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1938: 50 Years Ago This Week

NAZARETH UNDER 24-HOUR CURFEW

JERUSALEM, Nov. 4 (JTA) — Nazareth was put under 24-hour curfew today following bombing of military billets in which two Arabs were wounded. A British soldier and an Arab were killed in a clash between troops and a rebel band south of Haifa.

21 REFUGEES BARRED FROM MEXICO LAND IN HAVANA

HAVANA, Nov. 6 (JTA) — Cuba has accepted 21 German-Jewish refugees turned away from Mexico last week. The group arrived here Friday on the S.S. Orinoco and was permitted to land following appeals to the authorities by Cuban newspapers, labor unions and political parties.

POLISH-JEWISH YOUTH, 17, SHOOT NAZI EMBASSY OFFICIAL IN PARIS

PARIS, Nov. 7 (JTA) — A German Embassy official was shot today and seriously wounded by a 17-year-old Polish Jew named Herschel Feivel Grynspan in what the Embassy said was an act of vengeance for the mass expulsion of Polish Jews from the Reich. The wounded official, Ernst vom Rath, 32, was third secretary of the German Embassy and a nephew of the late German ambassador to Paris, Roland Koester.

REICH BANS JEWISH CHILDREN FROM SCHOOLS IN REPRISAL FOR PARIS SHOOTING

BERLIN, Nov. 8 (JTA) — Making good its threat of reprisals for the attempted assassination of a German Embassy official in Paris by a young Polish Jew yesterday, Nazi Germany today delivered a swift succession of blows at German Jewry.

While anti-Jewish excesses flared in Kassel, provincial capital of Hesse, and Vienna, the Nazi authorities banned all Jewish children from attendance at public schools and suspended all Jewish newspapers throughout the Reich and all branches of the Nazi-supervised Jewish Cultural League.

25,000 JEWS UNDER ARREST IN WAKE OF WORST POGROM IN MODERN GERMAN HISTORY

BERLIN, Nov. 11 (JTA) — An estimated 25,000 Jews were under arrest today in the wake of the worst outbreak of anti-Jewish violence in modern German history, which left throughout the nation a trail of burned synagogues, smashed homes, wrecked and pillaged shops, and at least four known dead. Police seizures of Jews continued throughout the night and this morning.

Analysts Bemoan Israeli Election Results

by Andrew Silow Carroll
NEW YORK (JTA) — Israeli and American observers offering instant analysis of the Israeli election results bemoaned the fact that neither Likud nor Labor had received a clear mandate from the electorate last Tuesday.

Even Likud supporters appeared subdued discussing the results on a special post-election broadcast over the Council of Jewish Federation's closed-circuit satellite network just a few hours after the Israeli polls had closed.

Although they felt confident that party leader Yitzhak Shamir could piece together a ruling coalition with the cooperation of the religious parties, the Likud analysts joined others in talk of reforming Israel's parliamentary election system, to allow voters to send a clear signal to their leaders and the world what course they want to see charted in foreign and domestic policy.

"It is a pity from our point of view that people did not give a very clear vote," Jewish Agency Treasurer Meir Sheerit said in an interview from Tel Aviv.

Once a rising star in Likud ranks, Sheerit said that while Israelis seemed to have shifted clearly to the right, "it may be time to act seriously to change the elections."

More than a dozen Israeli and American experts were interviewed during combined broadcasts from New York and Jerusalem. They

based their opinions on early projections of a virtual dead heat between Likud and Labor, with the religious parties holding the balance of power.

The program, sponsored by a coalition of American Zionist organizations, was aired in 32 cities in the United States and Canada.

For North Americans, the program offered a rare glimpse of Israeli politics in action. Footage of both major party headquarters showed no revelry or American-style hoopla, but an atmosphere of gloom that infected panelists in both countries.

In Jerusalem, none seemed as dismayed as Hirsh Goodman, the former military correspondent for the *Jerusalem Post* and a strategic fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Studies.

"I'm disappointed, but I suppose we should have seen the writing on the wall," said Goodman.

There exists, he said, a potential for a national consensus, but Israel "lacks the leadership able to deliver it. The future is decided by minorities," meaning the smaller parties, he said.

"You won't fund my yeshiva, you won't give me money for another settlement, I'm leaving the government," he said the religious parties might threaten.

Goodman had scorn for two scenarios that he said could shape up in back rooms over the next few weeks. Either Shamir would head

another schizophrenic unity government, or Labor would sit in opposition to a Likud government ruling by the narrowest of margins.

But the vote appeared decisive to one expert. In New York, Yosef Olmert, an analyst at the Shiloah Institute at Tel Aviv University, said the election results are portentous for Labor.

"They appear to be at the end of the road, even after making some internal changes," said Olmert, whose brother, Ehud, was re-elected to the Knesset on the Likud list. "They need an extensive soul-searching. Among Israeli Jews, a decisive majority have swung to right-wing parties."

Samuel Lewis, who served as U.S. ambassador to Israel from 1977 to 1985, also believes that, based on historical precedent, an Israeli government could act decisively with only a slim majority.

For Lewis, that possibility could have a significant effect on "the fundamentals of U.S.-Israel relations."

If Likud makes good on promises of using harsher measures to put down the nearly 11-month-old Palestinian uprising, or pumps new life into the settlement program in the territories, said Lewis, "that sort of policy has the potential of stirring up quite a lot of static in Jerusalem and Washington."

Joining Lewis in New York was (Continued on page 19)

Unity Is Still The Jews' Chief Strength

by Andrew Silow Carroll

NEW YORK (JTA) — Two milestones — one tragic, the other joyful — are being marked this year: the 50th anniversaries both of Kristallnacht and the founding of the United Jewish Appeal.

It is not coincidental. Prompted by the terror inflicted upon Germany's Jews on the night of November 9-10, 1938, leaders of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Coordinating Committee for Aid to Refugees agreed to combine their separate fund-raising drives into one united appeal.

For Stanley Horowitz, president and chief professional officer of the UJA, there is a lesson to be learned in the cause-and-effect relationship between the two events.

"Disunity gave way in the face of crisis to unity," Horowitz said recently. "It shouldn't take a crisis to create unity, but unfortunately it did."

Unity among American Jews, taken for granted in the 50 years since Kristallnacht and the 40 years since the birth of Israel, has accounted for the phenomenal success of the UJA fund-raising efforts.

Last year's combined campaign with local Jewish federations raised a record \$720 million.

Fabled for, and even at times

proud of, being unable to agree on anything else, Jews have nevertheless agreed that the UJA is the central address for fund raising on behalf of world Jewry.

But in recent years, fund raisers have begun to wonder whether that unity can survive a series of changes inside and outside of Israel.

In the United States, competition from non-sectarian and even alternative Jewish philanthropies has drawn off some of the dollars of philanthropic young Jews.

And since the Lebanon War, some American Jews have shown a willingness to question internal Israeli policies and to disagree on what role, if any, Jews of the Diaspora should play in their formation.

Even the UJA, fiercely non-partisan in its efforts, found itself taking sides in the Knesset debate to oppose the "Who is a Jew" amendment to Israel's Law of Return.

Horowitz, 55, became UJA president in 1983, after eight years as executive director of the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland.

The UJA lists among his accomplishments his administrative successes in streamlining the organization and reducing its operating costs, while increasing the combined campaign from \$582 million in 1983 to last year's \$722 million.

In a recent interview at UJA headquarters here, he welcomed a discussion that went beyond the day-to-day operation of the organization to include a broader look at an institution in flux.

"No doubt that the next 50 years are going to see the UJA engaged in a far more mature relationship with Israel," he said.

"That will mean more reciprocity, and more understanding and respect for one another's point of view."

But there are limits to that reciprocity, he said. Horowitz defended the advertisements taken out in the Israeli press in June by the UJA and the Council of Jewish Federations, urging Knesset members not to amend the Law of Return.

The Orthodox-inspired amendment, which was defeated, says that immigrants converted to Judaism would be entitled to automatic citizenship only if they were converted according to halacha, or Jewish law, as understood by Orthodox rabbis.

Non-Orthodox Jews argued that the amendment would virtually delegitimize non-Orthodox Jewish denominations such as Conservative and Reform, and alienate Diaspora Jews, the majority of whom are not Orthodox.

Horowitz supported the advertisements because, he said, the "Who is a Jew" question directly affected the future of

Diaspora Jews.

But criticism of Israel's security policies is another story.

He believes, as do other Jewish leaders, that criticism can better be conveyed to Israeli leaders in private, and not in a forum where it may be seen and distorted by true enemies of Israel.

"We have an obligation to let Israelis know our views. I have the utmost respect for those who have spoken out in public. No American Jew is an enemy of Israel," said Horowitz.

On another topic, Horowitz was asked if he agreed with sociologists, like those at the CJF-sponsored North American Jewish data bank, who have concluded that young Jews are increasingly disaffected from traditional Jewish fund raising.

He didn't agree, pointing to the success of the UJA's Young Leadership Councils, and participation by young professionals in fund-raising missions to Eastern Europe and Israel.

Despite those who have "opted out" and given elsewhere, said Horowitz, the majority of young Jewish givers have followed a previous generation's example.

"I know there are defections," he said, referring obliquely to newer Jewish philanthropies like the New Israel Fund and American Jewish World Service.

"But when they take on a

different Jewish cause, they are not lost to the Jewish community. Their efforts are highly valid, and their individuality is something we want to encourage."

Nevertheless, Horowitz said the UJA apparatus and its relationship with other institutions within its constellation may require some "fine tuning."

"Whether that means change of a revolutionary kind, I don't know," he said.

One thing that won't change, he said, is the UJA's "single-minded concentration on advocating the cause of Israel and overseas Jews."

That mission, he said, is above the "vagaries" of Israeli or Diaspora politics.

He gestured to a photograph that rests on an easel in a corner of his office. Like a Walker Evans portrait of Depression-era poverty, it depicts a group of shabbily dressed Israeli children of many backgrounds and races.

"These children have nothing to do with the 'intifada,' nothing to do with Likud, Labor or the PLO," said Horowitz, referring in turn to the Palestinian uprising, Israel's major political parties and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

"We're trying to preserve their lives physically, make them whole — people in the end who will build the Jewish future. Things that build life in an apolitical setting. That transcends the disunity you'd prefer we talk about."

Local News

Touro Synagogue

The special feature of this month's Late Friday Evening Service-Oneg Shabbat at Touro Synagogue will be a salute to this year's class of the Newport Naval Chaplaincy School. Rabbi Chaim Shapiro, the spiritual leader of the Touro Synagogue, in making this announcement, pointed out that this is one of the major elements in the current "Touro-Naval Base Bridge Program." This program aims at fostering bonds between the local Jewish community and the Naval Base, especially with the Naval Chaplaincy School.

Rabbi Shapiro will conduct the religious program, which will be held in the Main Sanctuary, beginning at 8 p.m. on Friday, November 11. Since this is the night of Veteran's Day, it was felt to be an especially appropriate time for such an event. The

program will include an introduction of the visiting personnel by the Administrator of the school, Commander Benny Hornsby. Rabbi Shapiro's sermon will be entitled, "Religion and the Military." The chaplains will be given a special tour-lecture by Rabbi Shapiro prior to the service.

A social hour with a collation will be served in the Jewish Community Center Social Hall following the services. The sponsors of the collation are Mr. and Mrs. Milton Herstoff; in addition to Mrs. Herstoff, hostesses will be: Mrs. Esther Nemtsov, Mrs. Bernice Schweber, and Mrs. Sheila Shapiro.

The public is invited to participate in this special program. For further information, call the Touro office at 847-4794.

Sons Of Jacob

Friday, November 11 — Candelighting 4:08 p.m. Minchah services 4:15 p.m.

Saturday, November 12 — Reading of the Torah P'Toledot. Morning services 8:30 a.m. The Shull's Kiddush as usual immediately after. Minchah is at 4:10 p.m. The Shull's "3rd Meal" follows. Maariv services 5 p.m. Our Sabbath is over at 5:07 p.m. Havdalah is at 5:12 p.m.

Sunday, November 13 — Morning services as usual at 7:45 a.m. Minchah for the entire week is at 4:15 p.m. PROMPTLY.

Thursday, November 10 is Rosh Chodesh Kislev. Services are at 6:30 a.m.

Shabbaton At Congregation Beth Sholom

"Ethical Behavior in Judaism" will be the theme of Congregation Beth Sholom's Scholar-in-Residence Shabbaton on the weekend of November 18 and 19.

The guest lecturer will be Rabbi Barry Freundel of Congregation Rosh Pinah in Yonkers, New York. Rabbi Freundel is also Director of Pre-Rabbinic Synagogue Services at Yeshiva University in New York. He has published widely in the national Jewish press. Rabbi Freundel was formerly rabbi in Norwalk, Conn.

On Friday evening, November 18 at 8 p.m. Rabbi Freundel will speak on "Ethics in Professional Life." The presentation will be followed by an Oneg Shabbat. On Saturday morning, November 19, Rabbi Freundel will deliver a guest sermon during regular Shabbat services. A catered luncheon will follow services at 12:30 p.m. Pre-paid reservations of \$8 for an adult and \$3.75 for a child under the age of 12 are required for the luncheon. Reservations must be received by the Beth Sholom office no later than Monday, November 14.

On Saturday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. a symposium entitled "Ethics in Social Life" will be presented by Rabbi Freundel. Mincha services will be held at 3:45 p.m. Shalosh Seudot will follow. Rabbi Freundel will be the guest speaker. The entire Jewish community is invited.

South County Hadassah

Members and friends of the South County Chapter of Hadassah are cordially invited to attend a meeting on November 16, at 7:30 p.m. at Congregation Beth David, Narragansett. Rina Sky Wolfgang, Director of URI Hillel, will speak on "Chanukah through the Ages." Please call 789-7435, or 780-9047 for further information.

Providence Hadassah



Norman Tilles, President of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, will kick off Providence Hadassah's gala opening meeting with the topic: "Post Election Review; Impact on Israeli-American Relations." The event will take place on Sunday evening, November 13, 1988 at 7:30 p.m. in the Bohnen Vestry at Temple Emanu-El.

This special meeting which combines the portfolio of American and Israeli Affairs is open to the public. Men are particularly urged to attend in order to hear the most important member of JFRI, Norman Tilles.

This will be a very exciting evening as well as very relevant, in light of both the Israeli and American elections.

The Chapter will also hold the annual Raffle Drawing that evening. Chairman for the raffle is Florence Silver, 27 Taft Avenue, Providence, phone 751-6897. 1st Prize: \$250 State of Israel Certificate. 2nd Prize: \$100 Sony AM-FM Cassette Walkman with autoreverse. 3rd Prize: \$25 gift certificate from Jordan Marsh.

Please come join us! Coffee and refreshments will be served following the program.

Women's Association — Jewish Home

The Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged will hold a Board Meeting on Wednesday, November 16, 1988, at the Home in the Martin Chase Auditorium. The collation will be at 12:30 p.m. The meeting will be at 1 p.m. presided over by Claire Ernstof, President.

Providence Women's American ORT

ORT is a Jewish organization which supports and builds vocational and technical schools throughout the world for needy individuals.

On Thursday evening, November 17, the Providence Chapter of Women's American ORT will hold a general meeting. Donna Dressler, a well known jewelry and fashion coordinator, will be the guest speaker.

This meeting will focus on scarf presentations. What scarf for what outfit, and all the different ways of tying, bowing, clipping, etc. Donna's an expert in her field, and will have you looking your best for that upcoming holiday party!

The evening will begin at 7:45 at a member's home in Warwick. Desserts and coffee will be served following the presentation. For further information and directions, please call 885-6783.

Don't forget your friends, and please bring your favorite scarf!

Majestic Senior Guild

The next regular meeting of The Majestic Senior Guild will be held on Tuesday, November 22 at Temple Torat Yisrael, Park Avenue, Cranston at 12:30 p.m.

We will have a film called *Good Morning Israel*. From the Mount of Olives we are going on a tour of Jerusalem, Nazareth and Masada. Dancing at dawn among the ruins of the ancient city of Avdat. During the dancing and singing a man emerges with a cart and sings in Hebrew "If I Were a Rich Man" from *Fiddler on the Roof*. The photography and music are superb. Don't miss this most delightful afternoon.

Don't forget our Chanukah party on December 6 at Temple Torat Yisrael at 12 noon. This is a full Kosher meal catered by Gilbert and Davis. Door prizes and entertainment. Make up your tables of 10 people or less and make your payments as soon as possible. Don't miss this outstanding afternoon. Call Phil Rosenfield at 781-7648 or Harold Gordon at 738-3905.

Due to a typographical error the December meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 20 and not the 22 as the bulletin specifies.

We have a change of date on the trip to The Pines in the Catskills. The new date is August 20 through August 27. This is for eight days with our usual Super Deluxe Rooms and Service. Even though this is the height of the season, prime time, we will still be paying the same pre-season rate.

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After dinner, auctioneer Paul Saperstein will begin the live bidding for: glamour vacations, wide screen TV, tickets to sought-after events, camp tuition, choice gift certificates, celebrity days, autographed collector's items, art work, and more!

