made by an investigative team led by Louis P. Kunkel, Ph.D. of Children's Hospital in Boston, follows the team's earlier discovery that a complete absence of the protein causes the more severe Duchenne muscular dystrophy, the most common childhood form of the disease.

The report, appearing in the May 25 issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine*, is the latest in what an accompanying editorial called a "landmark" series of papers on Duchenne and Becker muscular dystrophy published by MDA researchers over the past 18 months. Previous articles have reported the discovery and isolation of the gene that, when defective, transmits the diseases, and the identification of dystrophin as the protein normally made by the gene and absent in Duchenne dystrophy.

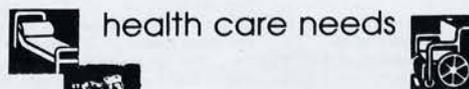
The researchers examined muscle samples from more than

100 individuals with Duchenne muscular dystrophy, Becker muscular dystrophy, or other neuromuscular diseases, for the presence of the protein dystrophin. Dystrophin was missing in individuals with Duchenne muscular dystrophy, confirming earlier findings, and present in abnormally low amounts or defective in those with Becker dystrophy. The protein was normal in patients with other neuromuscular diseases.

Duchenne and Becker muscular dystrophy, which both strike males almost exclusively, cause progressive weakness and wasting in voluntary muscles. In Duchenne dystrophy, the earliest signs of the disorder appear between ages three and five. Patients are confined to wheelchairs by age 12, and few survive their twenties. In Becker dystrophy, first signs of the disease appear later — usually between ages four and 19. Most patients remain able to walk well into adulthood, and many live a normal lifespan. While measures have been developed to extend the survival and improve the quality of life of individuals with the diseases, there are as yet no specific treatments.



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## Your Community

### Israeli Fair At JCC

Story and Photos  
by David DeBlois

When a group of visiting Israeli students put on an Israeli Fair for the kids at the Jewish Community Center in Providence on July 13, it ended up being fun for more than just the kids.

Set up in a series of stations, the fair allowed the children to learn about Israel while they enjoyed themselves. There were puzzles, painting, and drawing of Israeli subject matter to be done. Photographs of Israeli landmarks were displayed and explained, and songs were sung in English and Hebrew. At another station, "Bazooka Joe" bubble gum comics, printed in Hebrew, were given to the children and then translated by one of the Israeli students. Israeli music filled the hall.

While camp counselors, including event chaperones Lisa Waldman and Jeffrey Astrachan, guided the groups of youngsters from station to station, members of the Yiddish Eldercamp strolled about and chatted with the visitors from Israel.

Smiles were the order of the day. The children couldn't seem to get enough of the activities, and the Israeli students seemed to regret watching each group leave their station. Eldercamp members chuckled over the antics of the youngsters with the counselors, while perhaps learning one or two things themselves.

Yes, despite the hot and humid weather outside, the Fair was, in the words of one youngster, "wicked cool."



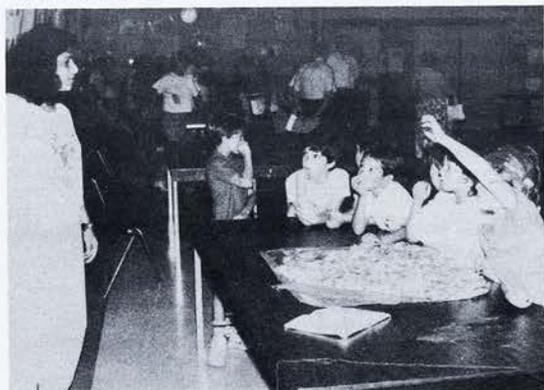
Children flocked to the Israeli student translating "Bazooka Joe" comics printed in Hebrew.



A budding artist tries her hand at drawing Israeli flowers, birds, and animals.



Eat your heart out, Picasso! This young fair-goer gets thoroughly absorbed in his painting as a friend looks on.



"I know, I know!" One of the children volunteers some knowledge on Israel. At left is one of the Israeli students who conducted the fair.



Jeffrey Astrachan and Lisa Waldman were chaperones for the event.



The puzzles offered quite a challenge to this group of youngsters.

## Obituaries

### Joel Geffen, Conservative Leader, Dies At 86

NEW YORK (JTA) — Dr. Joel Geffen, Conservative rabbi and leader who served on the administration of the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York from 1944 until his retirement three years ago, died on July 2 at the age of 86.

Geffen was director of the Seminary's Department of Field Activities and Community Education, as well as an advisor to the Board of Overseers.

He was a founder of Camp Ramah in the Berkshires, one of the seminary's Hebrew-speaking camps. In 1956, the Seminary awarded him the degree of doctor of divinity, honoris causa.

