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## Menorah Candlelighting For Unity Held At State House



Rabbi Laufer, Director of Chabad House Lubavitch, presents Sec. of State Kathleen Connell with Menorah following candlelighting ceremonies at the state capitol. Seen is Cantor Rabbi Levi Morosow and members of the Chanukah choir.

The Annual State House Chanukah Candlelighting Ceremony took place at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, December 8, adjacent to the original charter from King Charles II granting Rhode Island religious freedom.

The event was held to reaffirm Rhode Island's historical commitment to religious liberty. This year's ceremony took on an additional significance, according

to the event's organizers. "Events in Israel, events taking place in the United Nations, even Mr. Gorbachev's visit to the United States all underscore the importance of unity and peace. By coming together and lighting the Menorah, which has eight branches coming out of one shaft, we want to emphasize the fundamental unity which is inherent in the world," said Rabbi

Yehoshua Laufer, Director of Chabad-Lubavitch of Rhode Island.

Participating in the event were Secretary of State Kathleen Connell, representatives of the Governor's Office and other officials. Representing the Jewish community was Tom Pearlman, President of the Rhode Island Federation of Orthodox Jewish Organizations (RIFOJO), former Providence City Councilman and a prominent Rhode Island lawyer.

This was the fourth straight year Rhode Island has held a State House Candlelighting Ceremony. In the past, Governor Edward DiPrete, Secretary Connell, and Superior Court Justice Richard Israel have all participated.

The ceremony was sponsored by Chabad Lubavitch of Rhode Island, an affiliate of the world-wide Lubavitch Chassidic movement. The group, which has its world headquarters in New York, is under the auspices of the revered leader, Rabbi M. M. Schneerson, the Lubavitcher Rebbe.

In addition to the candlelighting ceremony, representatives of Chabad visited various communities to spread the universal spirit and the message of Chanukah to as many people as possible.

## Israeli Arabs And The Jewish State

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Most North American Jews, failing to differentiate between Israeli and Palestinian Arabs, do not realize that Israeli Arabs are loyal to the Jewish State, seek equal rights as citizens, and would like to see the Palestinians have their own state — which they would not themselves want to move to.

This was the conclusion reached by three Israeli peace educators after a month-long speaking tour of the United States and Canada during which they held formal and informal discussions with audiences at synagogues, Jewish communal organizations, and student and peace groups.

The two speakers in this cross-country "Dialogue for Democracy and Coexistence" were Riad Kabha, mukhtar (mayor) of the Arab village of Barta'a and an educator; and Sarah Ozachy-Lazar of Kibbutz Ramot Menashe, whose Masters Thesis concerns Israeli Arab attitudes toward the Jewish State. Moderating and participating in their dialogue was Stanley Ringle, a Reform rabbi who settled in Israel in 1986.

The mayor, the kibbutznik and the rabbi are all affiliated with the Givat Haviva Institute of Israel, which sponsored their speaking tour. Givat Haviva, one of the foremost centers for education, research and training, has pioneered since 1949 in developing

projects and programs to promote Jewish-Arab rapprochement, democratic values, religious and cultural pluralism and peace.

The three educators reported their impressions of the speaking tour at a recent meeting of the Givat Haviva Educational Foundation in New York, which supports the Institute's innovative programs in Israel and coordinated their visit.

Pointing out that the North American public lumps Israeli and Palestinian Arabs together and tends to hold negative stereotypes of both, the three educators told the meeting that they stressed three points during their talks and in response to questions:

"Israeli Arabs are deeply rooted to their land, homes and villages; even educated professionals continue to live with their families in the village of their birth. Should a Palestinian state be created in the territories, 95% would have no interest in moving there, said Kabha: "Our homes are in Israel."

"Seeing themselves as Israelis — 75% were born there since 1948 — Israeli Arabs want the equal rights all citizens of the state are entitled to, and also seek to preserve their culture. Suffering from unemployment, unfair allocation of resources, and prejudice, they "complain of unfulfilled social expectations: they have not

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## U.S. Move Divides Israelis; New Elections Are Possible

by David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel's official expression of regret over the U.S. decision to begin a "substantive dialogue" with the Palestine Liberation Organization does not reflect a politically united country.

While Israelis were clearly stunned by the unexpected news from Washington, reactions ranged from bitterness on the far right to jubilation on the far left.

There were differences too in the reactions of Labor and Likud politicians.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's media spokesman, Avi Pazner, insisted that the reversal of American policy would not change Israel's determination never to deal with the PLO, under any circumstances.

Israel Television reported recently that the Likud leader himself was in an angry, depressed mood all day and had turned down scores of interview requests.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, the Labor Party leader, commented, "This is a sad day for all of us." He added, however, that "sadness alone is no policy," and urged a new Israeli initiative.

Ezer Weizman, a Laborite minister without portfolio, called the American move "a new beginning (that) could lead to a happy ending."

The leftist Mapam and Citizens Rights Movement, like Labor doves, hailed the PLO's "new moderation."

On the right, there was anger

and resentment toward the United States.

A group of Jewish settlers from the West Bank pitched tents outside Shamir's residence last Thursday night. They declared a hunger strike to protest what they called the trend toward territorial concessions.

Some pundits believe the Labor-Likud coalition talks have suffered, just when the two parties seemed to be nearing an understanding.

Those circles say there is a growing feeling in Likud, and especially in Shamir's coterie, that the possible advantages of a coalition partnership with Labor have been weakened by the American decision.

Until now, they say, Shamir wanted a broad government to fight off the PLO "diplomatic offensive."

But now that PLO chief Yasir Arafat's offensive has succeeded, Shamir does not want to contend with Laborite doves in his government.

Those very doves, including Weizman, Knesset members Ora Namir, Yossi Beilin and others, urged their party late last Thursday night to think twice about a new unity government with Likud.

Israel Television said Shamir would meet privately with Peres late last Thursday night "to resolve the fate of the coalition talks, one way or the other."

But Shamir's alternative, for a narrow Likud-led regime in

partnership with the religious and right-wing parties, also seemed to be fading.

Rabbi Eliezer Schach, spiritual mentor of Degel HaTorah, and a strong influence in Shas, both ultra-Orthodox parties needed by Shamir, was reported last Thursday to have spoken in favor of the American decision to talk to the PLO. His grounds were said to be that the move would ultimately "save lives."

Given that situation, some observers believe new Knesset elections to be imminent.