Tickets, at \$36 per person, may be purchased at the Center. Proceeds will help subsidize the scholarship fund for Program Services. For information call 341-2016, ext. 295.

Tribal Rhythms

The Striar Jewish Community Center on the Fireman Campus, 445 Central Street in Stoughton, presents a performance by Tribal Rhythms on Sunday, November 13 at 2 p.m. Family members of all ages will delight in a colorful, fun-filled, animated participatory event. In Tribal Rhythms the audience becomes part of the performance through a unique blend of music, movement, drama and visual arts. Join the fun and use handmade musical instruments to create a joyous musical celebration with Tribal Rhythms.

Tickets are limited. The performance is open to the public. Tickets are: \$8/member adult, \$4/member child; \$10/nonmember adult, \$6/nonmember child.

For more information call 341-2016 ext. 267.

Jewish Family Services

Change Of Time

Please Note: "Moms Plus 2 (For Mothers of More Than One Child)," offered by the Parent Exchange at Jewish Family Service, has changed the day and time. The six-session workshop will be held Friday mornings from 9:15 to 10:45 a.m. beginning November 18 at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Ave. in Providence. The fee is \$40.

Pre-registration is required. To register or for further information call Jewish Family Service at 331-1244.

Kristallnacht Program

The 50th anniversary of Kristallnacht, the night of the broken glass, will be remembered at the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum with a month-long exhibit and a commemorative program.

On November 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Senior Adult Lounge of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Avenue in Providence, a program of remembrance will be held: Ruth Oppenheim will speak of her Kristallnacht experiences; Rabbi Wayne Franklin will talk about the unusual Christian community of Leipzig; also on the program are Herta Hoffman, who will recognize Rhode Island Self Help, and Cantor Samuel Linkovsky, who will chant *El Malei Rahamim*.

For the month of November, the Museum, located on the site of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, will exhibit items of local residents and photographs of that dreaded moment on November 9 in 1938 when Jewish homes, businesses and synagogues were destroyed in a concerted effort by the Nazi governments of Germany and Austria. Kristallnacht marked the beginning of the Holocaust.

The community is invited to the program and to the exhibit. Museum hours are: Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; additional Wednesday hours, 7 to 8:30 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.

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JCC News

moderated by Leonid Margolin, Registered Representative with the Equitable Financial Company, will be held at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Avenue in Providence on Monday, November 14 from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

The session will focus on year-end tax planning and strategies for maximizing deductions. Many tax shelters were reduced or eliminated by the 1986 Tax Reduction Act. Those that remain will be discussed and evaluated.

Traditional tax planning has usually focused in on four items: deferral of income, acceleration of deductions, deferral of compensation and postponement of gains into future years. The uncertainty over future tax laws makes 1988 tax planning unique. First, a reversal of each of the four above-listed techniques may be warranted this year because tax rates are the lowest that they have been in years and, regardless of election results, taxes will probably increase either next year or soon thereafter.

The panel of specialists will outline methods of tax planning and their advantages.

Guest speakers will be Attorney



Volunteers at the Jewish Community Center Kosher Mealsite are commended at the Golden Age Club Annual Meeting. The Mealsite volunteers help with food preparation and serving.

Pictured (l to r): Lil Fellner, Mealsite Clerk; Rose Bernstein; Bessie Soifer; Jean Baker and Max Silverman.

The JCCRI Mealsite offers a hot, kosher meal at noon Sunday through Friday along with daily activities. Transportation to and from the JCCRI can be provided for Providence and Pawtucket residents. The Mealsite is co-sponsored by Project Hope.

For those 60+ or handicapped who would like to participate, call Ann Miller at 861-8800 one day in advance.

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Opinion

Why We Need Reform Judaism

by Jacob Neusner

If I had to choose two words to characterize the contemporary state of Reform Judaism, they would be sloth and envy.

I call Reform Judaism slothful because it has become lazy about developing its own virtues and so deprives all Judaisms 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 U.S.A. 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.

By "the movement" I do not mean a few theologians at Hebrew Union College, who have set forth a solid and substantial rationale for Reform Judaism in both history (Michael A. Meyer) and theology (Jakob J. Petuchowski). I mean the vast number of pulpit rabbis

and laypeople, who see more observant Jews and think they are somehow inferior, who meet more learned Jews and think they are in some way less.

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 not eating lobster and studying the Talmud.

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.

And there should be no doubt at all, the single most urgent moral crisis facing the communities of Judaisms today is the Jews' self-indulgent hostility toward the other or the outsider.

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 indefinable and ongoing national shame."

I find in Mailer's comments that morally vital prophetic tradition that Reform Judaism — alone among contemporary Judaisms — espouses. And 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 Mordekhai 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 approbrium may facilitate the achievement of a modus vivendi between it and the other streams in contemporary Judaism."

Where are we to find the corpus 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.

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.

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.

Who Is A Jew: Part III

by Leibel Estrin

In previous articles, we noted that both rabbis and converts have to meet certain standards and qualifications; rabbis in order to carry out their duties as the Torah demands; and converts in order to attain the special status of a Jew.

Specifically, a convert has to accept the rules, responsibilities and rituals of Torah-True Judaism, including all the laws of kashruth, Shabbos, family purity, etc. The prospective convert also has to formalize the relationship through bris milah and/or immersing in a mikvah. In order for a Rabbi to be qualified, he must be knowledgeable, personally observant, and absolutely believe in the Divine authenticity of both the Written and Oral Law.

By their very definition, conservative and reform Judaism deny the Divine origin of both the Oral and Written Torah. Instead, these movements claim the Torah is "Divinely-inspired" or in the case of the reform movement, humanly inspired.

Why is recognition of the Oral Law's Divinity so important?

In the Torah, we find 613 commandments which are incumbent upon a Jew. There are 248 positive and 365 negative mitzvos*. Most of the mitzvos mentioned in the Torah are not completely "spelled out." Take the mitzvah of Tefillin, for example. The Torah states "And you shall bind them for a sign on your hand, and they shall be for frontlets between your eyes." (Deut. 6:8) The Torah doesn't explain what Tefillin are, how they're made, exactly how they're worn, when they should be worn, who should wear them, etc.

The Oral Law clarifies the Written Law. In this case, the Oral Law tells us that tefillin are to be worn by a male over 13; that he has to bind leather boxes on his arm and his head, that the tefillin contain passages from the Torah, etc.

When a movement or a group of individuals deny the Divinity of the Oral Law, they essentially give themselves the ability to make up the rules as they go along. At that point, they stop following G-d's Torah, and begin creating their own.

*Non-Jews only have to fulfill the Seven commandments which were given to the Children of Noah. These include prohibitions against idolatry, murder, theft, blasphemy, sexual misconduct such as adultery, incest, and homosexuality, and eating the limb

off a live animal; as well as a positive commandment to establish courts of justice.

Since the reform and conservative movements deny the Divine authenticity of the Oral Torah, they can not legitimately convert anyone.

This fact has not prevented members of these movements from trying. In Florida, one famous "conversion mill" advertises "six months of Jewish learning in one eight-hour session." Another conversion mill in New Jersey provides weekly conversion courses. Nine sessions for \$225. (\$180 for members.) Still another outfit in Texas states that "liberal" Judaism is really a polydoxy(!) and you can believe what you want . . . as long as you pay your money!

Unfortunately, the entire sorry scenario all comes to a head, when it comes to the State of Israel.

Israel and the Law of Return

The entire issue of Who is a Jew is central to a statute known as the "Law of Return." On July 7, 1950, the State of Israel passed a statute stating that "every Jew has the right to come to Israel as an immigrant." This law allows Jews to immediately become Israeli citizens and to receive free housing allowances and other government-sponsored benefits.

On March 19, 1970, the law was amended by the Israeli Parliament. It defined a Jew as "one born of a Jewish mother or one who has converted." In doing so, it left out the word "K'halacha," (conversion according to Jewish law).

Before the law was amended, only one conversion process was accepted; the same process that has been in effect for the last 3,300 years. After the law was changed, anyone claiming to be a Jew can claim the right to enter the state of Israel.

Why is the Law of Return so important?

The land of Israel was given to the Jewish people as both a gift and an inheritance. When the Jewish people allow non-Jews to register and be accepted as Jews, they affect their status as inheritors; and in turn jeopardize the gift.

To put it another way, we find numerous statements in the Torah to the effect that the Jewish people should conduct themselves in a holy fashion, because the land itself is holy. Both the nation of Israel and the land are inextricably bound together. When there's a problem with one, it will have a negative affect on the other.

To make matters worse, many people look to the State of Israel for leadership and direction. When

the State of Israel ignores the halachic definition of "who is a Jew," it causes Jews all over the world to ignore it as well, with disastrous results.

Why hasn't the Law of Return been corrected?

Simply put, the solution has been part of the problem.

On January 16, 1985, the Israeli Parliament brought up an amendment and promptly voted it down. Ironically, tragically, Arab members of parliament were allowed to vote on Who is a Jew! Reporting on this spectacle, the January 17, 1985 *New York Times* commented, "Every time an Arab member's name was announced during the roll call, a wave of chuckles went through the chamber . . ."

The reform and conservative movements have also pressured the Israeli government to maintain the present situation.

The conservative Rabbinical Assembly has urged that its members declare any Knesset Member voting for the amendment a "persona non grata." In essence, preventing that Knesset Member from appearing in a conservative synagogue, and telling the truth.

The reform movement sponsored one of their converts, one "Shoshana Miller" from Boulder, Colorado. When she originally applied to the Ministry of Interior for identification papers as a Jew, she was properly turned down. She then brought her case to the secular Court, where her petition was granted. Having done her part to weaken the holiness of the State of Israel, she left the country.

Perhaps the one example that dramatizes the dangers of reform and conservative conversions is the case of Mubarak Awad. Mubarak Awad was born and educated in America. He moved to Israel and quickly became a spokesman for the Palestinian cause. After years of instigating trouble, he was forced to leave Israel for the United States.

At last report, he was looking into the possibility of becoming a reform or conservative convert, so he could re-enter Israel under the Law of Return!

How do Israelis feel about the Law of Return?

In 1984, a petition signed by more than a million Jews living in Israel was presented to the Prime Minister demanding that conversion to Judaism be recognized only when it is according to halacha.

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Letters To The Editor

Torah True?

Recently, Rabbi Alvin Kaunfer responded to the article, "The facts behind who is a Jew." In the guise of "FACTS" (his view, not mainstream Judaism's), he makes a number of claims which I find as laughable as they are lamentable.

It is not "Leibel Estrin's brand of Judaism" that is Torah True. It is the Creator's, Who gave it to Moshe, who passed it to Joshua, who gave it to the Elders on down to today. It is an unbroken chain of tradition that is 3,300 years old! The reform and conservative movements (like the Sadducees, Karaites, Hellenists, and Reformers before them) are break-away factions that want to change G-d's Torah to fit their beliefs.

In the article, Leibel Estrin stated that the reform and conservative movements deny the Divinity of the Oral and Written Law. It's interesting to note that Rabbi Kaunfer doesn't dispute it! He merely claims there are a number of "legitimate" movements. Would he care to name them? He surely can't mean the reform and conservative movements. I don't see how they can be legitimate, if they don't believe that both the Oral and Written Torah come from G-d?

The Rabbi goes on to, I feel, fallaciously bring "proofs" for pluralism. He refers to the arguments between the Schools of Hillel and Shammai, Maimonides and those opposed to Maimonides, Hassidim and their opponents as evidence. What an incredible chutzpa! All these groups (and all their arguments) were concerned about the best way to serve HaShem. And all of them worked within the "daled amos" (religious framework) of halacha.

How dare he compare these examples with movements that abrogate the laws of the Torah, rather than live by them!

Rabbi Kaunfer goes on to argue that his conversions are acceptable because the people are sincere. ("Let's look at conversions, not at tests of credentials and piety...") Would you trust a Doctor whose teacher didn't know a thing about medicine? How in Heaven's name can you accept a convert, when the converting Rabbi doesn't believe in or practice Torah-true Judaism! It's not just a false conversion, it's a fraudulent one!

In an amazing display of Divine Providence, there was a letter from a Conservative Rabbi colleague, Jacob Neusner. Rabbi Neusner blasts another colleague, Rabbi Alan Flam (who incidentally teaches at the conversion institute), for including a Minister in a wedding service. From our point of view, what is interesting is the fact that the wedding service was conducted between a nice Jewish boy and a nice non-Jewish graduate of a conservative conversion course. Is this how conservative converts show their sincerity? By having Ministers perform under the chuppa? So much for the "FACTS" that the conservative movement and its batei din are Torah True!

In his final paragraph, Rabbi Kaunfer hopes that we can continue to live in an atmosphere of mutual respect. In reply, I submit that we can and do respect our fellow Jews as individuals. But how can we respect movements which are responsible for destroying the unity of the Jewish people, by separating themselves from the source of the Jewish people — the Torah!

It is my sincere hope that HaShem has mercy on all Jews, and that the truth of the Torah be established once and for all, so that everyone (even conservative and reform rabbis!) can see and experience the beauty of being part of a Kingdom of Priests and a Holy people.

Burt E. Minaker, M.D.
Attleboro Falls, Mass.

No Perfect Way

In last week's *Herald*, a letter to the editor took Leibel Estrin to task for "attempt[ing] to discredit the Conservative and Reform movements and their Rabbis [sic] as legitimate interpretations and interpreters [sic] of Judaism."

The writer of that letter went on to accuse Mr. Estrin of "innuendo" and "misleading opinions," and then proceeded to submit several opinions of his own, each embellished with the impressive word "FACT" in upper-case letters, a written variation of the great verbal tradition of shouting when without any argument of merit.

There have been many movements over the history of the Jewish people which have laid claim to legitimacy on a par with traditional (a.k.a. halachic, a.k.a. Orthodox) Judaism, despite their compromising of the requirements of ancient Jewish law. There were the Karaites, the Sadducees, the Sabbateans, the Frankists, and the 19th century German Reform movement, to name a few. Most Jews haven't heard of most of them, and that's precisely the point. While all the rage at their historical times, some even overwhelming the traditional Jews in numbers, they all eventually petered out, victims of their own lack of fidelity to what has always given Judaism its strength, the Oral Tradition of the Torah.

The writer who complained about Mr. Estrin did indeed mention a valid example of authentic pluralism in Jewish tradition, that of Hillel and Shammai. Unfortunately, that example has about as much to do with the phenomenon of modern American Jewish "pluralism" as microfiche has to do with gefilte fish. As any student of Talmud knows, Hillel and Shammai's arguments were entirely limited to the exposition of particular details in specific laws; the common matrix of their every discussion was the full acceptance of the divinity of Jewish legal tradition, and their motivation was to find the truth, not to conform Judaism to the times. Not one of their arguments so much as touched on any issue of Jewish belief, as do the positions of so many American rabbis today. Both Hillel and Shammai viewed the Sadducean movement (the non-halachic movement of the time) to be entirely outside of Judaism, though it was the affiliation of choice for a large number of their Jewish contemporaries.

There is, indeed, a certain cynicism in even mentioning the example of Hillel and Shammai in the context of what is today called "pluralism," for even the Conservative and Reform movements make no bones about possessing standards of their own, beneath which they choose, without apology, not to stoop. Many, if not most, Conservative rabbis would consider the typical Reform conversion to be just as ineffective as a halachic Jew considers it. And even most Reform rabbis would likely view a buffoonery like the late Emmet Frank's "8 hour conversion special" with more than a little discomfort. We halachic Jews simply maintain that the standards which have characterized the Jewish religion and preserved the Jewish people for the past several millennia, since the Revelation at Sinai, are the very ones which constitute Judaism today.

While the Conservative movement may claim to adhere to a "halachic" system of its own, it would be hard pressed to claim it as one faithful to the past. It owes more to the accommodation of the whims of the Zeitgeist than to any continuity of what Judaism has always been. Even Conservative rabbis have faced that sad fact in recent years; Rabbi Ronald Price

(once the dean of the faculty at the Jewish Theological Seminary, quoted in this month's *Moment* magazine), for one example, has all but given up on the Conservative movement's claim to care for halacha.

Whatever any Jew may think of halacha's importance, it is an incontestable fact that the majority of conversions carried out in America today do not meet its standards — even those conversions which include mikva and milah. That is basically what Mr. Estrin stated and that is a fact, not an opinion.

And the proliferation of such conversions should disturb all caring Jews, regardless of their affiliations, because such rejection of the Torah's laws wrecks havoc with the true unity of all Jews, betrays the Jewish past, and aborts the integrity of the Jewish future.

Rabbi Avi Shafran
Providence, R.I.

Goodness Remembered

Your issue of November 3, 1988, which arrived in the mail recently, brought back bitter-sweet memories. Bitter of course, but why "sweet"? Let me explain.

On November 9, 1938, fifty years ago, we heard on the radio about the shooting of a minor official of the German Embassy in Paris. The assassin was a Polish Jew.