Geffen, the son of the late Rabbi Tobias Geffen, was spiritual leader of Temple Beth-El in Troy, N.Y., and later at Temple Beth-El in Harrisburg, Pa.

### HYMAN E. LEVIN EAST PROVIDENCE

Hyman E. Levin, of 300 East Shore Circle, co-founder and proprietor with his wife of the former Hope Beauty Supply Co., which he operated for 37 years, retiring in 1981, died July 8 at Rhode Island Hospital, Providence. He was the husband of Beatrice (Brandt) Levin.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Harry and Annie (Mednikoff) Levin, he had lived in East Providence since 1975.

He was a member of Temple Beth-El. His wife is his only immediate survivor.

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

### ROBERT C. MORSE

MASPEH, N.Y. — Robert C. Morse, 37, died July 6 at home. Born in Providence, a son of the late David and Estelle S. Morse of Jacksonville, Fla.

Mr. Morse graduated from Classical High, Emerson College, and Brooklyn College. Prior to becoming ill in January 1987, he was employed by McGraw-Hill.

He is survived by his sister, Mrs. Maxine Goldberg of Tulsa, Okla.

Private funeral services were held in New York City. Arrangements by the Plaza Memorial Chapel, 630 Amsterdam Ave., New York City.

### IRVING PLINER PROVIDENCE

Irving Pliner, 87, of the Jewish Home for the aged, 99 Hillside Ave., manager of the T.W. Rounds Store, Newport, for 15 years before retiring in 1982, died July 17 at the home. He was the husband of the late Ruth (Schaffer) Pliner.

Born in New York City, a son of the late Max and Celia (Deutch) Pliner, he lived in Providence for 70 years, with the exception of 18 years when he lived in Pawtucket from 1967 to 1985.

Mr. Pliner was a member of Temple Beth-El, the Jewish Home for the Aged, the Trowel Club, the Rhode Island Shrine and the Connecticut Masonic Lodge.

He leaves a daughter, Helene P. Myers of Providence; a brother, Milton Pliner of Barnstable, Mass.; and two grandsons.

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

### JOSEPH H. SHOLOVITZ

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Joseph H. Sholovitz, 74, formerly of Providence, who owned the former Nohel Manufacturing Co. for 25 years before retiring in 1974, died July 14 at Mount Sinai Hospital, Miami Beach. He was the husband of Molly (Blender) Sholovitz. His first wife was the late Phyllis (Norman) Sholovitz.

Born in Woonsocket, he was a son of the late Hyman and Molly Sholovitz. He had lived in Providence for 40 years, moving to West Palm Beach 10 years ago.

Mr. Sholovitz was an Army veteran of World War II. He was a former member of Temple Emanu-El and the Congregation B'nai Israel of Woonsocket. He was a member of the Jewish Home for the Aged.

Besides his wife, he leaves two daughters, Molly Cort of Manchester, Conn., and Betty Steinberg of Setauket, N.Y.; three sisters, Beatrice Greenbaum of Bristol, Isabelle Margolis of Larchmont, N.Y., and Ruth Cohen of West Palm Beach; and six grandchildren.

The funeral service was at Congregation B'nai Israel, 224 Prospect St., Woonsocket. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

### MILDRED STERN PAWTUCKET

Mildred Stern, 67, of 40 Blaisdell Ave., a bookkeeper for Kelley's Metal Corp., East Providence, for seven

years before retiring in 1987, died July 9 at home.

Born in New London, Conn., a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Meyers, she lived in Pawtucket for 40 years, previously living in Providence for 20 years.

Mrs. Stern was a member of Temple Beth-El and its Sisterhood, and the Hadassah. She leaves two daughters, Leslie S. Riggs of Pawtucket and Judith S. Weisman of Potomac, Md.; a son, Gary L. Stern of Dover, N.H.; a sister, Pauline Penn of Providence; and three grandchildren.

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

### GERALD WEINBERG

WARWICK — Gerald Weinberg, 73, of 515 Namquid Drive, a state auditor in the governor's office of highway safety from 1973 until retiring in 1985, died July 17 at Rhode Island Hospital after an automobile accident on Narragansett Parkway.

Mr. Weinberg's car veered off Narragansett Parkway at Howie Avenue about 1:50 a.m. and struck a tree, according to police, who said he had a history of heart disease, and may have suffered a heart attack while driving.

The accident is still under investigation, and police said they were awaiting the results of an autopsy.