The following is a sampling of opinion from various parts of the political spectrum:

Likud Minister Yitzhak Modai urged Israel not to act hastily. He said it was far from certain that the American Congress and public opinion would back the new policy.

But Ephraim Evron, a former ambassador to the United States, said it was an illusion to think Congress will differ with the administration on this issue.

Avner Shaki, leader of the National Religious Party, called for an energetic propaganda campaign in the United States to convince Washington to abandon its new course.

Yossi Sarid of the CRM, an outspoken dove, declared, "This is a happy day," and added, "Peace is almost within reach."

Yuval Ne'eman, leader of the right-wing Tehiya party, called for the immediate establishment of a Likud-led rightist government to

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## 50 Years Ago In History: Dec. 16-22, 1938

### Relief Bodies Map Evacuation Plans For 50,000 Children

PARIS, December 16 (JTA) — Plans for speeding Jewish emigration from Germany and rescuing about 50,000 Jewish children by placing them in countries willing to receive them were discussed last night at an emergency conference of Jewish refugee organizations called to consider the chaos brought into organized emigration by the renewed persecution wave in Germany.

### Jewish Tenor Sings Italian Despite Ambassador's Protest

BRUSSELS, December 16 (JTA) — German and Italian diplomats and journalists at a foreign press ball here last night demanded that a Jewish tenor on the program not be permitted to sing either in German or Italian. To avoid incident, in view of the presence of Premier Paul Henri Spaak, the request of the Germans was acceded to, but the Italian demand, made personally by the Italian ambassador, was ignored. Rumors of the interchange spread through the crowd, which expressed its opinion by giving the singer a tremendous ovation when he appeared. The Germans and Italians remained completely silent.

### Death Rate Rises In Nazi Camps As Cold Wave Fells Poorly Clad Jews

BERLIN, December 19 (JTA) — The death rate in concentration camps is climbing steadily because of the prolonged cold wave, which is inflicting extraordinary suffering on the inadequately clothed prisoners. Hundreds of Jews released in the past few days are returning to their homes with fingers and toes frozen, in some cases necessitating amputation.

Conditions are reported particularly bad in the Buchenwald camp near Weimar, where hundreds of prisoners do not even have the boon of labor but are forced to stand outdoors for hours or are only given the opportunity for limited exercise such as marching or bending.

### New Hungarian Bill Would Curb Jews To 7% Ratio, New Converts Exempt

BUDAPEST, December 19 (JTA) — Jews with at least one gentile grandparent who were converted to Christianity before January 1, 1938, will be considered non-Jews under the new legislation further limiting Jewish participation in Hungary's economic and cultural life, it was learned tonight. Hungarian Nazis are showing great irritation over what they term the "liberality" of the proposed laws and demand that they be modeled after those in Germany, where anyone with one Jewish grandparent is considered a Jew.

### 2 Jews Killed Near Haifa

HAIFA, December 20 (JTA) — Two Jews were killed and another was wounded by terrorists in the vicinity of Haifa today. Ghaffir (special policeman) Hyman Sapir was shot dead and Aaron Chazanovitz, 50, was found shot dead between Zichron Jacob and Benjamina.

# Local News

## PHDS

### Providence Hebrew Day School Thanks Community For Successful Raffles

The Providence Hebrew Day School recently completed two highly successful fundraising projects, the annual Scholarship and Chanukah raffles. The Scholarship Raffle is drawn right before Thanksgiving and the Chanukah Raffle is always scheduled during the holiday. Although the two raffles were conducted almost simultaneously, Barbara Szenes, Director of Finance and Management for the school, announced that, "due to the wonderful response from the community, both raffles more than met their budgetary goals."

"Clearly our parents and long-time supporters made extraordinary efforts to sell the Scholarship raffles, the proceeds of which directly benefit the Scholarship Fund which provides vital tuition assistance to needy students."

The Scholarship raffle drawing, which featured a cocktail party to

which everyone was invited, was conducted by Mr. Arthur Robbins, Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

The Chanukah Raffle was drawn at the annual PHDS Chanukah Program to a "standing room only" audience who had just enjoyed a beautiful and spirited program of songs and plays. Top prizes included a 10 speed bicycle, donated by Benny's, and a \$100 Winkleman Travel Certificate.

Children at the Day School in grades two through eight sold raffle tickets and earned individual and class incentives. The high seller of the raffle was Sara Joy Langson, grade 8, who sold 25 books of tickets. Tamar Albert-Andelman, grade 3, sold 14 books, and Steven Shimshak, grade 5, sold 12. Other high sellers include Ernest Mandel, ten books; Shira Rosenstein and Yoni Braude, eight books each, and Eric Rosenthal and Aviva Jakubowicz sold seven books each.

Each class which sold 36 books of tickets was awarded an ice cream party and those selling 50

books will watch a video while enjoying their sundaes. Classes which have earned parties include Grades 2, 6, and 8; those who will have parties and movies are Grades 3, 4, and 5.

Ms. Szenes, who was responsible for both raffles, stated, "Clearly the enthusiasm of our parents and our children were major factors in gaining such a wonderful response to both projects from our community. We are extremely grateful to all who purchased raffle tickets. In the greatest sense we are all "winners" because Jewish education is the most crucial factor in insuring the future of our heritage. The heart-warming response to our projects demonstrates that we are all willing to work together for this vital cause."

### PHD Sponsored Lecture "Maximizing Student's Potential"

For over 35 years, the Providence Hebrew Day School has been providing Jewish children with a dual curriculum program that delivers the best of both worlds: an excellent secular education and traditional Jewish values.

This dual curriculum program is carefully designed to intellectually challenge children without overburdening them. To help students make the most of their capabilities and their PHD education, the Providence Hebrew Day School sponsored a lecture/discussion on "Learning Intervention in the Dual Curriculum School: Maximizing the Potential of All Our Students."

The program featured Dr. Kalman Stein, Principal of the English Studies Department at the Maimonides Day School, Ms. Lois Lange, Guidance Counselor, and Ms. Louise Lipsitz, Special Needs Teacher in English Studies.

Dr. Stein provided insights into the childhood learning process and shared techniques implemented through Maimonides' Special Education Program. These techniques have helped children with mild learning difficulties function in an intensive learning environment.

In addition, Ms. Lange and Ms. Lipsitz spoke to teachers about the organization and implementation of the program. They also answered questions regarding many of the day-to-day situations that typically occur.