The following "spontaneous" reaction of the people was indeed well planned in advance and well organized. What happened is known to all of us, and I do not have to repeat the horrors again. Horrors so terrible, as Erich Kaestner, a well-known German author and anti-Nazi wrote in his diary, that they were "unspeakable, yet one must not keep silent about them."

My parents owned a wholesale millinery business in Vienna; our flat was two stories above in the same building.

On November 10, there came an edict from the German "gaulleiter" that all Jews must vacate their apartments immediately so that they can be searched for additional murderous weapons.

The gentleman who was in charge of supervising my parents' business, and I do not use the word "gentleman" loosely, for that's what he was indeed, suggested that we sleep on the business premises. He saw to it that no harm was done to my parents and me, and indeed, the week after, took my mother's jewelry, my father's gold pocket watch, as well as my bar-mitzvah watch, to Paris where he left everything intact with my uncle, a French citizen. Later, during our emigration we lived on the proceeds of the sale of these items. But I digress.

We stayed in the business place for only forty-eight hours, while the Nazis searched the apartment. When we returned nothing was missing, or almost nothing I should say. They did not remove or "confiscate" any silver, any paintings or what-have you, but one thing was missing indeed. It was a book from the den of my father which was lined wall to wall with books.

The author of the book was Adolf Hitler. The title of the book, *Mein Kampf*.

I suppose we had a guardian angel watching over us, and I still believe that the name of that angel was Viktor Maschek, the man who was to aryanize our business.

Hans L. Heimann
Cranston, R.I.

Dear Editor:

Last Friday, October 21, is a day that will live in infamy in the history of Brown University. On that date, Brown University conferred an honorary degree on Gore Vidal, a man widely held to be an anti-Semite. Vidal conducted a brutal campaign of vilification against

Norman Podhoretz, the distinguished editor of *Commentary* magazine, in vicious, anti-Semitic terms, referring to the Jews as disloyal, unwanted and unwelcome in America. I think it outrageous that Brown University should honor a man who may maintain has marked himself as an anti-Semite. This is the last official action of the Swearer administration — and the worst. None of the many things Swearer and his crew have done to reduce a once-distinguished University to a public relations circus exceeds this final act in a long and sorry drama.

And where were the Jews in all this? The administration and Brown Corporation are not *Judenrein* (as Vidal's sort of person wishes they were). I think it scandalous that a University with a Jewish provost-dean of faculty, Dr. Maurice Glicksman, and a Jewish dean of the College, Professor Sheila Blumstein, should regard as appropriate an honorary degree for such a person.

And where was the Bnai Brith Hillel Foundation and its rabbi in this crisis? Where is "the organized Jewish community" on campus, which is paid for and wholly owned by "the organized Jewish community" of the campus? Busy

conducting services and providing kosher food, Hillel at Brown has no public presence and no public interest and no public spirit. That is the only explanation for the utter silence with which Hillel and its Jewish students and rabbi received this outrage.

This is not only a day of infamy for Brown, it also is a day of profound disgrace for the Rhode Island Jewish community.

Jacob Neusner
Providence, RI

Editor's Note

The past three weeks have seen an editorial series on the Opinion pages of the *Herald* by Mr. Leibel Estrin outlining, from the Orthodox viewpoint, who is a Jew. Responses from the Conservative, Reform and Orthodox community are most welcome. Remarks regarding the topic addressed by Mr. Estrin may be directed to:

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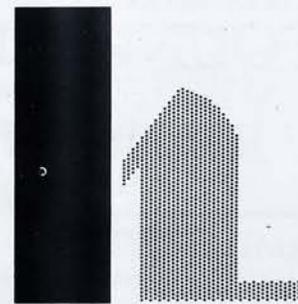
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Social Events

Rachel Millen Is Bat Mitzvah

Rachel Heather Millen, daughter of Alita and Ron Millen of Randolph, N.J., conducted Sabbath services and was called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, October 29, 1988 at the Morristown Community Center of Morristown, N.J.

Rachel shared her Bat Mitzvah with Ruth Rheingold of Vilnius in the Soviet Union. Rachel is a seventh grade student at the Randolph Intermediate School. She plays violin in the school orchestra and is active in gymnastics. She enjoys bike riding, swimming and talking on the phone. She has two sisters, Elise and Dara, and a brother, Dan. Elise and Dan also read portions from the Torah.

Her paternal grandparents are Rita and Lou Millen of Barrington, R.I. and her maternal grandparents are Evelyn and the late David Fishlin of Lexington, Mass. She is also the great-granddaughter of the late Bessie Heiler.

A kiddush followed the services and reception and dinner dance in the evening. Guests attended from New England, New York, New Jersey and Florida.

Cantor And Mrs. S.W. Dress Announce Birth

Cantor Steven W. and Myrna Herschman Dress of Warwick, R.I. are pleased to announce the birth of their second child, a son, Jonathan Elliot on October 18, 1988 at the Women's and Infants Hospital in Providence, R.I. Dr. Benjamin Vogel delivered the baby.

Proud grandparents are Lynne and Stan Dress of Middleton, Mass.; Bernice and Irving Herschman of Sharon, Mass.; and the late Marlene (Handlin) Dress. Great-grandparents are William Dress of Malden, Mass. and Charles Handlin of Roslindale, Mass., formerly of Chelsea, Mass. Melissa Shira Dress (3½ years) is the big sister.

Jonathan Elliot (Noah-Yonatan Elyahu) was named during the "brit-milah" ceremony held at Temple Am David in Warwick, R.I. on October 25, 1988. His name honors the beloved memory of late great-grandparents Nathan Wesler and Esther Bluestein. Rabbi H. Scott White and Cantor Charles Lew recited the customary naming blessings integral to the "brit-milah" ceremony supervised by Cantor-Mohel Sam Pessaroff.

P.H.D.S. Honors Founders

Joseph and Paula Dubin were founders of the Providence Hebrew Day School back in 1946. Mr. Dubin retired early from his business as one of the first supermarket operators in Rhode Island to devote his full time on a voluntary basis to help establish, nurture, and support the Providence Hebrew Day School during its early formative years. His wife, Paula Dubin, was a hard working, true mother of Israel, who ran a thrift store on a voluntary basis for many years. The entire proceeds of her efforts were donated to the support of the school.

A room will be named in their memory and the funds of the endowment will be added to the scholarship fund of which Malcolm Bromberg serves as chairman. The depository of this Scholarship Fund is the Citizens Trust Company with actual funds, pledges, and gifts now totaling over one and one half million dollars (\$1,500,000.00). The income of this fund is used to help over 150 of the almost 300 children who receive some scholarship aid for various programs at the Providence Hebrew Day School. To sustain the scholarship fund, the school requires scholarship aid and gifts in excess of \$350,000 a year.

The Providence Hebrew Day School has become one of the leading Torah oriented day schools in western civilization. Although most of its students are from Rhode Island, it also has students from as far away as Bangkok, Thailand, South Africa, California, and numerous other parts of the country.

Lilly Filler Receives Medical Degree

Dr. Lilly Filler graduated from the University of South Carolina's Medical School on May 7, 1988. Following a four-year residency program, she will be a qualified obstetrician-gynecologist.

Dr. Filler is the wife of Bruce Filler, formerly of Legion Way, Cranston. They have three children, Rachel, Alex and Michael.

Rachel Filler Is Bat Mitzvah

Rachel Lauryn Filler, daughter of Bruce and Lilly Filler of Columbia, S.C., celebrated her Bat Mitzvah on May 14, 1988 at Beth Shalom Synagogue in Columbia, S.C.

Rachel is the granddaughter of Gladys Filler and the late Morris Filler of Legion Way, Cranston.

Dr. G. Greenburg Honored

A. Gerson Greenburg, M.D., Ph.D. has been named Chairman of the Surgical Review Committee of Health Care Review Inc., the state's medical Peer Review Organization (PRO), it was announced recently.

Frederick S. Crisafulli, M.D., Chairman of the Board, said that Dr. Greenburg would lead the implementation of Health Care Review Inc.'s new Ambulatory Surgery Review Program and the expanded in-hospital surgical review team as part of Health Care Review Inc.'s activity for the Medicare and Campus programs in Rhode Island.

As part of this Congressionally mandated program, Health Care Review Inc. will review, on a preadmission and preprocedure basis, ten (10) selected surgical procedures. Review will be expanded to include a sample of procedures performed in hospital outpatient surgery departments and freestanding ambulatory surgical centers certified to provide care to Medicare beneficiaries, Dr. Crisafulli explained.

Doctor Greenburg has recently been appointed as Acting Chairman of the Brown University

Department of Surgery and is currently Surgeon-in-Chief at The Miriam Hospital. At Health Care Review Inc., he will chair a committee consisting of practicing surgeons in the community and the Health Care Review Inc. Medical Director, Barry B. Schwartz, M.D.

Prior to joining the staffs of Brown University and The Miriam Hospital in 1986, Dr. Greenburg had served as a professor of surgery at the University of California in San Diego. His post-graduate medical training included service as senior resident in surgery at the University of Illinois Hospitals, and prior to that, at the Michael Reese Hospital and Medical Center in Chicago.

Mara Priest To Wed

Mara Priest, daughter of Phyllis and Burton Priest of Providence, is engaged to John F. Scoliard, son of Sandra and Lewis Scoliard of Providence. She is a graduate of The Wheeler School and American University. He is a graduate of Hebron Academy and the University of Hartford.

They will marry September 16, 1989.

Profiles I: Jim

by Michael Fink

I met Jim my first day at Yale. He sat alone near me in the front of the bus that toured the campus. He laughed at a joke I was telling someone. He sat alone, and was given a room alone, because he was black. That was the "tactful" Yale policy of the period. We became friends at once. What we shared in common was a love of laughter and a taste for observing people. Maybe I was Dumbo and he was Jim Crow on the telephone wire. He liked to watch and I was a little homesick, trying to fly on my own; my ears stuck out too.

Some kids didn't know Jim was black. He was coffee colored, good looking and had a mustache. That came off freshman week to accommodate conservative Bill Buckleyville. Jim spent his mom's hard earned cash — I think she ran an elevator — on an expensive wardrobe he picked from the sparkling windows of J. Press and Fenn Feinstein. He regaled me with tales of his conquests of women. Sure enough, an *Ebony* cover girl came to visit. Yale was not yet co-ed.

In our sophomore year Jim and I shared chambers. I was afraid to tell my folks. My eldest brother wrote me a terrible, angry letter accusing me of disservice to our parents. I could see that my Yale life would have to be kept to myself. I never brought Jim to Providence, or my parents to our rooms. Nor did I ever visit Jimmie's folks. But I did take Jim to New York. We stayed at my aunt's. She put us up in style. Jim took me to black nightclubs. We met some prominent jazz artists. We liked to see films — to "flick out" together, and then discuss them over a beer and cigarette. He was quick to spot a formula. We never lacked for lively conversation. We were a pretty good team. Even in gym we did our exercises together. He was sturdy and I was thin, but we were at ease in tandem.

In the course of that sophomore year, I made a sort of conservative compromise. I gathered a large group of friends, Jewish and non-Jewish, to shape a world within a world. It was a typical fifties thing to do, a model postwar U.N. I recall that Jimmie wondered why I used the pronoun "we" when I spoke of the Jewish people. He never said "we" about blacks. We discussed Yale prejudice, and I urged him to take the lead in the budding civil rights movement — this was well before King's role. But involvement was not his style. Jim was cautious, eager, accommodating. He admired the understated flair of British policy. For three years Jim and I had a lot to say to each other. We went to a meeting of the AROTC. Flying was a fun fantasy for me, just an idea to entertain for an evening in the twilight. For Jim it was an up in the air down to earth way of dealing with his future. After commencement he joined the new Air Force and rose very high very quickly in its ranks. He flew into Yale history.

As Aesop pointed out, you cannot escape your fate. Jim married a beautiful, very blonde flight attendant. I met her on a winter's day. I was stunned by the sight of a poised snow queen, in white coat and hat, white dress. But, after having a daughter, she died. The child was retarded. Jim retired from the Air Force. He has had to cope with an endless childhood, a responsibility on earth from which there is no flight. Maybe once a year my phone will ring and it will be Jim's voice. I recognize it at once and wish now he could visit. He never writes, I have no address to reach him. With his distance, Jim has kept a certain glamour for those of us who shared his space and time. His humor, his charm, his pathos, his elusive entrances and exits. There is no one perfect friend, but Jim and I designed a Yale that was, and is no more.

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In particular, we are concerned that the public may confuse the American Heart Association with other groups whose names include words like "American," "National," "Heart," "Heart Disease," "Heart Research," "Cardiac," "Cardiovascular," and so on.

American Heart Association offices across the nation have received numerous requests for information about such sound-alike and look-alike organizations. While the American Heart Association does not wish to question any legitimate not-for-profit agency raising funds for cardiovascular research, we do want the public to understand that there is no relationship between these sound-alike groups and the American Heart Association.

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9.6 percent.

The American Heart Association cautions the public to scrutinize any organization soliciting funds. Most of the questions that have been raised concern fundraising methods and the way donations are spent by non-profit organizations. Some organizations include requests for donations along with surveys on stress and heart disease. The most common mailings at this time include a "sweepstakes" entry with pre-selected winners and tickets to be included in donation envelopes. One requires a sweepstakes entry to be accompanied by either a donation or a check with the word "void" written across it. Fundraising costs in some cases are as high as 55 percent of public support and revenue.

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Author Refuses To Attend Play Opening

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Isabella Leitner, a New York-based author and a survivor of Auschwitz, has asked the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith to make public her rejection of an invitation to attend the Vienna premiere of a stage presentation based on her book, *Fragments of Isabella: A Memoir of Auschwitz*. It opens November 9 as part of the 50th anniversary commemoration of Kristallnacht.

In a statement released recently through ADL and in a cable to Margit Niederhuber, the play's producer, Ms. Leitner said that as long as President Kurt Waldheim is in office she "could not visit Austria."

Ms. Leitner, who lost two sisters and her mother in the Holocaust, said: "My memories cannot be healed. They are beyond repair. On some days my inner eye is glued to the past and I want to run to the end of the earth shrieking in pain. On those days I don't want anyone to tell me 'it all happened long ago.' For me that is not true. It happened yesterday."

She added that "as long as Waldheim is president, it would be unbearable to breathe the air of anti-Semitism that still lingers in Austria."

Ms. Leitner — a native of Hungary who came to New York City in 1945 — said she hopes the presentation at Vienna's Technische Museum "will begin the healing process and increase the ranks of those who acknowledge the past and who yearn and work for a more humane age."

Business And Professional Women

The National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. (BPW/USA), at their 1988 annual convention adopted a resolution commencing a National Women's Voting Action to encourage all American women to postpone voting on Election Day in 1988 until 6 p.m. or later, as a public demonstration of the power of the women's vote.

The Rhode Island Federation of Business and Professional Women, an affiliate of the national federation, recognizes the importance of the women's vote, and in support of the resolution urges Rhode Island women voters to exercise their franchise on November 8th and encourages them to cast their vote after 6 p.m.

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Volunteers wrote to hundreds of famous people, movie stars, rock artists and government officials to name a few. They were asked to donate something of their own and personalize the item. The packages have begun to arrive and many are both valuable and collectable.

This fun event will take place on November 13, 1988 at the Roger Williams Park Casino at 4 p.m. There is no admission fee and some refreshments will be sold. If you would like to have a close-up inspection before the auction, there will be a showing from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

This is a family event, so mark your calendar and plan to spend an interesting evening with the Roger Williams Park Zoo docents and have some fun.

Replenish America's Forests

A new project of The National Arbor Day Foundation gives you a chance to help replant America's fire-devastated forests.

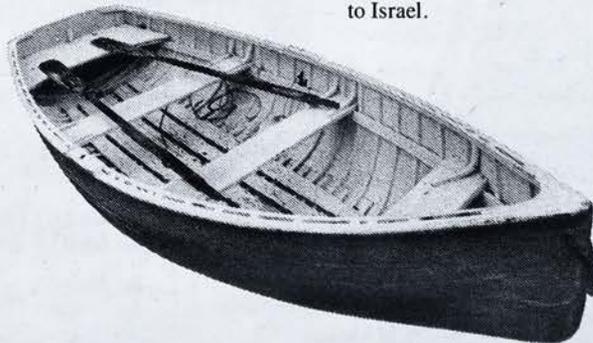
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Around Town

by Dorothea Snyder

Thirty years after his graduation from Brown in 1958, Alfred Uhry won a Pulitzer Prize for his hit comedy, *Driving Miss Daisy*, which opens at the Colonial in Boston next Tuesday, November 15, for three weeks.

Based on the real life experiences of Mr. Uhry's grandmother, *Driving Miss Daisy* tells the story of a Jewish Atlanta matron, Daisy Werthan, and her black chauffeur, Hoke Coleburn, who break through their initial racial and class distinctions to develop a deeply felt relationship that spans 25 years.

In a phone conversation, the playwright recalled the time he was in Providence. "My theatre experience at Brown was invaluable. In my day, the theatre department was tiny, yet there are maybe a dozen people I knew from Brown who make their living in the theatre. Some are quite successful... such as television director Will McKenzie and Richard Foreman.