Mr. Weinberg, husband of the late Eleanor (Cohen) Weinberg, was a self-employed accountant for many years before joining the highway safety office. He attended Brown University and was a 1941 graduate of the Community College of New York. He was an Army Air Force veteran of World War II, serving as a meteorologist in North Africa and Italy. He was a member of Temple Beth-El. He was a volunteer for the Kent County court system and the Rhode Island Blood Bank.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Hyman and Anna (Gordon) Weinberg, he lived in Warwick for 41 years.

He leaves two sons, Alan R. Weinberg of Oregon, Wis., and

Donald N. Weinberg of Hamden, Conn.; two brothers, Walter and Eugene Weinberg, both of Providence; and three grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Sons of Israel and David Cemetery, Providence.

### CARD OF THANKS

I would like to thank my relatives and friends for the kindness that was shown to me during my illness, also for the beautiful flowers and cards. Again, thank you.

— Pearl Schachter

### Holocaust Roller Derby (continued from page 5)

that time, that Chief Rabbi Douek of Egypt had been crucified in the jail in which he was being held.

Another story took place a couple years ago, which disgraced the Jewish People. This happened in Syria. A certain rapist was released from jail. He had been convicted on the testimony of a Jewish woman he had attacked. Although Syria usually couldn't care less about its Jews, Syria felt it better to jail a rapist than face bad publicity abroad. After the convict's release from jail, the husband of the rape victim got a call at his place of work. He was told to come right home. When he arrived home, he found his wife's decapitated head on the porch of their home. In his home, he found his wife's body with breasts removed. He found the corpse of his daughter and the corpse of his son with the genitals removed. Information that leaked to the West about the crime indicated that the Assad Government had given tacit approval to the rapist to take revenge. Assad figured it would keep the Jews in line (one Syrian who had harassed Jewish women in their ghetto had been crippled by Jewish male vigilantes, protecting their women folk).

None of Syria's few thousand Jews would risk challenging Assad and ending up like the unfortunate family. Certain liberal-extremist Jewish "leaders" of the U.S. Jewish community claimed that they had "proof" that Assad was innocent. These Quislings were afraid of making waves which could "cause anti-Semitism" in Syria, so they washed the blood of three Jews off Assad's hands and he went back to business, as usual.

I realize that there are many Jews who do not wish to hear such horror stories, but American Jews must thank G-d that they are in the free part of the world and can help their fellow Jews. I've heard Rabbis say that G-d was good to the Jewish People, even when they were exiled from Israel. The Jews were spread all over. In this way, the entire world Jewish population would never be under one gentile leader. If one Jewish community

was under stress, there was always another Jewish community to fight for it (such as American Jewry fighting for Soviet Jewry).

Recently, I wrote an article to the *Perth Maccabean*, an Australian Jewish publication. A certain reader had protested the *Maccabean* showing pictures of PLO Jewish victims in their publication. I wrote an article condemning Jews in the U.S. and Australia who want to be pampered rather than informed by Jewish publications. These Jews wish to live on a cloud and forget that they are on the lucky end of the stick. They are the free Jews, not the enslaved. They do not wish to eat their Shabbos chicken and cholent with the guilt trip of reading that not all Jews are as lucky as Americans and Aussies.

There is an old joke about a man who says he is a responsible person. After all, all his fellow workers say he is "responsible" for everything that goes wrong with the firm. Let us hope that this Tisha B'Av weekend (night of July 23 and all day July 24) will teach us to be responsible, one for the other.



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## Anti-Semitism (continued from front page)

numerous ways on Japan. First, it cannot fail to have an adverse effect on its image in the United States. Numerous trade delegations here have heard complaints from American politicians, whose Jewish constituents are befuddled and angered by this unexpected source of Czarist and Nazi-style Jew-baiting.

Secondly, this all comes at a rather indelicate time for the government of Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita, which has embarked on a more aggressive and hands-on approach to foreign relations. This month, Israel will host, for the first time ever, a senior Japanese official — Foreign Minister Sosube Uno. Mr. Uno is visiting countries in the Middle East to urge Arabs and Israelis to move towards peace. A noble goal, yet Japan's silence on the anti-Semitism question sends the wrong signal to hard-line Arab rejectionists, including Syria's Defense Minister Mustafa Tlas, who authored and published numerous anti-Semitic books including his

blood-libel canard, *The Matzah of Zion*, and a recent translation of Henry Ford's *The International Jew*.

But perhaps the greatest impact will be on the Japanese people themselves. Professor Takeshi Muramatsu, a noted literary critic, who has written about the roots of 20th century anti-Semitism in Japan has these words for his countrymen: "This country was, of course, an ally of Nazi Germany during the last war and as a result, even now, is regarded with suspicion by many in the international community. These anti-Japanese feelings will only be fanned by the publication of such irresponsible writings. As long as many Japanese continue to harbor absurd views of the Jewish people, there is no way the world is going to be seen 'clearly' by us... can we afford not to?"