One of the most important areas where parents can be of help is arranging for good study habits. It includes finding a quiet, well-lighted place to study, setting a fixed time for homework and making sure children know that homework is important. This should be done in a way that positively reinforces good study behavior and negatively reinforces poor study habits.

For example, some educators suggest providing children with snacks and drinks while they're studying as a way to make them feel more comfortable. They also suggest giving plenty of compliments, and avoiding promises of "As soon as you're done, you can watch TV." This only encourages children to rush through their work.

By establishing firm but fair homework rules, parents and students alike will find that all it takes to do "a few hours of homework" is a few well-planned and well-spent minutes.

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

## Congregation Ohave Shalom

This Friday evening services are at 4:05 p.m. Saturday morning services are at 9 a.m. with a Kiddush to follow. Rabbi Jacobs will have his Mishnah class at 3:30 p.m. Mincha will be at 4 p.m. followed by the third Sabbath meal. Maariv is at 5 p.m. Havdalah is at 5:10 p.m.

Two weeks from this Shabbat our synagogue will host a Junior N.C.S.Y. Shabbaton for Jewish pre-teens between ages 10-13 (5th-8th grade). An application is being sent in the mail for all members of our charter. Any parent wishing that their child attends this event January 6-7 or belong to the group can call Rabbi Jacobs at 724-3552 for information.

The schedule of services for this coming week is as follows:

Mornings: Sunday 7:45, Monday 8:00 (legal Holiday), Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 6:50, Thursday 6:40.

Evenings: 4:10 when possible.

## Temple Am David

On Sunday, December 25, Temple Am David, located at 40 Gardiner Street in Warwick, will present a wonderful double feature (on a large screen). *E.T., The Extra-Terrestrial*, will be shown from 1-3 pm, and *An American Tail* will be shown from 3:30-5 pm. There will be snacks during the break.

The price for this event is \$1 for children and senior adults, \$2 for teens and adults. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. All members of the community are welcome. For further information, call 463-7944. Don't miss it!

## Sons Of Jacob

Friday, December 23 — The 15th Day in Tevet. Candlelighting at 3:54 p.m. Minchah services will begin at 3:59 p.m.

Saturday, December 24 — The reading in the Torah this week is P'Vayechi. Morning services begin at 8:30 a.m. Kiddush follows immediately. Minchah services will be at 4:00 p.m., followed by the "Third Meal." The Sabbath is over at 4:55 p.m. Havdalah is at 5:10 p.m.

Sunday, December 25 — Morning services are at 7:45 a.m. Minchah services for the entire week are at 3:50 p.m.

## Shalom Singles

Shalom Singles will be kicking off the New Year with a brunch on Sunday, January 8, 1989. The place to be is the Striar Jewish Community Center on the Fireman Campus at 11:00 am.

The price for members is \$4 and \$6 for non-members. Guest speaker to be announced. We look forward to seeing you there.

Please RSVP by January 5, 1989 to the Striar JCC, 455 Central Street, Stoughton - (617) 341-2016.

## Children's Museum

Children's Museum of Rhode Island receives grant. Janice O'Donnell, Director of the Children's Museum of Rhode Island, has announced receipt of a grant from the Rhode Island Foundation. It will be used for a program called "Kids & Pets" which deals with animal care and awareness. This is the second year the Rhode Island Foundation has funded this program. Kids and Pets is represented not only in the Museum through exhibit space and school year programs but also in a page sponsored in *BOING!*, the Museum's newspaper for children in grades three through six.

Kids & Pets programs for January and February will be "A Dog's Life," "Fur and Purr," and "Get the Vet." Call 726-2590 for further information about weekly programs. All programs are on a space available basis.

## Rabbi Hollander Speaks to Full House

The Law of Return is the subject of much debate in the Rhode Island Jewish community. Yet all the talk has resulted in very little real dialog between Reform, Conservative and Orthodox Jews.

On December 18th, many of Rhode Island's leaders gathered at the Jewish Community Center to take part in a community discussion of the issue. It was sponsored by the Rhode Island Federation of Orthodox Jewish Organizations who brought in Rabbi David Hollander to speak.

Rabbi David Hollander, a past President of the Rabbinical Council of America, began the program by talking about "Jewish Unity and the Law of Return: Why it's important." In his opening remarks, Rabbi Hollander condemned the United States' decision to sit down with the Palestine Liberation Organization. However, he mentioned that this decision probably would not have been made if members of the Jewish community had not met with Yasser Arafat earlier in the week in Sweden; and if various Jewish organizations had not publicly threatened to cut off financial aid to Israel over the issue of "who is a convert." Said Rabbi Hollander, "If American Jews aren't standing by Israel, why should America's government?"

Rabbi Hollander went on to make several points. He mentioned that the Law of Return does not affect the status of American Jews, no matter what their level of observance or affiliation. It only affects converts who desire to immigrate.

Rabbi Hollander also mentioned that changing the law will not divide the nation, but unify it under a national standard; one that was originally set up by David Ben Gurion himself and one that is consistent with the Torah. "Ben Gurion knew that one nation cannot exist under three sets of laws. That's why he, a non-religious Jew, put the laws of marriage, divorce and conversion under the Orthodox Rabbinate. These three areas not only affect the individual involved, but the continuity of the Jewish people."

Rabbi Hollander also mentioned that Conservative and Reform spiritual leaders aren't qualified to perform conversions because they don't believe that the entire Torah was Divinely given. "Conservative doctrine states that the Torah wasn't given by G-d, it was written by man under Divine inspiration, whatever that means. And the Reform movement believes that the Torah isn't Divine at all. Instead, it can be changed to fit the times. In the United States, if a judge doesn't believe in or follow the laws of the land, he isn't qualified to render a legal decision. The same thing is true in Judaism."

Following his talk, there was a lively exchange of ideas and opinions as Rabbi Hollander took questions from the audience. On the subject of whether the Torah is a Divine communication directly from G-d or a document that can be amended like the United States Constitution, Rabbi Hollander commented, "If the Torah was just written by Moshe (Moses), why should anyone want to follow it? After all, he was human. But the Torah was given by G-d's and is as timeless as He is. Those who want to change the Torah to fit these times should look at the times they want to fit it to...immorality, drug use, violence. Do we really want to change the Torah to fit these times? I suggest we're far better off trying to change ourselves to fit the Torah's standards."