"What I learned most about the theatre was from Jim Barnhill and Janice Van DeWater. They were the entire theatre department. I'm very grateful."

Mentioning the Brownbrokers who sponsored original musical comedy competitions, the playwright said, "We could enter a full-fledged musical comedy, and twice, I was lucky enough to be a part of the shows that won... *Barney and Me* and *Fiddle Dee Dee*.

"Robert Waldman ('57) wrote the music for those two shows, and through the years, we've been writing on and off together. I also met my wife Joanna there. She was an art history major. I majored in English Literature. Our oldest daughter is a Brown graduate, so I have a lot of Brown connections.

"After college, I came to New York City to break into musical comedy. Bob Waldman and I were hired by Frank Loesser to write songs for ads, television, and in the process, we learned a lot about song writing from a master. During those years, I wrote theme songs for TV shows and comedy material... *That Was The Week That Was* and dozens of jingles.

"My first show was *Here's Where I Belong* in 1968. I wrote the lyrics, Waldman did the music, and Terrence McNally did the book, based on Steinbeck's *East of Eden*. It was a terrible experience. Opening night on Broadway was also closing night.

"I got a job teaching English and theatre at the Calhoun School, enjoying the work and the kids. I learned a lot about playwrighting, teaching and putting on Shakespeare plays.

"The first time I wrote dialogue professionally was when I adapted Eudora Welty's *The Robber Bridegroom* into a musical. Bob Waldman did the music, and I, the book and lyrics. I was nominated for a Tony and two Drama Desk Awards in 1975.

"I did another adaptation for John Houseman's Acting Company. We turned *The Italian Straw Hat* into a musical called *Chapeau* in 1977. Then, I did lyrics for an ill-fated musical called *Swing* in 1980, and after that, I went into my Goodspeed phase. I reconstructed five old musical comedy librettos for the Goodspeed Opera House over the next four years. Again, a wonderful learning experience because I really got to make up anything I wanted as long as the songs fit it.

"My last musical in 1984-85 was about Al Capone and called *America's Sweetheart*. I worked on it for four years and earned almost nothing. It had a workshop, two regional productions, and that was the end of that.

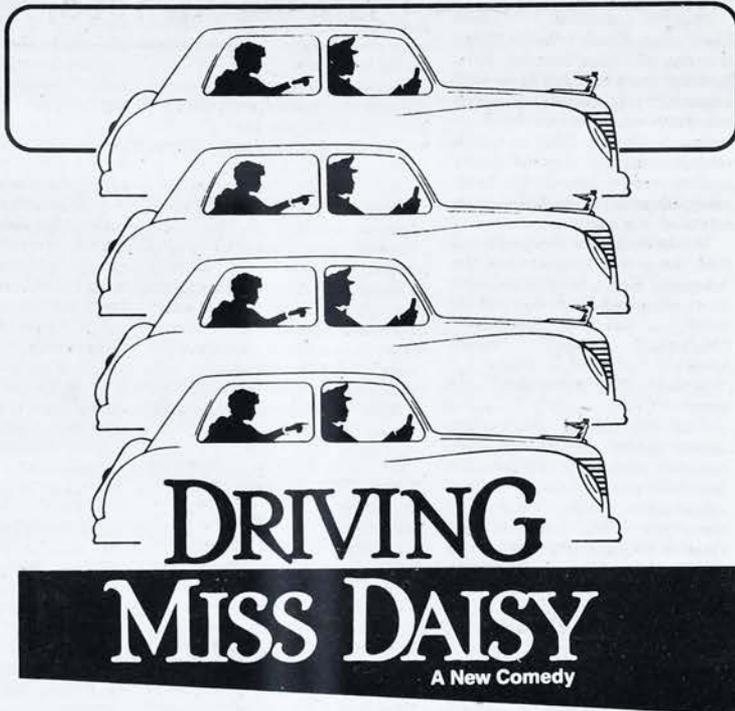
"Then I decided to do something I'd never tried, writing a play. I didn't tell anybody, except my wife. The play was about Atlanta and things I remembered from my family and my childhood.

"My grandmother was the youngest of a large family. She had four older sisters, a couple of brothers, some who died before they were grown up. Her own mother died when she was three weeks old.

"This was a Jewish family in Atlanta during the decade after the Civil War. The characters are based on all the sisters, although I knew my grandmother the best because she lived with us.

"They were a very feisty bunch of people with high standards, very loving in their own way, but they weren't very effusive. You just knew you were loved. We never talked about it. There wasn't a lot of hugging going on.

"My grandmother was very strict, but I'm grateful for that. Having been a teacher, she had high standards about learning. She always expected us to read. Of course, my mother was there, too. I would write letters when I was away from home, and she would send them back with



red pencil scratches.

"She was very much of her own time. Any discussions to do with sex was ignored all together. There were a lot of things we didn't talk about.

"To her, the things that really counted were doing well in school, being honest and very disciplined. Those are still pretty good values.

"And not feeling sorry for yourself. The one thing I try to do with my characters, because I so loathe it in life, is to keep them from whining and feeling sorry for themselves. That's one attribute in people that turns me off. I'm drawn to people who get on with it."

Asked if the casting of Julie Harris, as his grandmother, was his choice, Mr. Uhry replied, "Absolutely! Who wouldn't choose Julie Harris to do anything? She's a total technician, a total disciplinarian, a total genius.

"You'll never see a better performance of this play than these three people who give it. They're wonderful." He refers also to Brock Peters and Stephen Root.

His grandmother, he said, had "a dry, little sense of humor. That's why she was so funny... because she didn't have a sense of humor. She was always right. Humor wasn't big in that family. Don't forget, it was a German family. If there

were humor, it was a very, very dry one... not a lot of warmth."

The incident that led to writing *Driving Miss Daisy*, he explained, is when a producer friend asked him to come to Connecticut to see a play and to advise if she should bring it to New York.

"It was a play about black and white relations, and it was awful. I thought I could write a play better than that, and it occurred to me at that moment, I would write a play about my grandmother and her chauffeur. When he first came, I was 11 or 12.

"I worked on and off the play for a year. It takes me a long time to work it up to where the characters talk to me. Once they talk to me, it gets easy."

About winning the Pulitzer Prize, he said, "I never expected this to happen. Reviews were good, which was nice. The show was extended from five to 10 weeks. It all just grew, so there never was a moment when I realized the enormity of the play's success."

The news brought letters of congratulations from the Brown community and dozens of former classmates. "I was glad to get them," he added, with a smile in his voice.

Alfred Uhry is working on the screenplay for *Driving Miss Daisy*, which is almost finished. Shooting will begin in March. He has plans to begin work on a new play and screenplay. His *Mystic Pizza* is a box office favorite.



From left: Director Ron Lagomarsino, Stephen Root, Playwright Alfred Uhry, Julie Harris and Brock Peters at rehearsals of *Driving Miss Daisy*. Photo by Martha Swope.

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Kristallnacht, 1938, A Memory For Our Times

by Dr. Alfred Gottschalk

As an eight-year-old German-Jewish child living in the Rhineland town of Oberwesel, the terrifying experience of November 9, 1938, now known to the world as Kristallnacht, made an indelible mark on my being.

In the black of night: howling at the door, the noise of windows shattered, shouting, then a deathly quiet. Desperate fear sets in. At daybreak the Jews know great devastation has been visited upon every Jewish community in Germany. My grandfather takes me by the hand and we rush to our little synagogue in the town square. It was ravaged. The door had been battered down and inside there was an unforgettable darkness and stench. This house of worship had been tarred black, the ark violated, the bimah hacked to pieces; the bench where I stood between my father and grandfather in prayer was overturned. Suddenly my grandfather shouted, "Where are the Sifre Torah?"

In a brook flowing into the Rhine we found the carved-up pieces of parchment together with torn pages of prayerbooks. My grandfather waded into the brook and handed me the scraps. I clutched them to my heart.

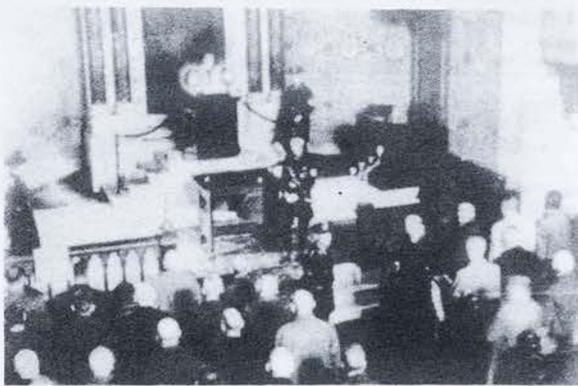
The scraps and bits of parchment and prayerbooks symbolized the fragmentation which marked the response to Kristallnacht by our own American Jewish community. Disunity, shock and suffering were the immediate consequences. In New York, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise wrote on the day after the pogrom in Germany, "I am sitting in sack cloth and ashes over the suffering of our people . . . How long, Oh Lord, how long?" His fellow American Jews would share this shock and suffering and it would shape the nature of their response to the plight of European Jewry throughout the years of the Holocaust. The major Jewish organizations would counsel caution in their response and limit that response to interfaith worship services publicly, and frantic efforts to move an immovable American president and government privately. The Jewish "masses," led by inconsequential organizations, would fill the seats of Madison Square Garden with public demonstrations which would be ignored by the American Jewish "establishment."

Such lack of unity was noted with glee by the Nazi regime. Indeed, Kristallnacht culminated a year of experimentation for Hitler. It was a time for him to see how well and how far he could carry forth his ultimate plans for a war against the world and against the Jews.

Czechoslovakia, the Sudetenland, and the Munich Agreement fiasco convinced him that Europe would stop at nothing in order to avoid war. Appeasement was the European response of the time.

The Evian Conference, in which the nations of the world showed their indifference to the plight of German-Jewish refugees and their hopes for emigration, convinced Adolf Hitler that his campaign against the Jews of Germany and Europe was nearly ready for implementation.

Kristallnacht was the beginning of that implementation. In October of 1938, Jews holding Polish citizenship were shipped from Germany to the east, to Poland, the same route the death transports of later years would take. In the days following the



pogrom, Jews were rounded up and taken to concentration camps such as Dachau, Buchenwald and Sachsenhausen, and there degraded and brutalized in scenes that would soon echo across Europe.

Finally, one sees in the Nazi fine of a billion Reichsmarks, presented to German Jewry for the damages inflicted on Jewish properties during Kristallnacht, the beginning of a heinous evil "partnership" between Nazi and Jew, a partnership by which the Nazis ultimately made the Jewish population pay for its own murder. In the cruelest of ironies, Jewish monies were used to pay both the cost of transportation to Auschwitz and similar destinations and for the Nazi personnel necessary to carry out the destruction.

Looking back now, from the vantage point of half a century, two points emerge clearly from the Kristallnacht event as distinct lessons for our time.

The first point is that Kristallnacht and its consequences clearly link the fate of German Jewry with that of East European Jews in the years after 1939. We can no longer speak of "German-Jewish life under the Nazis" as though it were a detached, free-standing episode of the years before the Holocaust. The images which fill our history books from the years 1939-1945 had their origin, indeed their "dry-run," in the experience and suffering of German Jewry.

The second point is that we can now understand that the "conspiracy of silence," a term which the American German-language newspaper *Aufbau* used on July 3, 1942, to describe the disunity, the inactivity and the simple disinterest which marked the reaction of the free world to Jewish suffering under the Nazis, also had its genesis in the months preceding Kristallnacht and in the weeks and years which followed the few days when this pogrom dominated the newspaper headlines of the world.

Rabbi Leo Baeck, the great leader of German Jewry, sought to explain the meaning of November 9 and 10 in a language and prophetic symbolism so characteristic of his genius:

"Many can remember how they stood in the street that night," said Rabbi Baeck. "A fearful, oppressive silence lay over the town. But then this silence began to speak and when this happened, its language was powerful and overwhelming. And those who heard it also saw something at the same time. It was a dark night and it seemed to them that they saw, on the nocturnal horizon, far above the land of Germany, an invisible handwriting — adding word to word — these words which the

Prophet had seen." Rabbi Baeck then quoted from Daniel 5:26-28 - "Mene mene tekel upharsin - Mene: God has numbered the days of your kingdom and brought it to an end; Tekel: you have been weighed in the balance and found wanting; Upharsin: Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians."

Rabbi Baeck understood the profound wrong of silence. In assessing the failure of the Evian Conference of July, 1938 — at which time no country present increased its immigration quota, no country eased its immigration restrictions, no country protested formally to Germany over its treatment of Jews — Rabbi Baeck said, "Nothing is as bad as silence."

The sin of silence in the face of oppression is the lesson of Kristallnacht. This is the message that should form the basis of our Kristallnacht celebration. And in making clear the consequences of that silence during the Holocaust years, we must also make clear that all Jews are now part of a Schicksalsgemeinschaft, a



Kristallnacht 1938 — Jews Rounded Up, Synagogue Torched

On November 9, 1938, Nazi SS in Baden-Baden, Germany, rounded up Jewish men and took them into the city's main synagogue, above left, where leaders of the Jewish community were forced to read from *Sturmer*, an anti-Semitic newspaper. Hours later, the Baden-Baden synagogue is in flames, after being torched by the Nazis. Similar scenes were repeated throughout Germany and other parts of Nazi-occupied territory during "Kristallnacht" — the "Night of Broken Glass."

Photograph courtesy of the Leo Baeck Institute, New York, N.Y.

"community of fate."

In the 50 years since Kristallnacht, it has also become apparent that not only Jews are part of this "community of fate." When we understand that Jews belong to a greater humanity which lives under the shadow of a new breed of political predators and the

pallor of a new silence nurtured by the smug complacency of a world dazzled and deluded by technological "progress," it is only then that the event which marked the end of German Jewry and the beginning of the Holocaust will be a commemoration of substance and lasting value.

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U.S. May Limit Entry Of Soviet Jews

NEW YORK (JTA) — The United States may one day not be able to accommodate all of the Soviet Jews seeking refuge in America, the Reagan administration's top human rights specialist said here recently.

"There may be limits as to the number of Jews allowed to emigrate to the United States, particularly when there is another country of refuge — Israel," said Richard Schifter, assistant secretary of state for human rights and humanitarian affairs.

Schifter spoke at a dinner honoring Morris Abram, outgoing chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry. The dinner was part of the conference's annual leadership assembly, which began last Monday night and ran through Tuesday afternoon.

In remarks devoted chiefly to paying tribute to Abram, the assistant secretary noted that during the course of the chairman's five-year tenure there had been substantial progress in persuading the Soviets to allow more Jews to emigrate.

Noting that the current rate of Jewish emigration is 20 times what it was in January 1987, Schifter said, "The work done over the years under Morris's direction has paid off."

But he said that while the struggle to win freedom for thousands of Jews remaining in the Soviet Union continues, the new challenge is "finding a new home

for them."

Saying that the American Jewish community will have to do more to help immigrants adjust to their new lives, including providing better job counseling, Schifter said, "We must reach into our pockets to contribute to this cause."

The assistant secretary made a similar pitch two weeks ago in an appearance at the annual meeting of the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews in Washington. His remarks would appear to signal that the federal government is shifting its approach to refugee relief efforts.

This summer, the U.S. Embassy in Moscow temporarily stopped issuing entry visas for Soviet Jews and other ethnic minorities wishing to immigrate to the United States, saying it had run out of funds earmarked for this purpose.

Rather than immediately ask Congress for additional funding, the Reagan administration began urging private refugee relief organizations to take on more of the burden.

Analysts noted at the time the irony that after pressing the Soviets for years to increase emigration levels, the United States now finds itself in a position of not being able to accommodate all of the newcomers.

Abram did not address this subject in his own remarks, which focused largely on praising the Reagan administration for its strong support for Soviet Jewry and outlining some goals for the

future.

The outgoing chairman acknowledged that there had been significant progress since the summit in increasing Jewish emigration.

But he appeared to cast doubts on the significance of reports that the Soviet Union is allowing the opening of various Jewish cultural facilities.

If the Soviets want to

demonstrate their good faith about allowing Jewish culture to flourish in the USSR, Abram said, they should repeal all laws restricting the study of Hebrew and permit synagogues and Jewish institutions to be open whenever the communities desire.

Succeeding Abram at the helm of the National Conference is Shoshana Cardin of Baltimore, past president of the Council of Jewish Federations.

While Cardin is not expected to have the same diplomatic clout in Washington that Abram enjoyed, she commands widespread respect and is likely to bring a new level of energy and spirit to the Soviet Jewry movement.

Official's Attack On Soviet Olim Stuns Leadership

by David Landau
JERUSALEM (JTA) — A scathing attack on Jewish immigrants from the Soviet Union by a ranking official of the Jewish Agency for Israel stunned overseas Jewish leaders in Israel this week.

It was delivered by Meir Sheetrit, treasurer of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization, at a meeting of the agency's Board of Governors in Tiberias.