Rabbi Abraham Cooper is associate dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center. He recently returned from a fact-finding mission to Japan.

## Where Is Reform Judaism (continued from page 4)

of ideas concerning gentiles to counter these appalling actions and opinions of the pseudo-messianic Orthodoxy of the State of Israel? I find them, these days, mainly in Reform Judaism. And in the State of Israel Reform Judaism has made its mark. But in our own community, it is, as I said, lazy and envious of others, insecure and slothful and conciliatory of views it must reject and abhor.

That is not to suggest only

Reform Judaism has a contribution to make to the moral renaissance of the Jewish people, correctly characterized by Mailer as now too self-absorbed for their own good.

Now, when more than ever we need Reform Judaism for the moral renewal of all Israel, the Jewish people, what Reform Jews must find within their hearts are not sloth and envy but the two opposite virtues: energy and conviction.

## Mehta To Appeal To Hammer For Refusenik's Release

by Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Zubin Mehta, the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra's conductor and musical director, will seek the intervention of Armand Hammer, the Russian-born American oil magnate who is on good personal terms with the Kremlin leadership, in the case of Elena Keiss-Kuna of Leningrad.

Keiss-Kuna, the sister of philharmonic violinist Anna Rosnovsky, has been trying since 1974 to get emigration permits from the Soviet authorities for herself and her husband.

Mehta told a news conference that he will ask Hammer, the oil

industrialist who came to Israel recently to celebrate his 90th birthday, to intercede on behalf of Keiss-Kuna.

Mehta said he himself had appealed for the release of the couple when he conducted the New York Philharmonic Orchestra in Moscow earlier this year.

Keiss-Kuna, who was fired from her job as an engineer when she applied for exit visas 14 years ago, was told at the time she could not leave "because of state secrets she knows."

Mehta said he told Soviet officials "that the only secret she could now have was a recipe for borsch."

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## Marci Trettin: On The Road To Recovery

by Sandra Silva

"The outpouring of donations, kind words and prayers from Rhode Islanders was amazing. Not only did it help save Marci's life but it helped the rest of us family members get through this difficult time. A long, tough recovery period lies ahead for Marci, but every day brings her closer to a normal, full life." Monica Curnett

"You wouldn't believe the response we received from 'little Rhode Island,' Monica Curnett's happy voice came over the telephone line, "and we want to thank you all for everything."

Marci Trettin, of Houston, Texas, is Monica Curnett's sister-in-law. There was an article about Marci in the *Herald* last year; it was a plea for help. Three weeks before Marci, 31, was to marry Michael Szynarski, doctors told her that she would live only six months unless she could raise \$200,000 and find a suitable liver for a transplant. Health insurances don't cover the cost of organ transplants — even if it's the patient's only hope.

Marci has been married to Michael for a little over a year now, and her family has been sending pleas of help to Jewish newspapers throughout the United States. Within a year from the time they began asking for help, they had raised the \$200,000 through dona-

tions. Marci was put on a waiting list for a liver.

During this time Marci's pain grew continually more severe until she was unable to perform even moderate exercise, such as walking. Doctors began drug treatments to boost her immune system, and treated her with diuretics to rid her body of some of the fluids her liver was unable to process. These treatments provided some relief from the pain, and Marci was able to begin walking again.

On June 27, 1988, Marci received a call informing her that a suitable donor had been found, and the liver was on its way. The liver was flown to Houston from Indianapolis, Indiana at 7 pm, and Marci was operated on that night.

Everything went well, and 36 hours later, Marci was sitting up. According to her husband, Michael, "She looked beautiful."

Marci was in ICU for 8 days. She has 3 of the original 10 tubes left in her. All current tests indicate that the liver is functioning efficiently. The first of a series of liver biopsies revealed a 'slight rejection,' but altering the anti-rejection drugs should compensate for this. After only two weeks, Marci is walking the hospital halls and is anxious to come home. Doctors haven't set a discharge date.

When Marci does go home, it will be to a newly painted, carpeted,

and disinfected apartment, because she will need to live in a sterile environment for at least a few months. Also, Michael and Marci's new apartment is in the same complex as Marci's parents, so she will have the love and support of her family close by.

Michael, Marci, and the entire family remain very optimistic and are extremely grateful. They wish to thank you all for the overwhelming support that came from "little Rhode Island" and ask that you continue to remember Marci in your prayers.

Thanks to Monica Curnett for informing us about Marci's condition and providing the information for the above article.

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