To allow as many people as possible to hear Rabbi Hollander's remarks and the community discussion that followed, special audio cassette tapes of the evening were made and are available by writing the Rhode Island Federation of Orthodox Jewish Organizations, PO Drawer 9007, Providence, RI 02940.



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Early arrival is scheduled from 8 to 9 a.m. each morning for parents who need this service. Afternoon child care, as well as an all day program are available until 5:15 pm daily.

For information call Eva Silver at 861-8800.

### JCCRI Preschool Registration

Registration for September 1989 in the Jewish Community Center

of Rhode Island Preschool, 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence begins on January 4, with priority given to children presently attending the preschool, their siblings and siblings of alumni with continuous membership.

On February 6, registration is open to all current JCCRI members and on February 20 to the community. Maximum enrollment is 20 children per class, with smaller classes for younger children.

### JCCRI Cancellation for Snowy Days

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence will broadcast cancellations and delays due to weather conditions on WPRO-AM, 63 on your dial.

## JWV-USA Opens New Exhibit

The Jewish War Veterans, USA, National Memorial, Inc. (NMI) opened its new Museum and Exhibit to a gala preview assembly of Jewish veterans and Jewish community leaders on Sunday, December 11, 1988 at 1811 R Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. The preview was attended by approximately 150 persons. Reaction to the renovations creating the museum and the new exhibit, "Lives Under Fire," was very positive.

The museum was created from office space on the first floor and provides 2100 sq. ft. of exhibit space. In addition, a conference multi-purpose room was built on the basement level for meetings, lectures, films, and other educational programs.

The premier exhibit, "Lives Under Fire," was the main focus of

attention. The exhibit is a comparative examination of Jewish contributions in World War One to those during the Vietnam Conflict. It compares life in America in 1918 and 1968, as well as in the Jewish Community and American Military of both time periods.

The focal point of the exhibit is the contribution of the Jewish soldier to both wars. Six individuals are highlighted as examples of Jewish combatants. The displays for each of the six show personal uniforms, memorabilia, awards and medals along with a biography and audio presentation. "It is an exhibit that not only is made to stimulate thought and discussion of these two periods," said Mark Dreyfuss, Museum Director/Curator, "but a celebration of the common Jewish

## Financial Aid Workshop

The Cranston High School East Guidance Department will conduct a Financial Aid Workshop for parents on Wednesday, January 11, at 7:00 pm at the Cranston East Auditorium.

The meeting is designed to provide parents with vital information on seeking financial assistance for students continuing their education beyond high school. Topics will include grants, loans, scholarships, and other sources of student aid, eligibility requirements, and the application procedure. Time will be allotted for questions.

Charles Titora of the Rhode Island Higher Education Assistance Authority will outline the procedure for applying for state assistance. A representative from the banking community will speak on student and parent loan programs.

soldier and his contribution to each war's efforts."

PNC Robert M. Zweiman, NMI President, presented plaques to express the sincere appreciation for the work completed by the Harvey Construction Company and under the guidance of PNC Harris B. Stone, Chairman of the Construction Committee. Mr. Zweiman stated that "the renovation and exhibit are but a first step in the display of pride in Jewish service to America, its freedoms, and to all of its people."

The JWV National Memorial was chartered by Congress in 1958 to develop and maintain a Memorial and Museum in honor of all Jewish servicemen and women. The Museum is open to visitors and tourists Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and will soon be open on Sundays.

## AARP Training Classes

The American Association of Retired Persons Tax-Aide Program in conjunction with the Internal Revenue Service and Rhode Island State Department of Taxation will be conducting six training classes throughout the state of Rhode Island for prospective volunteers.

Additionally, there will be a representative from the Massachusetts State Dept. of Taxation who will bring us up-to-date on the preparation of Massachusetts taxes. For those interested, instruction will take place at 9 a.m., Monday, January 23 at the Barrington Government Center, 281 County Road in Barrington.

Training classes are to take place as follows:

**CLASS #1** — Cranston Public Library, 140 Sockanosset Cross Road, Cranston. Jan. 9(M); 11(W); 13(F); 16(M); 18(W); 20(F); 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

**CLASS #2** — Warwick Public Library, 600 Sandy Lane, Warwick. Jan. 9(M); 11(W); 13(F); 17(TU); 18(W); 20(F); 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

**CLASS #3** — Lincoln Public Library, Old River Road, Lincoln. Jan. 9(M); 11(W); 13(F); 17(TU); 18(W); 20(F); 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

**CLASS #4** — Barrington Gov't Ctr., 281 County Road, Barrington. Jan. 9(M); 11(W); 13(F); 17(TU); 18(W); 20(F); 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

**CLASS #5** — Middletown Public Library, West Main Road, Middletown. Jan. 9(M); 11(W); 13(F); 17(TU); 18(W); 20(F); 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

**CLASS #6** — North Kingston Public Library, 100 Boone Street, North Kingston. Jan. 10(TU); 12(TH); 13(F); 17(TU); 19(TH); 20(F); 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

**CLASS #7** — Narragansett Neighborhood Comm. Ctr., Mumford Road, Narragansett. Jan. 4(W); 6(F); 9(M); 11(W); 13(F); 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

## Check "Big 3" To Aid In Cold Weather Starts

There's a special sound to be heard on cold winter mornings — the sound of a car engine starting on the first turn of the key.

You can help in assuring that welcome sound this winter by paying attention to three vehicle systems — engine lubrication, battery and ignition. Your car will start best when all three systems are properly maintained.

Most engines need thinner oil in extremely cold weather. Thinner oil allows the starter to rotate faster, using less battery power. Using the same oil type year-round may be convenient, but in extremely cold weather, cars with gasoline engines will start more easily with SAE/5W-30 oil. If that's not available, 10W-30 is better than 10W-40.

Batteries do not recharge as quickly in cold weather, so it's a

good idea to have your battery tested to see if it's delivering its rated power under load. The battery connections should also be cleaned of corrosion and oxidation — this helps to ensure efficient delivery of the battery's power.

Electronic ignition systems, found in most cars now on the road, need little maintenance. A new set of spark plugs normally will restore peak starting performance. Spark plug wires should be clean and undamaged, but do not necessarily need to be replaced each time the plugs are changed.

All three systems — engine oil, battery and ignition — should be checked and prepared for winter before that first blast. If one system doesn't have to compensate for the shortcomings of another, your car should give you fast starts day after day.