Embarrassed officials hastened to attribute Sheetrit's outburst to his relative inexperience. The Likud Knesset member is serving his first term in the WZO-Jewish Agency Executive.

Sheetrit, who is of North African origin, compared the conditions that greet Soviet olim with those confronted when his family arrived in the 1950s, a time of severe austerity in Israel.

He flayed the Soviet newcomers for complaining, demanding and criticizing. He claimed that the money spent on one immigrant family from the USSR "could be used to prevent the yerida (emigration) of six Israeli families."

Sheetrit singled no one out by name. But his attacks appeared to be aimed at two of the most prominent Soviet Jewish refuseniks who arrived in Israel in recent years.

They are Natan Sharansky, who recently urged a special fundraising effort for Soviet Jewish immigrant absorption, and Ida Nudel, who has publicly criticized the way Israeli society treats Soviet olim.

The Jewish Agency and the government announced, meanwhile, that they are postponing for 18 months the government's planned takeover of immigrant absorption facilities and services, some of which the agency now handles.

MOSCOW (JTA) — Two longtime refuseniks offered different reasons why the majority of Jews leaving the Soviet Union prefer to go to the United States rather than to Israel.

According to Yuri Cherniak, who heads a scientific seminar for refuseniks, Soviet Jews fear moving to an "all Jewish society."

But Yuli Kosharovsky, who first applied for an exit visa 17 years ago, believes it is simply because America offers a more comfortable life.

The "neshira" or dropout rate — the number of Jews emigrating on Israeli visas who end up settling in other countries — is running at about 90 percent.

In an attempt to curb the problem, the Israeli government decided last summer to deny visas to Soviet Jews who are not committed to settling in Israel. But the policy has not been implemented yet.

According to Cherniak, Jews born and brought up in the Soviet Union are wary of settling in Israel, because they "can hardly absorb the idea of living in surroundings which are different from what they have experienced here."

"So they prefer to move to the United States, which seems to be, overall, more consistent with their previous experiences in a

non-Jewish dominated society," Cherniak said.

Kosharovsky, however, stressed that "people seek better and more comfortable lives, and the United States has more to offer than Israel. It's just as simple as that," he told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency during an interview in his Moscow apartment.

Kosharovsky denied that Jews are "cheating" when they accept Israeli visas but settle elsewhere. "They want out and there is no easy way to get out of this country," he said. "The only way available for them is to say they want to go to Israel and to travel on Israeli papers."

"Otherwise, they would be stuck here. You really can't blame them for that," he said.

Kosharovsky said he favors the idea of direct flights to Israel to reduce the number of "dropouts."

According to recent statistics, more Soviet Jews are applying now for tourist visas to Israel than for immigration visas. "It's encouraging," a diplomat here said.

"When the Soviet tourists come back from Israel, they will tell the truth about what they saw in that country. That is likely to be very different from the horrible picture drawn by the official Soviet media," the diplomat said.

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Illinois Signs Pact With Israel



SIGNING THE I.I.I.: Gabriel Levy, Israel's Economic Minister to North America (left), and Illinois Governor James R. Thompson sign a Memorandum of Intent setting up special economic, educational and cultural ties between Israel and the State of Illinois. Standing at the governor's right is Lieutenant Governor George H. Ryan. At rear are two of Mr. Thompson's aides. The accord will be known as the I.I.I. — the Illinois-Israel Initiative.

The State of Israel and the State of Illinois have agreed to establish special economic ties with each other in a formal Memorandum of Intent signed by Gabriel Levy, Israel's Economic Minister to North America, and Illinois Governor James R. Thompson, it was reported this week.

The aim of the accord, to be known as the Illinois-Israel Initiative (I.I.I.), is to identify and implement trade, investment and manufacturing opportunities that would serve to strengthen the economies of both Israel and Illinois, according to Minister Levy.

With the signing ceremony in Governor Thompson's office, Illinois became the 13th state to sign a reciprocal trade agreement with Israel. Of these, five are in the Midwest — Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri and Wisconsin in addition to Illinois. The others are California, Connecticut, Florida, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Virginia and Texas — the latter concentrating on agricultural ties with Israel.

In inaugurating the I.I.I., Illinois Gov. Thompson said: "Under this agreement, Israel could become a bridge to Europe for Illinois manufacturers, thus enhancing our

exports and strengthening the state's economy."

'Israel's Unique Advantage'

Minister Levy explained that Israel has "the unique advantage of free-trade agreements with both the United States and the European Economic Community." This means, he said, "that American goods can enter Israel duty-free and then be re-exported to the European Common Market, also duty-free — provided only that sufficient work on the product is done in Israel, such as adding components or assembling the various parts."

Increasingly, he noted, individual states in the U.S. are beginning to recognize this special benefit and are exploring ways that their own companies can open manufacturing or assembly plants in Israel or enter into joint ventures with Israeli firms.

While the individual states of the United States cannot enter into diplomatic relations with foreign governments, Minister Levy explained, there is nothing to prevent direct economic ties with countries such as Israel — "and more and more states are going this route in order to strengthen their economies," he said, adding:

"With plans racing ahead to make all of Europe a single all-powerful economic entity by 1992, Israel offers a bridge — or, if you will, an open door — to the huge European market.

"Goods from the United States pay no duty entering Israel. Goods from Israel pay no duty entering Europe. Israel's economy benefits from the fact that work is done on the American goods in our country; and the American economy benefits from the fact that it can sell to this huge market duty-free, thanks to Israel."

Minister Levy has concentrated on signing state-by-state trade pacts as part of his strategy for strengthening U.S.-Israel trade since assuming his post as Economic Minister to North

America 18 months ago. One positive result, he said, is that the Governors of all 13 states that have established direct economic relations with Israel are planning to head missions to Israel during the next few months with top executives of their leading corporations to explore manufacturing and assembly opportunities in the Jewish state.

'Hugely Successful Israel Fair At Jordan Marsh'

The economic agreement with Massachusetts, known as M.I.X. (Massachusetts-Israel Exchange), led to a decision by Jordan Marsh, one of the major department stores in Boston, to conduct a two-week "Land of Israel" Fair earlier this month, Minister Levy reported. He said that Elliot Stone, the president of Jordan Marsh, had been approached by the Massachusetts secretary for economic affairs and urged to visit Israel under the M.I.X. program.

In Israel the department store executive, impressed by the range and quality of the Israeli-manufactured goods he saw, decided to experiment with a two-week fair promoting Israeli goods.

The result, Minister Levy said, was "hugely successful." Not only were large amounts of Israeli products sold and Israeli cultural events promoted, he reported, but Jordan Marsh itself profited greatly from the additional numbers of shoppers who came into the store to visit the Fair. The Israeli official said he had been informed that normal store traffic was increased by up to five times on weekdays and ten times on weekends during the period of the "Land of Israel" Fair.

"It was good for Jordan Marsh and good for Israel," Minister Levy declared. "That is the purpose of each of the state-by-state agreements we have signed — to promote two-way trade in which everybody benefits.

"And we're getting there."

Israelis Stationed Abroad Protest Elections

by David Kantor

BONN (JTA) — More than 100 Israelis employed at diplomatic missions or other institutions here protested angrily against the denial of their right to vote.

They did so by staging a mock election that followed the letter the rules observed by their fellow Israelis who cast ballots at home recently for the 12th Knesset.

Israel has no absentee ballots. Its citizens living abroad, including diplomats, businessmen, journalists, students and tourists, forfeit the right to vote.

The only exception is Israeli seafarers aboard merchant ships far from home, who are allowed to cast ballots in advance which are flown to Israel in time for the counting.

The mock vote here was held at a private home. The expatriates, voting by secret ballot, could choose from any one of the 27 parties running in this year's Knesset elections.

Skinheads Arraigned For Assault And Robbery

by Susan Birnbaum

NEW YORK (JTA) — Four self-described "Skinheads" were arraigned in New York State Criminal Court by Judge Leona Freedman for having beaten and robbed a New Jersey man while calling out white supremacist slogans.

William Stump of Bayonne, N.J., was violently beaten by four tattooed, shaven-head Skinheads dressed in leather, who used their boots to kick the 31-year-old man on the stairs of a subway station of PATH, the transit line connecting

New York City to New Jersey.

About 30 persons in the station observed the attack in the Ninth Street PATH station in Manhattan and did nothing. Some have since come forward, according to Manhattan District Attorney Robert Morgenthau's office, which pressed the charges.

A spokesperson for the D.A.'s office, Colleen Roche, said that John Himmelstein, 23, and Matthew Andrews, 20, of Philadelphia; Harry Wilson, 17, of Morrisville, Pa.; and John Cook, 22, of Nutley, N.J., were each charged as adults with robbery in the second degree and assault in the second degree.

Stump alleges that the four forcibly stole his wallet, punched and kicked him, causing Stump to suffer broken bones in his face and cuts and bruises on his body.

One of the Skinheads allegedly approached Stump, who was accompanied by his wife and infant daughter, and called out "Be white. Be right."

Stump told Port Authority police the Skinhead asked if he were German and then gave him a "Sieg Heil" Nazi salute.

Stump alleges that Andrews hit him with a glass bottle, and that all four of them then kicked him in the head with their boots. A PATH worker who observed the act on the station's video camera alerted police, who ran to the scene and arrested them.

Election Results And The Intifada

by Ruth E. Gruber

ROME (JTA) — Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasir Arafat offered his analysis of last Tuesday's Israeli elections, and insisted that the results would have no bearing on the intifada — the Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"The revolt will continue, wave

after wave, until the end of the occupation," Arafat told reporters after a 90-minute meeting with Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti.

Arafat was making a three-hour stopover after a flight from Baghdad.

As for the outcome of the election, which put the balance of political power in the hands of ultra-Orthodox and extreme right-wing parties, the PLO chief said, "The results show the failure of the two main parties.

"The growth of the small parties shows the confusion of the electorate," Arafat said, although according to him, there was no difference between Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's Likud bloc and the Labor Party headed by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

Italians Apprehensive Over Election Results

by Ruth E. Gruber

ROME (JTA) — Italian commentators in the news media, and in some sections of the Jewish community, expressed dismay with the outcome of the Israeli elections.

It was the worst of three possible results, Paolo Mieli wrote in *La Stampa*, referring to the fact that neither Labor nor Likud won a governable majority.

According to the writer, a decisive victory by either of the two largest parties would have been preferable to a narrow coalition based on the extremist religious parties and the far right-wing.

The newspaper *La Repubblica* said in a front page editorial, "If the vote was a referendum on peace in the Middle East and on the security of Israel, the verdict is uncertain." The country now appears to be split in two, like an apple.

Daniele Libranome, who

presided over a three-day conference of the Jewish Youth Federation of Italy in Bologna, was more succinct. "This, in the short term, makes the prospects of peace more distant," Libranome said.

But the official Jewish community of Rome, some 18,000 strong, simply reaffirmed its support of Israel and professed no concern with its internal politics.

Rabbi Cesare Moscatti was quoted by the news media as saying, "We can feel solidarity with Israel from many points of view — moral, economic, religious. But in politics, absolutely not." He added, "It's a field in which we have no right to enter."

Dallas Police Fight Anti-Semitism

DALLAS (JTA) — The Dallas police have formed a special task force to deal with the growing problem of anti-Semitic incidents in the city.

The police arrested 15 people after several Dallas synagogues and Jewish institutions were vandalized with anti-Semitic graffiti and Nazi symbols painted on walls and doors.

In one particularly violent attack, windows and glass doors were shot out and riddled with bullet holes, which led police to step in and mount an intensive campaign to apprehend the criminals.

Police believe the Skinheads are behind much of the violence in Dallas and other cities, though their numbers are believed to be small.

The local Jewish community has reacted by tightening security at area Jewish establishments and working closely with police.

While a recent survey of Dallas Jewry reported that 99 percent of the area's Jews have detected some anti-Semitism in their city, most Jews are taking a watchful stance.

News In Brief

Israel's Economic Slowdown Continues

by Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A general economic slowdown in Israel continued during the third quarter of the year, the Bank of Israel, the country's central bank, announced recently.

Although employment rose, industrial output was down, there were fewer sales to the local market and a steady rise in exports ended. The construction and hotel industries also reported a drop in activity.

Court Orders Ministry To Solve Problem Of Ethiopian Marriages

by Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The religious establishment is under court order to facilitate marriages within the Ethiopian Jewish community.

Israel's High Court of Justice gave the Ministry of Religious Affairs 90 days from October 30 to establish an "Institute for the Heritage of Ethiopian Jewry" to settle controversies surrounding Ethiopian marriages.

The problem arose when the Chief Rabbinate refused to recognize the marriages of Jewish immigrants from Ethiopia, unless the couples underwent special conversion rites.

The Ethiopian Jews who are devout took offense to that demand.

November Emigration Up Slightly, Passes 2,000 Figure Again

NEW YORK, N.Y. (JTA) —

October's figures for Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union showed a slight increase from the previous month and, again as in September, was the largest monthly total of Jews leaving the Soviet Union since April 1980.

A total of 2,068 Jews left the Soviet Union in October, of whom 192, or 9.3 percent, went to Israel, according to the National Conference on Soviet Jewry.

The total number of Jews who have left the Soviet Union this year to date is 13,306, the highest number since 1980, when 21,471 Jews emigrated. In April 1980, 2,469 Jews emigrated from the Soviet Union.

Greek Court Overrules President On Status Of Jewish Museum

by Jean Cohen

ATHENS (JTA) — The High Court of Justice here has decided in favor of the Jewish community's request to change the status of the Jewish Museum in Athens from a private institution into the ward of a foundation.

The decision overruled President Christos Sartzetakis of the Greek republic, who since 1986 has twice denied the request for a change. The presidential signature is required for such transformations.

The court ruled that the president's position was unreasonable and groundless. The case was the first time a religious minority in Greece appealed against a presidential decision.

Former Knesset Speaker Dead at 70

by Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Menachem Savidor, a former speaker of the Knesset and a member of its Likud faction, died of a heart attack at Ichilov Hospital at the age of 70.

Savidor was born in Russia and came to Palestine in 1940, traveling via China and Japan.

Arts and Entertainment

Boris Berman At R.I.C.



Boris Berman

Noted pianist Boris Berman will perform in recital at Rhode Island College in the chamber music series on Wednesday, Nov. 16, at 1 p.m. in Roberts Hall 138.

Berman, whom the *Boston Globe* termed a performer of "opulent

unforced pianism" with an "unfailing beautiful tone," will perform Bach's *Chaconne from Partita in D Minor for Violin Solo* (transcribed for left hand only by Johannes Brahms), Debussy's *Four Preludes* and Chopin's *Barcarolle in F sharp Major Opus 60* and *Scherzo No. 1 in B Minor Opus 20*.

His performance is free and open to the public.

Born in Moscow and now residing in New Haven, Conn., with his wife and two children, Berman studied at Moscow Tchaikovsky Conservatory with the esteemed Lev Oborin and graduated with distinction as both pianist and harpsichordist.

He has performed extensively throughout the Soviet Union as a recitalist and has appeared as guest soloist with numerous orchestras, including the Moscow Philharmonic and the Moscow Chamber orchestras.

In 1973 he immigrated to Israel and appeared repeatedly as a soloist with all major Israeli orchestras, the Israel Philharmonic among them.

In Israel Berman developed his

concert programming, prompting the *Jerusalem Post* to observe: "Berman's original thinking and capability to get a specific message across through his program have become indispensable assets of our musical life. No one can rival his rare sense of balance in the art of programming."

Berman founded and directed the successful *Music Spectrum*, an acclaimed concert series in Tel-Aviv from 1974-84. The series made its debut in New York in 1984 and continues under the auspices of the Yale School of Music.

Berman is currently the head of the piano department at the Yale School of Music.

This year, his concert tours will take him to Europe, the Middle East and Central and South America.

Poetry Contest

A \$1,000 grand prize is being offered in World of Poetry's Free Poetry Contest, open to all poets. There are 200 prizes in all, totaling over \$16,000. The deadline for entering is November 15, 1988. Winners will be notified and prizes sent on or before December 15, in plenty of time for Christmas.

Says Contest Director Joseph Mellon: "Even if you have written only one poem in your life, send it in. I expect to discover new poets through this contest." To enter, send One Poem Only, 21 lines or less, to: World of Poetry, Dept. PR, 2431 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, Calif. 95817.

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High Marks For "Anything Goes"



by Dorothea Snyder

Commanding a three P rating at the Shubert is Cole Porter's nifty *Anything Goes*.

This peppy, perky and pizzazzy production is lavishly set in love boat surroundings. There's romance on the high seas and stars in the ingenue's eyes, played dreamily by Rebecca Baxter, but how could you miss with songs like "Easy To Love" and "I Get A Kick Out Of You."

Leslie Uggams, Rex Smith and zany Rip Taylor are crispy salts on board that make for smooth sailing. Vocal vibrations by Uggams and Smith do justice to the array of wonderful and sentimental songs. Taylor's timing is great, and his role as Moonface Martin is tailor-made for him.

The original 1934 *Anything Goes* production was written by Guy Bolton, P.G. Wodehouse, Howard Lindsay and Russell Crouse. An Off-Broadway revival opened May 15, 1962, and was revised by Guy Bolton. The current Lincoln Center production, with book by Timothy Crouse and John Weidman,

opened October 18, 1987 at the Vivian Beaumont Theatre.

The plot is farcical with gangsters in guise as ministers, persona popping in and out of doors on bottom deck and up and down the staircase to the top deck. The story becomes the link to the next great production number. And there are many!

Bouncy Susan Terry is a high-powered Erma and dazzles with her "Buddie, Beware" number. Paul Ames blunders and sputters Americanese through his upper crust Englishman's tongue. Michael Smuin's precise choreography is interpreted by a terrific dance company. Tony Walton's elaborate set and exquisite costumes are a stunner. Jerry Zaks' acute sense of timing keeps the show moving at a brisk pace.

The National Tour of Cole Porter's musical, which won the 1988 Tony Award for "Best Revival," continues at the Shubert, 265 Tremont Street, Boston through November 19. (617) 426-4520.

The Eternal Light - November

The *Eternal Light*, award-winning radio program produced by The Jewish Theological Seminary of America in cooperation with the NBC radio network, announces its schedule for the month of November.

Important New Books

November 6: *The World of Our Mothers* author Sydney Stahl Weinberg, professor of history at Ramapo College, talks with Dr. Natalie Gordon, director of social services at the Jewish Home and Hospital for the Aged in New York, about her study of the Jewish women who immigrated to America early in this century.

November 13: *Jewish Times* Sociologist and historian Dr. Gladys Rosen talks with author Howard Simons about his evocation of the people and the places that have formed the American Jewish community.

November 20 and 27: *Conservative Judaism in Israel*. Host Robert Cohen talks with Dr. Lee Levine, Dean of the Bet Midrash, Rabbi Edward Romm, founder of NOAM, and Rabbi Ehud Bendel, a member of the first graduating class of the Jerusalem based Seminary of Judaic Studies,

about the growing Masorti Movement, and the impact of Conservative Judaism in Israel.

Check your NBC station for local time.

R.I. Youth Philharmonic

The Symphony Orchestra of the Rhode Island Philharmonic Youth Orchestras will present the first concert of the Season on Sunday, November 20, at 3 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Providence, R.I. The Orchestra, under the direction of Nedo Pandolfi, will perform Symphony #2 by Tchaikovsky, *Eine kleine Nachtmusik* by Mozart, and *West Side Story* by Bernstein.

The Symphony Orchestra is composed of 67 senior and junior high school students from public and private schools in Rhode Island and southeastern Massachusetts. They are all accepted into the Orchestra on the basis of auditions held last June.

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Brandeis Brings 'Soul Of A Jew'



In an exclusive local engagement, the Haifa Municipal Theatre will present *Soul of a Jew* in Hebrew, by Yehoshua Sobel at the Spingold Theater in Waltham. Pictured here are members of the internationally-acclaimed company in a production scene from the controversial play, *Soul of a Jew*.

In one of only four U.S. engagements, the Haifa Municipal Theatre will present *Soul of a Jew* by Yehoshua Sobel at Brandeis University's Spingold Theater, opening Wednesday, November 9 at 7 p.m. for one week only. As part of the Israel-North America Cultural

Exchange, The Haifa Municipal Theatre will be performing in Los Angeles, San Francisco, New York, and at the Spingold Theater.

The controversial play, performed in Hebrew, with live English translation available via headset, is set in

turn-of-the-century-Vienna, and explores the last desperate hours before the suicide of 23-year-old Otto Weininger, a self-hating Jewish philosopher whose treatise was later used as Nazi propaganda.

A member of Kibbutz Shamir from 1957-65, Yehoshua Sobel graduated from the Sorbonne, where he completed his studies in philosophy. Sobel served as Artistic Director of the Haifa Municipal Theatre from 1985-1988 and has written for the socialist paper *Al-Ha-Mishmar*.

Since its founding in 1961, the Haifa Municipal Theatre has established a reputation as the outstanding proponent of modern Israeli plays in that country. Its 30-member company performs eight to ten plays annually, and tours extensively throughout Israel. The Haifa has gained an international reputation for provocative, highly theatrical investigations of modern Jewish issues through its tours in Berlin, London, Edinburgh (*Soul of a Jew* opened the 1983 Edinburgh Festival), and the United States (in 1986 at the Kennedy Center and the Chicago International Theater Festival).

Performances for *Soul of a Jew* will be Wednesday, November 9, at 7 p.m., November 10 at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m., November 12 at 5:30 p.m. and 9 p.m., and November 13 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. For ticket information and reservations, call (617) 736-3400, or write the Spingold Theater, Brandeis University, P.O. Box 9110, Waltham, Mass. 02254-9110.

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Joel Grey Stars In Cabaret

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Based on John van Druten's play, *I Am a Camera*, and stories by Christopher Isherwood, *Cabaret* is the story of Berlin in the final days before the Third Reich - a time when nothing was taken

seriously, and when "life was a cabaret."

For reservations and further information, call the Providence Performing Arts Center Box Office at 421-ARTS. Tickets range from \$25.50 to \$31.50, and are also available through Ticketron or Teletron at 1-800-382-8080.

Parents' Plights And Rights

by Dr. Steve C. Imber

Dear Dr. Imber: My husband and I have recently remarried. We both have children from a previous marriage. When his six-year-old son comes to visit with us, he seems to be happy, only when he is given a new toy which he desires or commands our full attention. While we plan our visits so that we have an opportunity to do a number of activities which he enjoys, he begins to pout as soon as the activity is over. Sometimes he appears to be quite angry with us as well. We understand that the situation is a difficult one for him but are concerned about his behavior. He constantly tests me and is slowly driving me crazy. Any thoughts?

On Edge

Dear Edgy:

You are in an especially difficult position because your husband's son may have particularly strong feelings pertaining to his parents' divorce and your subsequent remarriage. Your concern can be translated into a practical plan of action which can be assessed during the next few months. Naturally, your own positive interaction with this young man is especially important. There are probably a number of activities which he might enjoy doing with you. If you and he are so inclined, just having a catch or taking a walk may provide you with an opportunity for some positive interaction. If he enjoys playing board games or building models, these activities might also provide a positive framework for

interaction.

As Bruno Bettelheim once noted, "love is not enough." What I am trying to suggest is that it is appropriate for you and your husband to discuss your expectations of behavior for your stepson. It might be helpful for the two of you to sit down and make a list of "rules" which are positively stated, concise, and very specific. If you can agree on your own expectations, you will increase your success in dealing with behavioral problems. Your stepson may choose to test you because he is trying to determine just how you fit into things and how you will respond to him. It may not necessarily be anything personal. It is equally important to develop a set of consequences, both positive and negative, for his appropriate and inappropriate behavior. While it is certainly appropriate to establish a warm relationship with him, the relationship will not flourish unless some clear limits are set and you both are pretty consistent in enforcing those limits.

The boy may have a lot of feelings to work through before a more positive relationship can be established. It is possible that he will communicate his feelings with you or your husband. It is certainly important to be understanding about any areas of concern which he expresses. It is entirely possible that his behavior may improve but he still may seem unhappy. While he may demonstrate "unhappy behavior" to gain attention and control of the situation with you and your husband, should such a pattern continue over a period of a few months, you may find it

helpful to work with a therapist.

Certainly, your stepson may have a particular sensitivity about the fact that your child lives with the two of you and he does not. If such a concern begins to emerge, it may also be helpful to address those feelings through discussion with him or therapeutic interaction.

While time does not heal all wounds, a concern and a consistent plan of action will increase your chances for success.

Dr. Imber is a Professor of Special Education at Rhode Island College, a past president of the International Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders and a consultant to parents and schools. Questions about children and adolescents with learning or behavioral problems can be mailed to him at 145 Waterman Street, Providence, R.I. 02906 (401) 276-5775. All communication will be held in strict confidence.

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Times Gone By



Jane Seymour and Sir John Gielgud are starred as Natalie Jastrow and her uncle, Aaron, when the first 18 hours of Herman Wouk's *War and Remembrance* air as an "ABC Novel for Television" presentation in seven parts on the ABC Television Network, beginning Sunday, Nov. 13 and concluding Wednesday, Nov. 23.

The remainder of the estimated 30-hour dramatization of Wouk's novel will be seen on the network in 1989.

Munchtime Melodies

On Monday, November 21, a great new way for downtown workers to spend their lunch break will begin. The newly renovated Providence Public Library and the Music School Inc., a non-profit community music school for all ages and musical interests, will present a series of lunchtime concerts in the library's auditorium. The entertainment will be furnished by some of Rhode Island's most exciting and diverse musicians.

and periods of classical and modern music including Baroque, Romantic, contemporary, jazz, fusion, rock, etc. The library will also have displays to highlight other aspects of the various cultures.

The concerts will begin at 12 noon and end just before 1. For further information about the concert series call The Music School, Inc., at 272-9877.

Kevin Fallon, Sandol Autrausky, and Mark Roberts will present their old time, hand-slapping, foot-stomping music as the kick-off for 30 weeks of great noon-time fun. The following weeks will feature fusion by Second Shift; Mosaic, a classical woodwind ensemble; Tierra Adentro will present a Hispanic Christmas celebration and Holiday music from Appalachia and the British Isles will be presented by Rachel Maloney and Chris Turner.

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Influenza — Be Prepared

Signs And Symptoms

Influenza is a seasonal viral respiratory illness, with outbreaks occurring virtually every winter. Although the flu may vary slightly each year, the symptoms seldom change. If you are unsure whether you have the flu, the following information will be helpful.

Because flu symptoms can vary, some occurring with less severity than others, it's quite common for someone to question a case of the flu. Among the common symptoms are chills, fever of 101 degrees to 104 degrees, sneezing, headache, sore throat, and muscular pains, particularly in the back and limbs. What usually follows are a dry hacking cough, and often chest pains. Later, the cough produces mucus and a runny nose. The fever generally lasts two to three days, and leaves you feeling weak for another few days. Small children tend to run slightly higher fevers than adults. If there are no complications, you should be fully recovered within one or two weeks. Although the symptoms may subside in three to five days, the cough and weakness may persist. In some patients, especially the elderly, weakness may persist for several weeks.

It's not uncommon for the flu to be indistinguishable from infection with a number of other viruses and bacteria that also produce headache, muscle aches, fever and cough. However, if there has been an epidemic reported, usually by the local, state, or national health authorities, and you have these symptoms, it's highly likely to be a case of the flu.

Complications Of Influenza

When influenza strikes, usually during the winter months, most of us will find ourselves susceptible to the virus. Those of us who contract the flu will usually recover within a week or two. Unfortunately, there are certain high-risk segments of the population with a much greater chance of developing complications.

Those considered at high-risk include small children, heavy smokers, diabetics, the elderly, and individuals with chronic cardiac or respiratory problems. Annual flu shots are highly recommended for these individuals.

The main risk of influenza is that the infection may spread from

the upper respiratory tract downward to the lungs and cause bronchitis or pneumonia. Pneumonia, the most serious complication of the flu, is marked by persistent fever, cough, and other respiratory symptoms for more than five days. Bronchitis is marked by coughing, fever, and pain in the chest, especially when coughing. Such complications are rare, and will most likely not affect the majority of people who come down with the flu.

If you develop the flu you will most likely not need to call your physician. But if a fever persists longer than three to five days, it is recommended to seek medical attention. Those without a

personal physician are advised to visit a neighborhood health center.

Flu Prevention

It is usually during the colder months of the year that influenza or "the flu" strikes. Occurring in epidemics, the flu often leaves people feeling weak, and often depressed, for about a week. Lethargy may even last for several weeks, especially in the elderly. Although most people recover within a few days, there are certain segments of the population where flu prevention may mean the difference between life and death.

The cornerstone of flu prevention is immunization, or flu shots. Most experts agree that not everyone needs a flu shot. There are certain high-risk individuals, however, who should receive annual immunizations — those with respiratory or cardiac problems, people with chronic lung disease and the elderly. In addition, health care personnel, because of their extensive contact with high-risk patients, should get flu shots. Although the vaccine has not been proven harmful to unborn children, pregnant women whose third trimester occurs during the winter months should consult their physicians.

It is highly recommended that flu shots be administered in late autumn, the beginning of flu season. These vaccines, based on the previous year's virus, are usually about 75 to 80 percent effective, with immunity developing in about 14 days. Many people believe that the beginning of flu season is the best time to be immunized, although vaccinations can be effectively given throughout flu season. Since flu shots are good for only one to two years, an annual vaccination is recommended for the best protection.

Unfortunately, misconceptions regarding flu shots are quite common. For example, many people consider a low-grade fever and weakness occurring 8 to 12 hours after vaccination, to be the flu. In most instances, this is

merely a side effect of the vaccination occurring in only one to two percent of those vaccinated. Another possible side effect includes a sore arm at the vaccination site. Most people would agree, however, that these mild side effects, which last no longer than a day, are much better than an actual case of the flu.

Anyone wishing to reduce their chances of contracting the flu may receive a flu shot. It should be noted, however, that the vaccines are made from chicken embryos and must not be given to persons who are hypersensitive to eggs, feathers or chickens.

Individuals with questions regarding flu shots and other means of flu prevention should contact their personal physician or call a neighborhood health center.

When Your Child Has The Flu

Most parents will agree that taking care of a sick child can be very demanding. With flu season here, many of us will find ourselves taking time out of our normal routine to tend to a sick child. Although flu affects virtually all age groups, its incidence is highest among schoolchildren. Parents will find the following information from the Child Life Center at Rhode Island Hospital to be helpful this flu season.

The most important thing to remember when taking care of a sick child is to see that the child gets plenty of rest and drinks lots of fluids. Children with the flu tend to develop high fevers (higher than adults). Drinking lots of fluids will help keep a fever down. A child who has the flu will not feel like eating for a few days, but there is no need to worry about pushing foods as long as fluids are plentiful.

When suffering from the flu, most children will sleep a great deal. When your child is not resting, there are a few things you can do to keep him or her entertained. Although most children are not feeling very creative when they're sick, a youngster will especially enjoy coloring with crayons or markers. Small children may also enjoy water play using cups and funnels, or playing with containers such as pans or boxes. These can be very soothing and relaxing forms of entertainment.

Older children appreciate word search games, connecting numbers, crossword puzzles or hand-held electronic games. Also

very popular is gluing pieces of paper or cloth together. Finally, most parents will agree that all children adore being read to. Taking a few extra minutes to discuss a story with your child can be an added benefit.

An important thing to remember is that rest is the best medicine. Keeping your child quiet will help speed the recovery process. In the meantime, enjoy your quiet time alone with your child and let him or her know that you are there.

What To Do When You Have The Flu

Most people are aware that influenza or "the flu" is most common and widespread during the winter months. Since there is no specific treatment for the flu, just about all you do is focus on relieving the symptoms. These include muscle aches and pains (especially in the back and legs), fever, headache and sore throat. You might find some relief, however, by using the following tips:

Go to bed as soon as the symptoms appear and stay there until your temperature returns to normal, usually anywhere from 24 to 48 hours. You should expect to feel weak, and possibly depressed, for about a week after your temperature drops. Experts agree that bed rest is one of the most effective ways to relieve flu symptoms. To relieve aches and pains, be sure to take aspirin or an aspirin substitute approved by your physician, and drink as much water or fruit juice as you comfortably can. Warm baths or heating pads may also help relieve aches and pains.

If the fever lasts for more than three or four days, or if you become short of breath while resting, call your physician. In most cases, however, there is no need to see your physician unless you're among the groups most susceptible to complications — the elderly, those with respiratory or cardiac problems or people with chronic lung disease.

To prevent spreading the virus, remember to dispose of tissues properly and to wash your hands frequently.

Influenza must be allowed to run its course. The most important thing to remember is to not overexert yourself and to rest as much as possible until you are fully recovered.

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A "Heart Smart Cook Off," a free Rhode Island Hospital program on heart-healthy food planning, will be held on Sunday, November 20 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Hospital's Gerry House.

Participants will be invited to taste-test low-fat, "heart-smart" delicacies courtesy of several fine area restaurants, and take home their favorite recipes to use in holiday meal planning. A cholesterol screening will be available for all participants, instruction in label-reading by a Hospital nutritionist, valuable information on lowering cholesterol from Rhode Island Hospital cardiologist and Rhode Island Heart Association president, Dr. Robert Capone, and more.

Participating restaurants include: Alexion's Family Restaurant, Pawtucket; City Lights, Providence; Cup 'N Saucer, Pawtucket; Domino's Pizza, Pawtucket; Gregg's, Warwick; My Brother's Pub, Pawtucket; The Point, Providence.

Attendance is limited to 100; participants are urged to register soon by calling the Rhode Island Hospital Department of Cardiology at 277-5891. This program is part of a free series on heart health issues sponsored by Rhode Island Hospital departments of Cardiology, Psychiatry and Nursing for the public.