## Be Prepared For Winter Driving Emergencies

When is the best time to start thinking about a winter driving kit for your car? Certainly not when a storm lands you off the side of the road. AAA South Central New England urges all motorists to pack a kit for each of their cars before winter arrives.

The following items could be invaluable in an emergency: blanket, flashlight, snow brush, cloth or roll of paper towels, warning devices such as flares or triangles, bag of abrasive material such as salt, sand or cat litter, tire chains, small snow shovel, traction mats, extra clothing, ice scraper, and booster cables.

Other important items to consider having on your person or inside your car include a first-aid kit, boots, spare change, important telephone numbers and lock-thaw solution (don't leave it in the car!).

One of the best-read and most popular brochures published by AAA is "The Complete Guide of How to Go on Ice and Snow." It contains information on vehicle

preparation, winter driving techniques, starting and following, steering and stopping, as well as additional hints and precautions helpful to both front and rear-wheel drive vehicle owners. It also covers the winterizing checks you should make to your car's electrical, exhaust, heating and cooling systems, tires and the windshield wipers and washer.

A free copy of AAA's "The Complete Guide of How to Go on Ice and Snow" is available by sending a stamped self-addressed business size envelope to AAA Traffic Safety, 501 Centerville Rd., Warwick, RI 02886 or 25 Mountain Street East, Worcester, MA 01606.

Some additional tips as we enter the winter driving season: avoid driving while fatigued, use your seat belt, never warm up a vehicle in an enclosed area such as a garage, make sure tires are properly inflated, keep your gas tank at least half full to avoid gas line freeze-up.

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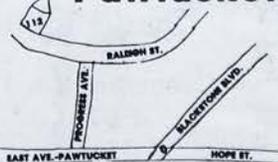


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## Opinion

### The Lubavitcher Rebbe Speaks

*Transcript of the Lubavitcher Rebbe's words to Mr. and Mrs. B. Sunday, 8th day of Chanukah 5749, December 11, 1988.*

M.B.: With deep respect I would like to bring you a personal message of concern about the issue of "Who Is a Jew" and the divisiveness it seems to be causing.

Rebbe: You certainly know that the standard of Halachic conversions was introduced and ratified by Ben Gurion himself, and his reason was because he understood and hoped that, as the Jews begin a new epoch and a new era in Eretz Yisrael, there would be no divisiveness and that all Jews should be one people.

He therefore instituted only one manner of marriage, one manner of divorce, one manner of conversion.

These things are not new. It has been this way for the entire forty years of the Jewish State in Eretz Yisrael. They were initiated and introduced by Ben Gurion himself, and were thereafter fortified by the Rabbinate which he established in Eretz Yisrael as the responsible and last authority on all religious matters.

Chas Veshalom (G-d forbid), to introduce any change. I hope you will use all your influence not to allow a divisive factor to be brought into Eretz Yisrael.

The Almighty has performed a great miracle that the Jewish people — three, four million of them — are living together in the same land in the same manner. They have adopted the same manner of marriage, the same manner of Millah (circumcision), the same manner of divorce, and the same manner of all good things. Thus they are one people, with one Torah and with one standard in their every day life.

G-d forbid that we should attempt to demolish this accomplishment and bring into Eretz Yisrael the divisiveness which exists in other countries like

the United States and England.

You would then have to introduce Reconstructionist, Reform, Conservatism, Modern Orthodoxy, and even Orthodoxy itself.

And then you would also have to introduce a new movement, which demands that anyone, without difference, declaring themselves Jewish should be considered so. You would then need to register them as Jews, and have them automatically receive all privileges of a Jewish immigrant — not only as a citizen of Eretz Yisrael, but as a Jew!

And that means that there would be no difference at all between them.

If you ask one group about the other, e.g. Reform about Reconstructionist, they would say that they cannot acknowledge the validity of the Giyur (conversion) of the Reconstructionist. The same is true with the Conservative not accepting the conversions done by the Reform.

This goes on and on with no end! Hence you would be splitting Eretz Yisrael, not into three movements, but into Orthodox, Conservative, Reform, Reconstructionist, and all those who will declare, today or tomorrow, that they are Jews!

Rebbe: I hope that you will become my messenger in this matter, in good spirits and in a Chanukah spirit.

You certainly know that on Chanukah we light a Menorah of seven candles, plus an eighth one. Biblical commentaries explain that the seven lights in the Temple Menorah symbolize all different types of Jewish people. And they must all be like the Menorah itself which was made of "Zahav Tahor," pure gold. And this menorah is lit by Moses and his brother Aaron, who are accepted by all the Jewish people of all generations — including you, and certainly your wife.

### Israeli Army Accused Of Animal Abuse

ALEXANDRIA, VA — CHAI (Concern for Helping Animals in Israel) strongly protested against the Israeli Army's reported use of dogs strapped with tear gas bombs and explosives — which would kill them when detonated by remote control — in its December 9 raid on a Palestinian base near Naameh, Lebanon.

The protest from the Alexandria, VA based organization, which is dedicated to improving conditions for animals in Israel, came after an Associated Press (AP) report on the atrocity was published on the front pages of the *Washington Post* (Dec. 9) and the *Jerusalem Post* (Dec. 10), and in footage shown on Israeli Television (Dec. 10) and Cable News Network (CNN) News (Dec. 13).

The AP reported charges that the Israeli Army unleashed "into underground tunnels Doberman pinscher dogs with tear gas canisters and explosives strapped around their bellies ... The dogs were trained to chase guerrillas into the tunnels and ... the Israelis intended to release the gas or detonate the explosives by remote control."

When contacted by CHAI's veterinary representative in Israel, Dr. Andrea Menache, the Israeli Army declined to comment on the report.

Protesting to the Minister of Defense and the Army Chief of Staff, CHAI called the action "a betrayal of the law and spirit of the Jewish tradition of concern for 'tsaar ba'alei chayyim,' preventing the suffering of animals. Judaism regards animals as deserving of care and protection, not as disposable commodities to be used with impunity."

CHAI has also received reports of guard dogs on Army bases receiving minimal or no veterinary care, kept on short chains, neglected, and if they fell ill, no longer fed or otherwise killed. Dogs are also experimented on in training classes for paramedics.

CHAI believes that this issue is linked directly to the values that guide Israeli society. Said CHAI's President Nina Natelson, "Compassion cannot be compartmentalized. Cruelty is a cancer that, if allowed to spread, affects everyone."