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Roast Stuffed Cornish Hen

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| 6 Cornish Hens (about 14 ounces each) | 2 tbsp. margarine |
| 1 pkg. wild rice mix or long grain and wild rice combination | 1 tsp. sage or thyme, savory or tarragon |
| 1 medium onion, chopped | 1/4 cup brandy |
| | 1 cup orange sections |

To make the stuffing, cook rice until it is still slightly firm. Drain. In a skillet, melt margarine and cook chopped onion until browned. Add rice and sage; toss gently.

Clean, wash and dry hens. Stuff lightly and skewer or sew the vents closed.

Brush hens with 1/2 cup melted margarine and place breasts side up on a rack in a shallow pan. Roast at 350 degrees, uncovered, about 1 hour, basting occasionally with the melted margarine.

Make a sauce by adding 1/2 cup water to the drippings in the roasting pan, stirring to dislodge browned particles from the pan. Add 1/4 cup brandy and 1 cup orange sections. Cook 2 minutes. Serve with hens.

Yield: 12 Servings

Roast Stuffed Cornish Hen Nutritional Analysis per Serving

198 Calories	44 mg. Cholesterol
15.3 g. Protein	24.6 g. Carbohydrates
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Juliette Award Winners L to R: Deborah H. Siegel, Lorraine C. McGee, Sheila Tobie Swan and A. Jean Coy.

In a dazzling Newport setting, four Rhode Island women received the first Juliette awards ever presented by the Rhode Island Girl Scout council Saturday evening, October 29, to recognize their outstanding leadership.

A. Jean Coy, a West Warwick resident, is Supervisor of Computer Operations for the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics. A music teacher until she moved to Rhode Island, Coy found a new career at Electric Boat. Coy was recognized this year as Quonset Point's "Professional of the Month," and she is listed in the 16th edition of *Who's Who Among American Women*.

Lorraine C. McGee, a

Woonsocket native, is Assistant Vice President of Marketing and Public Relations for Marquette Credit Union. McGee is the first woman nationally to receive honorary membership in the Jaycees, and she was named Outstanding Young Woman in 1981 for her community leadership and involvement.

Deborah Harriet Siegel, Ph.D., a Pawtucket resident, is Associate Professor in the School of Social Work at Rhode Island College. A former Edith Abbot Teaching Fellow at the University of Chicago, she has established services for the aged in Alabama and helped set up an employee assistance program in North

Peddling U2

'Rattle and Hum' Waddles in Dumb

by David DeBlois

U2's *Rattle and Hum*. I was looking forward to this. I entered the theater lobby. It was the first showing of the film at the Showcase Cinemas in Seekonk. The first disappointment of the day smacked me right in the face.

Attendees were still setting it up — a large cardboard contraption for displaying *Rattle and Hum* T-shirts (\$11.95), hats (\$8.95), and posters. A banner splashed across the back wall of the lobby proudly proclaimed that special U2 "limited edition merchandise" was available here.

Oh, Bono, say it isn't so. Edge, tell me it's all a big mistake. Ya mean this is all just a marketing

Carolina. Her book reviews appear regularly in national professional journals — *Social Service Review* and the *International Journal of Sociology*, and she is listed in *Who's Who Among Human Services Professionals*.

And Sheila Tobie Swan of Wakefield is Assistant Counsel for Metropolitan Property and Liability Insurance Company. She joined the Department of Attorney General in 1985, is a founding member of the Women's Bar Association of Rhode Island, member of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, is admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States, and also holds membership in both the American and Rhode Island Bar Association.

gimmick? A cheap way to sell overpriced black T-shirts to kids?

Maybe not. Maybe . . . maybe this "limited edition merchandise" junk was all Paramount's idea. Yeah, that's it. I bet it'll still be a great movie. The soundtrack album is terrific, U2 is a dynamic live band — how can it miss, right? Wrong, Einstein.

Rattle and Hum, I'm sorry to say, is pretty much equivalent to watching an hour and a half of MTV.

The music from the film, produced by Boy Wonder Jimmy Iovine, is top notch, enhanced at the Showcase by their auxiliary sound system. Of the new material, the biggest surprise is provided by The Edge, who takes lead vocals on one number. He proves himself quite a talented singer in his own right, capable of fronting for virtually any other band.

But U2, of course, has Bono. Bono's appeal as a singer comes less from technical ability than raw passion — a passion that remains intact here. New songs, old songs, and covers all have standout moments in the film, but, unlike the band's previous concert video, *Under A Blood Red Sky*, no momentum is allowed to build up here, a fault that must be placed on the filmmakers.

Unlike the best concert films, such as the Band's *The Last Waltz* and the Stones' *Gimme Shelter*, we are not shown anything new — we learn nothing about the band, its

members, or what it's like to be on a concert tour. U2's political news, such a large part of their music, are left unexplored, despite the obvious opening provided by perhaps the angriest rendition of "Sunday Bloody Sunday," the band's passionate plea for an end to violence in Northern Ireland, ever recorded.

"Bad," a song about drug addiction, is judiciously placed after scenes of U2 touring Graceland, and two Rolling Stones standards ("Ruby Tuesday" and "Sympathy for the Devil") are interpolated in the song. And just what are the band's opinions about drugs? The question is never asked; the audience never finds out.

This lack of investigation would be acceptable if the filmmakers would just stick with the concert scenes and *let the band perform*. Instead, the audience is force-fed gratuitous cuts away from the concerts, flashy rapid editing, sweeping camera movements, and any number of scenes rather obviously staged for the film. All this heavy-handed direction only detracts from the performances. It all looks like MTV.

Only at the closing of the film is the band allowed to perform three songs ("Running to Stand Still," "Sunday Bloody Sunday," and "Pride (In the name of love)") with a minimum of interruption from directors or editing, and this sequence is easily the strongest in the film — an indication of what might have been.

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Business and Finance

Driving Costs Rise 2.1 Cents Per Mile

It cost 27.5 cents per mile to own and operate a car during the third quarter of 1988, an increase of 2.1 cents over the same period last year, AAA South Central New England reported.

The quarterly study of driving costs is based on computations made by Runzheimer International of Rochester, Wisconsin, a management consulting firm specializing in transportation, travel, and living costs.

New England, at 28.7 cents per mile, was the most expensive region in which to own and operate a car, while the Midwest and the Southeast were the least expensive, at 26.6 cents per mile. Other regional costs are: Mid-Atlantic, 27.8 cents; Great Lakes, 27.0 cents;

West, 27.6 cents; and Southwest, 27.1 cents.

The average per-mile cost is determined by combining operating and ownership costs. Operating costs, 7.4 cents per mile, relate directly to the number of miles driven, and include gasoline, oil, maintenance and tires.

Ownership costs are the major component of keeping a car on the road. Such costs include insurance, license and registration fees, taxes, depreciation and finance charges. Computed at an average of \$8.24 per day, or \$3,007.60 per year, ownership costs are fixed costs not significantly affected by the number of miles driven.

A motorist driving 15,000 miles per year would pay \$1,110 in op-

erating costs (15,000 x 7.40 cents) plus \$3,007.60 in ownership costs — a total of \$4,117.60 per year, or 27.5 cents per mile (\$4,117.60 divided by 15,000).

The study for the third quarter of 1988 showed an increase in operating costs due to rising gasoline prices nationwide. Ownership costs were also up in every region because of increased insurance rates.

These quarterly driving cost figures are based on a composite national average for three 1988 models: a four-cylinder Ford Escort GL, a six-cylinder Chevrolet Celebrity and a six-cylinder Chevrolet Caprice driven 15,000 miles per year under stop-and-go driving conditions and kept in service four years.

Annuities: Assuring Your Financial Security

by Patricia A. Scanlon

Have you heard there's an investment which is a form of "insurance" that can guarantee you regular income during your lifetime? Did you also know that it will afford you, the investor, such benefits as tax-deferred earnings and competitive yields? Well, there is, it does, and it's called annuity.

An annuity — different from life insurance because it pays off while you are still living — is an investment program that allows you to determine when you start receiving payment. Annuities are issued by insurance companies, and today are sold by all types of financial institutions.

Because they are tax-deferred, the money you earn on your principal is not taxed until you begin collecting payments — which is usually years from now. The result of tax-deferred compounding is faster capital growth, unlike other investments whose current income is taxable (like bank certificates of deposit).

Although annuities make sense at practically any stage of life, they are perhaps best suited to middle-aged people in high tax brackets looking toward retirement in 10, 15, or 20 years. For example, you could purchase an annuity while still in a high tax bracket and elect to begin receiving your payments at retirement when you will be in a lower tax bracket. Annuity buyers should have enough liquid investments that they will not need to withdraw funds prematurely from the annuity. There is a tax penalty for early withdrawal, and most sellers of annuities charge a fee if you take back your money in the early years. An annuity is therefore an ideal supplement to your retirement income from Social Security, company pension plan and IRA's or Keoghs.

Annuities are highly flexible and can be tailored to your exact circumstances and goals. This flexibility means there are many options available to you. To avoid confusion, simply keep in mind that:

You can choose to pay the premium in a lump sum (a single-premium annuity) or over as many years as you wish (a flexible-payment annuity).

You can invest your money at a fixed or variable rate. Fixed annuities make it possible to lock in a fixed rate for one to five years, after which you, in effect, roll your principal over and get the company's new fixed rate. On the other hand, variable annuities provide investors with a market based option. You can pick the type of securities in which your money is invested. The choices usually include a stock, bond or money-market fund. As with mutual funds, variable annuities allow you to move your monies around within a family of funds as your investment strategy and market conditions change.

When you elect to receive income from the annuity, you may choose from a range of payment plans. These include monthly payments for a fixed number of years, monthly payments guaranteed through your lifetime, a combination of these two (i.e., the longer of, say, 10 years of your lifetime) or a joint-and-survivor annuity that guarantees an income to you and, eventually, your surviving spouse.

Your annuity income will be based on the value of your annuity at the time the income payments start, the insurance company's assumptions about future rates of return, and mortality projections for people your age. The amount you receive will also reflect the cost of meeting any conditions you put on the payout, such as extending it beyond your own lifetime.

Annuities are usually very safe, but it's prudent to check the soundness of the issuer. Read the insurer's annual report, and look at *Best's Insurance Reports: Life - Health*, a rating service available at some public libraries.

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Paid Sick Days For Sick Child Care

NEW YORK — In interviews with 944 wage and salaried working women who had recently given birth, the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) Center for the Child found that 90% considered paid days to care for a sick child the most useful benefit an employer could provide.

The interviews were conducted as part of the Center's "Mothers in the Workplace" study — a national study of contemporary work-family issues — and presented in the NCJW Center for the Child's report, "Employer Supports for Child Care." Other employer-provided benefits cited as "very useful" in the report were:

- Help paying for child care — 81%
- Flextime — 77%
- Child Care At/Near Work — 72%
- Voluntary Part-Time Work — 57%
- Help Finding Child Care — 56%

There are many ways that employers can help their employees solve child care problems other than by opening a day care center at work," said James T. Bond, Director of the NCJW Center for the Child. "One simple, relatively inexpensive, and particularly effective way is to allow working parents to take time off to care for their sick children without having to hide the fact,

give up vacation time, or lose pay. Indeed, working mothers with newborns considered this the single most useful benefit that their employers could offer. Other highly desirable low or no-cost benefits included flexibility in work schedules, opportunities for voluntary part-time work, and help in finding child care."

In a 1987 NCJW Center for the Child survey of more than 2,000 employers across the country, relatively few had explicit policies regarding time off to care for sick children. Based on information obtained for each occupational group in the workplaces surveyed, only 27% of the more than 4,000 groups of workers represented in the sample were "specifically allowed" to use paid sick days to care for a sick child. However, employers also said that workers in another 39% of groups often used sick days for this purpose though there was no formal policy for this practice.

Established in 1893, the National Council of Jewish Women is the oldest Jewish women's volunteer organization in America. NCJW's more than 100,000 members in 200 Sections nationwide are active in the organization's priority areas of women's issues, Jewish life, aging, children and youth, Israel and Constitutional rights.

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The sixth graders from the Solomon Schechter Day School of Rhode Island just spent a wonderful week with peers from other area Schechter Schools at Horizons for Youth, a program specializing in hands-on science and ecology education, in Sharon, Mass. here are some of their impressions:

Challenge At Horizons Mimi Ryvicker

Horizons for Youth is a camp where issues about nature are discussed and taught. Another thing that is taught is how to work together. That is what Challenge at Horizons is all about.

One of the events in this activity called "Challenge" is called "Trustfall." One person in the group stands on a wall that is about five feet tall. The rest of the group stands on the ground and forms what is called a "human zipper," which helps them catch the person when he or she purposely falls off the wall. For this event, you don't need to be strong or have any special skills. All you need to do is trust yourself and others, and be able to work together with patience.

The trustfall is one of the many different events that deals with cooperation and trust. This is an issue that you need to use in your daily life, and that is what Horizons for Youth teaches you. Nobody can live a good life without being able to trust and cooperate with other people.

Challenge Day Danny Silverman

On Challenge Day the whole camp was split into eleven different work groups to complete the various challenges. My favorite one was called "The Wall." The idea was to get everyone over a ten-foot wall. A boy named Zack was the first one up and I was the second. The two of us stayed up and pulled everyone up and over the wall. I had a great time!

What I learned from Challenge Day is that no matter how hard the challenge is, if there's teamwork and trust, it can be accomplished.

Trustfall Erica Newman

The boy before me has just fallen. We put him down and now it is my turn to take this scary fall. I know I will not get hurt if I trust myself and the others on my team, but it is still scary to do.

I start up the wall and big rushes of blood go through my body. It seems like a light year before I reach the top of the four-foot wall. I look down and to me the people look like ants on the ground.

I turn around and put my arms over my chest and close my eyes. I stand with my eyes closed for a minute. I feel chills running up and down my body, waiting for the moment when I will actually fall.

Then I feel it — the light tap on my left shoulder. I fly through the air, stiff was a board and light as a

feather. I think about my life, my short life.

Then I land in the arms of my friends, my trusted friends. They put me down and I jump for joy, laughing and thanking my friends. Now I can do it again, because I trusted them!

Postcard Drawing Contest

All elementary school children are invited to enter the "Rhode Island — Where the Vision Began" children's postcard drawing contest. A \$50 gift certificate from "Red Hen Country Gifts" will go to the winner of each grade group (K-1, 2-3, 4-5 and 6). The contest is sponsored by the Rhode Island Society to Prevent Blindness with funding from the Rhode Island Credit Union League and its member credit unions.

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3. Postmarked no later than November 30, 1988. Mail to: R.I. Society to Prevent Blindness, 1800 Post Road, Warwick, R.I. 02886.

Children's Museum MADD Poster Contest

On Saturday, November 12 at 10:30 a.m. popular storyteller Marc Joel Levitt will tell Russian folktales and stories. This will be held at the Pawtucket Congregational Church auditorium, next door to the Museum, 56 Walcott Street. Admission is \$2 per person, \$1 per person for Museum members.

The week beginning November 13 is a glowing week for the Children's Museum of Rhode Island. Sunday, November 13 from 1-3 p.m. the program is called "Planets 'Round the Sun." Children will find the constellations hanging in the Museum's "Seasonal Skies" exhibit and create their own constellations using marshmallows and toothpicks.

On Wednesday, November 16 from 3:30-5 p.m. during "Give Us Some Glow" children will help make the museum shine with silver and gold stars.

Friday, November 18 from 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Karen Lambe's "Pre-Schooler Friday" features *Stories Aloud*. Preschoolers will hear stories of early settlers and native Indians. There is a fee of \$1.50 per child ABOVE the Museum admission fee for this program. Pre-registration required: call 726-2591 between 8:30-10 a.m. on Friday morning.

The Children's Museum, located at 58 Walcott Street, Pawtucket, is open Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 1-5 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission is \$2.50 per person, Museum members free.

WARWICK — "DRIVESOBER ... DRIVE SMART!" is the 1989 theme for the third annual poster/essay contest sponsored by Mothers Against Drunk Driving, and National Car Rental.

All local entries must be received at MADD's Warwick headquarters, 335-D Centerville Road, no later than January 14, 1989. Winners in various age categories will be awarded gift certificates valued at from \$75 to \$100, at ceremonies scheduled for Saturday, February 4, 1989, at John Sherer's National Car Rental, 615 Reservoir Avenue, Cranston, at 11 a.m. For the third year running, Marquette Credit Union, with headquarters in Woonsocket, will provide the prize certificates redeemable for general merchandise of the winners' choice.

Mrs. Gabrielle Abbate, who is chairing the project for MADD's Rhode Island chapter, noted that local winning posters and essays will then be forwarded to MADD's national headquarters in Hurst, Texas for inclusion in the national judging. National prize winners will be awarded the following: 1st place, \$1000, plus travel to New York City with chaperone; 2nd place, \$500, plus plaque and gold certificate; 3rd place, \$250, plus plaque and certificate. All national finalists receive a certificate.

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Obituaries

LILLIAN BLUMENTHAL
PROVIDENCE — Lillian Blumenthal, 84, of 60 Broadway, a teacher in the Providence School Department for 44 years before retiring 19 years ago, died November 2, 1988, at Miriam Hospital.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late Harris and Rose (Rosenbloom) Blumenthal.

She leaves a niece and two nephews.

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

IRVING I. COKEN

WARWICK — Irving I. Coken, 83, of 3180 South Ocean Drive, Hallandale, Fla., founder, president and operator of the Coken Co., electrical contractors, for 45 years before retiring seven years ago, died November 4, 1988, at the Kent Nursing Home. He was the husband of Sylvia (Barash) Coken.

Born in Russia, a son of the late Leon and Bertha (Potter) Coken, he lived in Cranston for more than 30 years before moving to Florida five years ago. He came to this country in 1912 and obtained citizenship in 1946.

Mr. Coken was a member of Temple Sinai, Cranston, and an officer of Temple Beth Israel, Providence. He was a member of Redwood Lodge 35, AF and AM, the Palestine Temple of Shriners, the Metacomet Country Club, the Aurora Club, and was a former officer of the Ledgemont Country Club.

He was a past president of the Rhode Island-Southeastern Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association. He was a past board member of the Jewish Home for the Aged and Miriam Hospital. He was a member of the Touro Fraternal Association. He was a professional engineer and held four licenses in electrical contracting.

Besides his wife he leaves two sons, Gerald M. and Myron L. Coken, both of Cranston; five grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

A funeral service was held at Temple Sinai, Hagen Avenue. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

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FANNIE FINKLESTEIN
PROVIDENCE — Fannie Finklestein, 83, of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., formerly of East Manning Street, died November 2, 1988, at the home. She was the widow of Robert Finklestein.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late David and Lena Blacher.

Mrs. Finklestein was a member of Temple Beth-El, and the Women's Associations of the Jewish Home for the Aged, and Miriam Hospital and a member of Meeting Street School.

She leaves a son, Charles Finklestein of Providence; a daughter, Dorothy Cleinman of Warwick; a brother, Louis Blacher of New York and two grandchildren.

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

MILTON V. KESSLER

PROVIDENCE — Milton V. Kessler of 179 Cole Ave., assistant manager of Floyd's Men's Store, Attleboro, until retiring 20 years ago, died October 28, 1988, at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Tilda (Rotenberg) Kessler.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Barney and Eva (Wagner) Kessler.

Mr. Kessler was previously manager of the former Hotel Canterbury, Boston, for 20 years. For many years, he had been chaplain of the Fraternal Order of Police, Pawtucket, receiving its first honorary membership. He was a member of the Henry Friedman B'nai B'rith Lodge and the Jewish Home for the Aged.

Besides his wife he leaves a sister, Marion D. Kessler of Providence.

The funeral was held at Congregation Agudas Achim, Toner Boulevard, Attleboro. Burial was in Attleboro Hebrew Cemetery, Attleboro. Arrangements by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

AARON LICHTENSTEIN

BARRINGTON — Aaron Lichtenstein, 63, of 8 Fairfield Rd., head of the music department in the Barrington public school system for 30 years before retiring in 1983, died October 28, 1988, at Faulkner Hospital, Boston. He was the husband of Gloria (Shanahan) Lichtenstein.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., a son of the late Benjamin and Bertha

(Kornmeal) Lichtenstein, he lived in Barrington for 34 years. He previously lived in Warwick, Colorado and New Mexico.

Mr. Lichtenstein previously worked in the Warwick school system. He was a graduate of the Colorado State College of Education and received a master's degree from Providence College. He was a member of the board of directors of the Barrington Concert Series, a member of the board of directors of the United Brothers Synagogue and a member of the Rhode Island Music Educators Association. He was a member of the National Education Association.

He was an accomplished musician specializing in woodwind instruments and was a member of the Rhode Island Musicians Union. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Besides his wife he leaves two daughters, Sheila Lichtenstein of East Providence and Debra Nicholas of Seekonk; a son, Michael Lichtenstein of Jamestown; a sister, Rachel Smith of Hallandale, Fla.; a brother, Abraham Lichtenstein of Allentown, Pa.; and four grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon, Mass.

FANNIE NOCHIMOW

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. — Fannie (Bunin) Nochimow, 84, of the New Bedford Jewish Convalescent Home died November 3, 1988, at St. Lukes Hospital, New Bedford. Born in Russia, the daughter of the late Yitzchok and Rose (Nochimow) Bunin, she lived in New Bedford for the last 20 years. She previously lived in Brooklyn, N.Y. for 40 years. Mrs. Nochimow was the wife of the late Julius Nochimow. She was a member of Congregation Ahavath Achim Synagogue and its Sisterhood and the New Bedford Jewish Convalescent Home.

She is survived by a son, Isidore Nochimow, East Brunswick, N.J.; a daughter, Shirley Finkelstein, North Dartmouth, Mass.; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. The funeral was held at Cong. Ahavath Achim

Synagogue, New Bedford. Burial was at Plainville Cemetery, Plainville, Mass. Arrangements by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

EVELYN WALLACK

PROVIDENCE — Evelyn Youngstein-Wallack, 78, of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., died November 1, 1988, at Miriam Hospital. She was the widow of Irving Wallack. Her first husband was the late Frank Youngstein.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late Samuel and Sarah (Levine) Licker.

She leaves a sister, Florence Landes of Staten Island, N.Y.

The funeral procession departed from the Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Services at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Burial followed.

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In addition, there have been countless demonstrations by hundreds of thousands of Israelis, of all political persuasions and all levels of observance, urging that the law be changed. These Israelis view the current legislation as a dangerous change from a policy that began back in 1948. At that time, David Ben Gurion guaranteed the Agudas Israel World Organization that the new State would honor religious law in several areas of life, including Shabbos, kashrus and personal matters such as conversion and divorce.

What can be done to correct the situation?

There are two ways to resolve the situation in order to protect the sanctity and the safety of Israel. The first is to petition Israeli politicians to change the Law of Return. This has to be done immediately.

The second is to pressure reform and conservative rabbis to stop their policy of counterfeited conversions. Rather than mislead their "clients," these Rabbis should have the honesty and integrity to tell prospective converts (and any would-be spouses) three things:

One: Judaism demands that all one's thoughts, speech and deeds be dedicated to the Creator. If a person is going to convert, he or she has to be ready to make that commitment.

Two: The only way to convert is according to halacha.

Three: The only rabbis who can perform the procedure are those that believe in the Divinity of the Oral and Written Law, are absolutely knowledgeable, and strictly observe the Torah and its commandments.

This series of articles has outlined the issues involved on the matter of who is a Jew. Rabbi Dr. Jacob Immanuel Schochet, the spiritual leader of the Kieker Congregation in Toronto, Ontario and a professor of Philosophy at Humber College has written the best book out on the subject. It's called Who is a Jew: 30 Questions and Answers, and clearly outlines all the issues involved. A limited number of copies are available free by dropping a note to the Rhode Island Federation of Orthodox Jewish Organizations, 750 East Ave., Pawtucket, R.I. 02960.

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Kristallnacht

Hermann Goering, Reich Minister of the Four-Year Plan, issued the Decree Eliminating the Jews from German Economic Life. A 25-percent "flight" tax on all Jewish property being removed from German territory and a fine of one billion marks (\$400 million) were levied on the Jewish communities to "compensate" for the damages wrought by the Nazis. Goering expropriated all remaining Jewish businesses by transferring their ownership to "Aryan" hands.

Panic swept the Jewish communities. Thousands packed Western European and American consulates pleading for exit visas, but the total requests far exceeded the stringent immigration rules and regulations established by such countries as France, Great Britain, the United States, Canada and others. Of approximately 500,000 Jews remaining in the Reich at the time of "Kristallnacht," about 160,000 were able to get out.

"Kristallnacht" marked the intensification of a 5-year anti-Semitic program initiated by Adolf Hitler soon after he assumed power in 1933. Between January 30, 1933, and November 9, 1938, through a series of laws, Jews had been systematically denied their civil rights within the German community and deprived of the right to gainful employment. The violent physical violations of November 9-10 were the first attacks on Jews to go beyond the borders of Germany, affecting incorporated Austria and the newly occupied Sudetenland.

News stories filled the front pages of papers in the United

States and close to a thousand editorials were printed. Americans reacted initially with outrage. Pledges streamed from parishes, congregations and school districts to adopt and shelter Jewish families and their children. Calls for an economic and political boycott of Nazi Germany poured into Washington from trade unions, civic associations and parent-teacher associations, as well as from leaders of both political parties.

The events of November 9-10 were a significant step on the road to the Nazis' "final solution of the Jewish question." Within two months following "Kristallnacht," Hitler, in a major address to the German Parliament, promised the destruction of the Jewish people throughout Europe should there be war. Jews were inexorably consigned to the Nazis' "Kingdom of Night."

The pretext for the Nazis' criminal attacks against the Jews was the November 7 assassination of the Third Secretary in the German Embassy in Paris by a teenage refugee Jew protesting the forced expulsion of his family from Germany.

Americans should remember the tragedy of "Kristallnacht" as an event that demonstrates the need for national resolve to respond to government-sponsored persecution anywhere in the world. Remembrance also calls for national rededication to the principles of tolerance and freedom of choice that form the very foundation of our democratic society.

Election Results

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Morris Abram, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, who put a positive face on the likelihood of a Shamir government.

According to Abram, Shamir has appeared willing in the past to engage in direct negotiations with Arab leaders with "no preconditions." Abram said others' fears of intransigence on Shamir's part "may prove to be a shibboleth."

In Jerusalem, one expert argued that Likud may represent a modicum of continuity for the next administration.

"When it comes down to it, the American government feels peacemaking depends on actions taken in other parts of the Middle East," said Eytan Gilboa, a senior research fellow at the Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations at Hebrew University.

Another analyst had a good word to say about a unity government. Alan Dowty, a professor of political science at Notre Dame University, said in New York that despite its deadlock on foreign policy, the unity government succeeded over the last four years in stabilizing Israel's once wildly inflationary economy.

But for most, another four years of "unity" seemed a disheartening proposition. Said Haim Ramon, a member of Labor's young guard interviewed in Jerusalem:

"The best thing for Israel would be a government based on the present situation for the next six to 12 months, during which time we can change the electoral system and ask the public to clearly decide for Labor or Likud."

Is reform possible? Dan Patir, a political scientist at Tel Aviv University, does not think so. After all, he said in New York, the decision would be up to the electorate, which knows the parliamentary system gives voice to smaller groups that may not be heard in a majoritarian system.

"It would be difficult to get 60 to 70 percent to choose political suicide," he said.

Judith Epstein Dies At 92

NEW YORK (JTA) — Judith Epstein, who twice served as national president of Hadassah, died here of a heart attack Oct. 27, four days before her 93rd birthday.

Born in Worcester, Mass., Epstein served as Hadassah's national president from 1937 to 1939, and from 1943 to 1947.

She served in many other top positions in the organization, including editor of *Hadassah Magazine*.

IRS Refunds Remain Available

PROVIDENCE — The Internal Revenue Service has 316 refund checks due Rhode Island taxpayers worth \$135,681.15 which were returned by the Postal Service as undeliverable.

According to M.A. Liebermann, Director of the Providence Office, the taxpayers may have moved or changed their last names during the year and failed to notify the IRS. Sometimes the handwriting on the tax return may simply be illegible.

When a refund is returned by the Postal Service, the IRS attempts to find the taxpayer and deliver the checks, but there are always some who cannot be found, according to Liebermann.

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Drive To Pass 'Who Is A Jew' Worries U.S. Groups

by Andrew Silow Carroll
NEW YORK (JTA) — The attempt of Israel's religious parties to resurrect the "Who is a Jew" amendment in coalition-building negotiations with Likud and the Labor Party is causing deep concern among major American Jewish organizations.

In separate cables sent after the religious parties' stunning success in the elections became apparent, Zionist and religious organizations here urged Likud leader Yitzhak Shamir and Labor leader Shimon Peres not to allow "Who is a Jew" to become a bargaining chip.

Their concerns were heightened last week, when all but one of the Orthodox parties said they would not be willing to participate in a government unless the ruling party guaranteed that the Knesset would pass the amendment.

The amendment would change Israel's legal definition of a Jew to exclude people who are converted according to the standards of Reform or Conservative Judaism.

The Knesset has rejected the amendment over the past 10 years, saying it would delegitimize and thereby alienate Diaspora Jews, especially the clear majority of affiliated American Jews who are either Reform or Conservative.

Organizations cabling Israel included the Zionist Organization of America, the American Jewish Congress, Reform Judaism's Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Association of Reform Zionists of America and Mercaz, which represents Conservative Judaism in the World Zionist Organization.

Last month, the Council of Jewish Federations also cabled Jerusalem, urging Shamir and Peres to bar negotiations over the issue.

"Our leadership sees it as a serious matter," Carmi Schwartz, CJF executive vice president, said in a telephone interview. "We will convene our coalition on 'Who is a Jew' and discuss how we are going to react."

Robert Lifton, president of AJCongress, said in his cable: "Any action to change this law would be a grave error, a betrayal of Jewish unity and would certainly alienate the American Jewish community."

"The principle behind the Law

of Return must transcend partisan political gain," he said.

Both Shamir and Peres have in the past assured American Jewish leaders that they would try to keep the amendment from becoming a political issue. Leaders of the Reform movement expressed the hope that the two leaders would hold to those assurances.

But if the religious parties are successful in pushing the amendment, "there will be hell to pay here," said Rabbi Joseph Glaser, executive vice president of Reform's Central Conference of American Rabbis.

Among Glaser's concerns, and those of other leaders interviewed for this article, was that American Jews would perceive Israel as dominated by ultra-Orthodox parties and would curtail their contributions to the United Jewish Appeal.

But Glaser said that he has been reminding colleagues that the UJA and its chief beneficiary, the Jewish Agency, "are not politicized," and cutting off contributions would only punish Israel's citizens.

Schwartz of CJF said he did not think "Who is a Jew" would threaten contributions to federations and UJA.

"Some individuals may articulate that, but the largest portion of them will remain loyal to their responsibility."

Nevertheless, CJF will in all likelihood battle the amendment, as it did earlier this year by joining UJA in placing advertisements in the Israeli press.

Other groups, mostly Orthodox, have criticized such direct involvement in Israel's political process. But Schwartz defended the advocacy role:

"The largest portion of our constituents has asked us to take and activate a strong position on this. We are not taking a position on substance. What we are saying is that the Knesset is the wrong forum to adjudicate this issue."

Some of the strongest support for the "Who is a Jew" amendment has come from the Lubavitch Hasidic movement.

This year, for the first time, Lubavitch made a direct appeal on behalf of a specific Israeli political party when it urged its Israeli adherents to cast their votes for Agudath Yisrael.

Kahane To Reorganize Kach For Next Election

by Yitzhak Rabi
NEW YORK (JTA) — Rabbi Meir Kahane, whose Kach party was banned by Israel's highest court from running in Knesset elections, said recently that he intends to change the name of his party and make some "cosmetic changes" in the party's platform so he can run in Israel's next election.

Speaking at a news conference at the Grand Hyatt Hotel here, the American-born rabbi said he will change the name of his party from Kach, or "thus," to Koach, or "strength."

"On the political level we will make only cosmetic changes," he said. "We will not change our principles." Kahane said that the newly named party will use only quotes from the Bible to advocate its policies.

Kahane said that he will announce the formation of Koach when he returns to Israel next week. He predicted that no party will win a decisive majority and that Israelis will have to go to the polls again in the near future.

Kahane claimed that Kach would have captured between eight and 10 seats in the next Knesset. "Likud was terrified that I would take away from them at least five seats," Kahane said.

He blamed the Likud and its leader, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, for being "the major force" behind the move to ban Kach.

Kach was banned from running in the elections on the grounds that it is racist and opposed to the democratic nature of the state.

"I am not a racist," Kahane said. "Every law I proposed in the Knesset was based on Judaism." He charged that the banning of Kach is "a blow to democracy."

"Even if I were a racist," Kahane argued, "How can they ban me and still be a democracy?"

Kahane, who appeared composed and confident, said that "it is not relevant whether the Labor or Likud" will be victorious in the elections because neither has the answers to Israel's problems.

Kahane predicted that soon the Palestinian uprising will spill into Israel proper. "The Arabs within the Green Lines are completely behind the intifada," he maintained, warning that sooner or later the Jews in Israel will start

reacting with violence against the rioting Arabs.

Kahane, who renounced his American citizenship in order to run for the Knesset, said that he now seeks to regain his citizenship because "the U.S. will never allow me in America on a visa."

The U.S. State Department had barred Kahane's entry into the United States because of his renouncement.

But a U.S. district judge issued a temporary restraining order Oct. 26, which allows Kahane to enter this country until a federal court rules on his lawsuit.

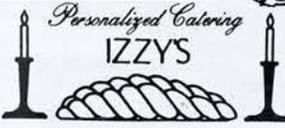
Kahane, who believes he will win his case in court early next year, said he entered the United States two weeks ago on his American passport.

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