CHAI has called on all Jewish

organizations and individuals concerned with the quality of life in Israeli society to express their protest to:

Mr. Yitzhak Rabin  
Minister of Defense  
Hakirya  
Rehov Kaplan  
Tel Aviv 67659

Lt. Gen. Dan Shomron  
Chief of Staff, IDF  
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CHAI (at POB 3341, Alexandria, VA 22302, (703) 698-0825) is a non-profit organization that works with the Israeli animal welfare community to improve conditions for Israel's domestic animals (cats, dogs, horses, donkeys, and mules). CHAI raises funds in the U.S. to provide necessary veterinary medical supplies, equipment, and funds to the few, small shelters in Israel; to expand those facilities and establish new ones where none exist; and to promote positive change through legislation and humane education.

### The Common Cold

by Rabbi Israel Rubin

The very approach of winter gives us the chills. As the temperature drops, we protect ourselves by wearing coats, sweaters and scarves to prevent colds.

I'm not here to suggest a remedy for the common cold. Nor am I in the insulation business. I just want to draw your attention to a uniquely Jewish strain of the cold. It is not the ordinary upper respiratory virus, just a superficial case of the sniffles or a runny nose. This internal, psychological cold is far more serious, and far more common, than the common cold. And it is nothing to sneeze at.

Actually, this cold is caused by a heart condition, but unrelated to high blood pressure and cholesterol levels. It's simply a question of whether our heart is really into Judaism, or are we Jewish just out of habit and routine. Do we really "Love G-d with all our heart" as we say in the Shema, or are we just going through the motions and paying lip service. A cold, or even lukewarm, observance without fire and warmth can be very, very harmful to your spiritual health.

This problem is reflected in some Jewish organizations, who become too formal and impersonal. Structure and decorum are important — but equally important are feelings and expressions of love and joy. The cold facts are that some people, especially our youth, sense a lack of warmth and look elsewhere to get "turned on." They become

vulnerable to the love-bombing of cults and missionaries. If people don't feel genuine and enduring love in Judaism, they are tempted by offers of cheap religious thrills and imitations.

Insulation and anti-freeze can only protect our outsides, but Torah warms our insides. Judaism invites us to come in from the cold to warm within "For a Mitzvah is a candle and Torah is light." This inner warmth can only come from a deeper study and appreciation of Judaism. It's an energy that we must generate ourselves, Nimo cannot do it for us. You can't just put on longjohns or turn up the thermostat. Ironically, the Jews living in the East European Shtetl were probably warmer than those living in modern well heated homes.

The primary symptoms of this internal cold are apathy and indifference. If neglected for too long, this cold can develop various complications, such as these three cold syndromes: Cold Logic, Cold Shoulder and Cold Feet.

1. People who suffer from cold logic have great difficulty expressing their emotions. Their Jewish experience is limited to intellectual exercises on a strictly theoretical level, remaining cold and detached. It may seem like a cool idea, but a serious blockage keeps it all up in the head, so very little flows down into the heart to invigorate the rest of the body.

2. Then there is the cold shoulder malaise. Victims show very weak signs of life and appear lethargic in their relationship with

others. They give people a cold reception, and have great difficulty smiling. Even when they do something good, they seem to feel forced to it. The Talmud says: "The act of giving charity itself is not enough, it is the spirit in which it is given."

3. Cold feet can affect even the nicest people with the best intentions. It strikes suddenly at the last minute, after getting all excited and warmed up to something good. Imagined problems cause paralysis, and we lack the strength to act positively.

Now here are some suggestions on staying warm. Always be vigorous and active. You can become numb if you just stand idle. The actual exercise of Mitzvos provides inertia and creates energy that helps keep us warm.

Another way to keep warm is to share and team up with others. To quote King Solomon in Ecclesiastes: "Two are better than one, for two people keep each other warm, but one person alone — how will he stay warm?" It is much easier to be Jewish along with others than one person all alone, as illustrated in this heartwarming story.

Two men were caught in a freezing storm. The weaker one almost froze to death, but his stronger friend kept massaging and rubbing him through the night. The weaker man thanked him for saving his life. "No" answered his friend, "I owe my life to you! I stayed alive by moving and massaging you!"

### Hadassah:

#### Arafat Must Be Judged By Deeds

NEW YORK — Hadassah National President Carmela Efron Kalmanson issued the following statement on the decision by the United States government to begin talks with the PLO:

"We are deeply concerned that the action taken by the American government on Wednesday not divert world attention from the continuing and urgent need to judge Yasir Arafat and the PLO by their deeds as well as their rhetoric.

"Secretary of State George P. Shultz, whose strong support for Israel and the cause of peace and human rights we applaud, has been steadfast in his insistence that the PLO meet certain conditions before any substantive contact take place. We recognize that once those minimal criteria were met in Yasir Arafat's public statements, the U.S. government felt compelled to express its readiness to open a dialogue with the PLO.

"But, while Yasir Arafat may have found the rhetoric to convince our government to begin such talks, it still remains to be seen whether Mr. Arafat is, indeed, capable of uniting the many and contentious factions of the PLO in living up to his words.

"It is simply not enough that Mr. Arafat speaks of recognition of Israel's right to exist and a renunciation of terrorism in the abstract. A crucial test of the PLO's intentions would be the specific renunciation of the PLO Covenant, which calls for Israel's destruction, by the Palestine National Council.

"Mr. Arafat can also demonstrate his commitment to peace in Gaza and the West Bank by calling publicly upon his allies in the territories to bring an immediate end of the violent lawlessness being waged there against Arab and Jew alike.

"The PLO Chairman can give further proof to his rhetorical plea

for peace by dismantling the PLO's terrorist operations and helping to bring to justice those who have planned, led and carried out terrorist acts.

"In the past two weeks Mr. Arafat has demonstrated his facility for changing his language to meet the situation. Until there is real and measurable movement toward peace by the PLO, there is no reason to invest Mr. Arafat's words with any greater credence than his deeds during decades of relentless and violent warfare against innocent men, women and children in Israel and around the world.

"We are confident that, despite differences between the United States and Israel on dealing with the PLO, the relationship between the two countries is, and will remain, as strong as the commitment to peace and justice which unites them."



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## Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

I feel compelled to comment upon the performance of Mordecai Levy of the Jewish Defense Organization on a recent Morton Downey Show, on which I also appeared. The subject of the show was the Demjanjuk case and the controversy surrounding it. I, as well as other guests on that show including Alan Dershowitz, came prepared to talk about the subject at hand — the Demjanjuk case.

Mr. Levy, regrettably, came prepared to hurl accusations at an organization which he referred to as the "Ukrainian National Committee."

Such a Ukrainian organization does not exist, and the charges were apparently intended for the purpose of inciting public hatred against Ukrainians. As a non-Ukrainian, I find this conduct on the part of a Jewish organizational representative unacceptable.

Perhaps Mr. Levy does not fully understand the implications of the lesson "Never again." Never again should any people — Jews, Ukrainians or anyone else — be the target of a hate campaign, directed at them because of their race, religion or national origin. Never again should an entire people be branded or stigmatized — least of all in this country.

If organization leaders like Mr. Levy cannot apply the lessons of the past, how can they hope to meet the moral challenges of the future?

Patience T. Huntwork  
Phoenix, Arizona

### On Talking With Terrorists

I am writing this letter as a concerned American and Jew, who sees the grave, grave mistake this Government is making in having any conversation, let alone conducting political discussions, with the terrorist group and accompanying factions of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

I lived in Jerusalem from 1984-1988 as an American tourist, with the intention of becoming a citizen of Israel, which I have now done. I, too, had a mission filled with democratic intentions, and what I deemed to be a benevolent attitude towards another people. I entered both the country and its problems with a fairly well-informed, and certainly well-intentioned desire to help amend the breakdown in Arab-Israeli communications.

I quickly found out that the Palestinians want neither peace nor communication with the Israeli peoples, nor do they want a 'piece' of the country they say they desire so and love. (Isn't it interesting that in the past year a vast percentage of the forest fires were caused by the arsonous handiwork of the Palestinians?)

One only need ask any Palestinian family, including those living inside the old city and West Jerusalem (who, by the way, as Israeli citizens receive full medical and educational benefits). They will willingly tell you that they will rest only when Israel is pushed off the map. They make no bones whatsoever about this.

I believe Americans are not and have not been fully informed to the extent of which the PLO has committed terrorist acts, for surely they could not support the formation of a nation being represented by such a people as these terrorists.

Here are a few dates, times and injuries, the majority of which were fatal, suffered by the victims of these supposed Peace-makers:

1986 Rami Haba — 8 years old was found in a cave in the north of Israel, in the Shomron, with his head bashed in by a rock — dead.

December 8, 1983 Dani Katz, Haifa, found dead after being held prisoner by Israeli Palestinians (not those of the territories, but those of Israeli citizenship). He was held for 3 days, by Palestinians he knew and willingly opened his

door to, being repeatedly raped and finally murdered.

Nava Elimelach, 8 years old, found dead on beach near Bat Yam home, her body dissected and left in the open.

1986 Esti Ohaneh, 20 years old, kidnapped in army uniform on the West Bank, killed by stoning - with stone embedded in brain.

August 10, 1984 Moshe Tamam, 20 years old, found dead after kidnapping and torture by supposedly 'friendly' Arabs in Arab town, Baka-At-Arabea, near Netanya.

1987 Ofra Moses, burned in petrol bomb fire, along with her husband and four children, one of whom died after 55 percent of the body burned. Children suffered for weeks before succumbing to death. The rest of surviving family underwent extremely painful skin grafting process. Ofra was pregnant at time of petrol burning.

1988 Aaron Schlesinger, 17 year old son of rabbi, knifed in own neighborhood of West Jerusalem.

These statistics are known to us through the admission of the terrorists themselves, including the PLO who related them proudly as indoctrination into the PLO factions.

The word of Yassir Arafat as representative of the PLO and his promises to respect the state of Israel and refrain from terrorist activities is as dependable as the promise of a jackal to refrain from his diet of meat with the taste of flesh fresh in his mouth.

On Saturday, head of the PLO delegation, Yasir Abed Rabbo, said, "Israeli intelligence will plan acts of provocation appearing to have been sponsored by the PLO."

This was in addition to Mr. Arafat's statement on Friday admitting he is not in control of all the "fringe elements" of the PLO.

In effect, these representatives are undermining the integrity of the Israeli government, while allowing themselves open access to perpetrate terrorism with no repercussive responsibility.

If the United States policy is not to negotiate with terrorists, then negotiating with Mr. Arafat is in direct contradiction of the said policy.

But if this policy is to be disregarded, Mr. Arafat is not the one

we should be dealing with since by his own admission he is not in control of the various PLO factions and therefore not capable of leadership and does not truly represent the Palestinian people.

As an American and Jewish woman of strong convictions, I know this country must stand for morality as its leading premise.

We can not compromise our country's moral and ethical convictions and be swayed by the double-talk and rhetoric of an avowed terrorist.

P. Sharone Feldman  
Providence, RI

### Position Clarification To The Editor:

It has been brought to my attention that a leaflet has been distributed in the Providence area, using my name without my knowledge or permission. Therefore, I am enclosing a copy of the letter that I recently sent to the *Providence Journal* which should explain my position on the question of conversions in Israel.

To The Editor:

I am writing this letter to clarify some remarks I made to a reporter in a recent telephone conversation, and which subsequently appeared in your edition of December 5, 1988, concerning the matter of amending the "Law of Return" in Israel as being discussed in that country's Knesset.

In the first place, I was misquoted as saying that non-Orthodox Jews "are not pedigree," etc. That is not my terminology or expression.

As for the other comments, I was merely responding to the reporter's question as to what is the general Orthodox position in this matter. I intended only to convey the traditional Orthodox view, and in no way voiced my personal opinion, or that of the congregation of Touro Synagogue.

I do believe that this issue is being blown out of proportion and is causing a needless distraction from the more crucial issues that face the entire Jewish people.

I hope this will clarify my position.

Rabbi Chaim Shapiro  
Newport

## Weisenthal Center Statement On U.S.-Palestinian Situation

The United States has made a decision to take a major risk for peace in the Middle East by entering into direct dialogue with the PLO. While both President Reagan and Secretary of State George Shultz have proven themselves to be the staunchest friends of the State of Israel, the road they have chosen to embark upon is fraught with danger, and may be sending the wrong message to the world: that terrorism does pay. Secretary of State Shultz, who has devoted so much energy these past eight years to the battle to eradicate international terrorism, knows better than most that this decision represents a high risk, not only because it is based on the statement of Yassir Arafat and his

organization which have gained power through the innocent blood of the victims of terrorism (including a U.S. ambassador), but because the U.S. decision comes despite recent public statements by numerous key senior PNC officials, including Abu Abbas, that they have not, do not, and will not recognize the right of the State of Israel to exist.

One thing is clear: with the news of this development, the time has come for Israel's two top leaders, Yitzhak Shamir and Shimon Peres, to set aside partisan politics and to jointly explain to the world why the overwhelming majority of Israel's population is inexorably opposed to a PLO state as a neighbor.

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Mr. Bernstein, a member of Temple Beth-El, Providence, sits on the Board of Trustees of both the Temple and the Brotherhood. He is a member of the Jewish Fed-

eration of Rhode Island, the American Jewish Committee, and American Technion.

Mr. Bernstein is active in Kiwanis International, The American Chemical Society, and the Rhode Island Police Chiefs Association.

He and his wife Lilian have three children.

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Eastman, a graduate of Tolman Senior High School, is majoring in computer science in Northeastern's College of Computer Science. She is a member of the honors program.

## Full House

by Michael Fink

The first famous face I saw in person was Harry Truman in downtown Providence on his campaign trail. But this story has nothing to do with Harry. Famous folk lived in another dimension. The people I knew lived within walking distance — in fact just a few blocks from my own house. When I was fifteen, my brothers had their licenses, and their friends might drive over for poker. I was still strolling. My first girl, who had black banana-curls to attract me, lived round the corner. Her house had a black wrought iron fence in front, protecting a few thin shrubs. Her dad ran the local meat market, though, and the freezer (imagine, they had a freezer!) held a treasure of steaks and chops. My friend Betty used to laugh so hard at my feeble routines that she would cry. I think that's why I liked her. I had a little power over her. I could make her feel that strongly. Her parents trusted me. Her dad loaned me their car on dates, even though I could scarcely drive, or even see road signs. If I found myself circling the wrong way round a rotary, Betty would just laugh, till tears came. They lived up the hill.

If I wandered down the hill, I would find my pal Larry. We were an odd pair of buddies, total opposites in most ways. I did my "career book" on ornithology. I liked the mystery and delicacy of birds. Larry wanted to run a cattle ranch. He liked dogs, and then girls. We offset each other, and laughed at the same jokes. His little house was immaculate. He was an only, and his mother kept close tabs on him. She often called my house to check out where he was, but he was seldom in my kitchen. I was more often having lunch in his. Larry used to wolf down his food. I just picked at mine. On Saturday afternoons we would make crank calls on his telephone, smoke, and soil his mother's ashtrays. Or we would walk in the wind among the hills and talk about girls and about God. The breeze has blown away all our words. Or maybe they have settled in some heap of silly speeches in a corner of the universe, like lost leaves.

In between Betty's house and Larry's house lived a special kid named Alby. Youngest of a big family, he was born with what we now call Down syndrome. His fingers had never separated. They looked like mittens. His face seemed half melted, as though the

lines and shapes had never taken on final form. His mother, although grey and hard of hearing, had a fine, noble face. She doted on her Alby and gave him the best chances to learn, to meet people at her bridge parties and show off his pot holders. He also showed off whatever came to his mind. The words we were forbidden to use.

If Larry or Betty were not at home, I might stay in my room and worry about whatever fifteen-year-old kids fear and dread. Time would tick by till a car beeped or phone rang or door opened. I could go to Rigney's for ice cream or the Hope for a matinee, or the Rochambeau Branch for a book, but I'd have to walk. Alone. I might bump into Alby. Why was he and I?

Alby's father built a Kubla Khan for his mom, an estate on the boulevard. Before they moved in, the dad died. The others had married and gone off. Alby and his mom settled in the palace together and lived happily for years. On Alby's thirtieth birthday, his mom gave a party and invited the whole gang. That night Alby died peacefully in his sleep. I saved the dignified obit. Like a Jewish Oedipus he had fulfilled his good fortune.

I went to Betty's wedding, and then to Larry's. In a sense they were farewells, because I married considerably later. I kept up with Betty via her folks. Nobody ever believed in me more than they did, persistently for decades. Larry's folks were searching for their place in the postwar sun. Nobody used to question the values of a promising and profitable future. His mom used to say, "It's just as easy to fall in love and marry a rich girl." He did but it didn't last. My wife and I visited Larry with his second wife. They had a house in Foster. Larry had the dogs and guns he had always wanted. At the table he told us jokes with the same gusto and superb timing he'd already shown as a fifteen-year-old.

Unlike Alby, I had to separate. take off my mittens and grab hold of my portion of the world. Unlike Larry, I never left the neighborhood and migrated. Without Betty, I'm still driving the wrong way around the rotary or destiny, but I've never found a household that accepted me like Betty's. But in the poker game of life, I got a full house. And in the wider arena, Harry of course gave 'em Hell.

## "The Boys Next Door" At Trinity



Andrew Mutnick, Nicolas Mize, Peter Gerety, and Ed Hall in Trinity Repertory Company's production of *The Boys Next Door*, a poignant and heartwarming comedy by Tom Griffin, performing in the Downstairs Theatre December 2 through January 15.

Performances are scheduled Tuesdays at 7 p.m.; Wednesday through Saturday evenings at 8 p.m.; Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; with occasional Wednesday and Saturday matinees at 2 p.m. (Photo by Mark Morelli)

by V.B. Halpert

When first rate dialogue, a penetrating theme, and exquisite acting out of that theme occur in one production, the result is an unforgettable play. Such a work is currently running at Trinity Rep. It's called *The Boys Next Door*.

Tom Griffin who has acted at Trinity made a happy contribution as a playwright when Trinity produced his *Pasta*. With the present work he has given us a masterpiece on a difficult theme. Shortly to be a film, *Boys* is a must-see play.

*Boys* tells about four young men who live together in a group home. They suffer from different types of psychological debilities: retardation, compulsion, fixation, and depression. Being able to live in their apartment is the first step into the outside world for these young men. Some of their efforts to understand an indifferent world are funny, and some are heart-breakingly touching; always the audience is a part of what goes on in the kitchen of that apartment.

Each character conveys his particular difficulty so well that the four are always different from and yet in tune with each other. Sometimes they agonize over small issues as if they were of world-shaking importance; for them they sometimes are. So compellingly acted are these situations that members of the audience not only identify with the person and his problem, but move into the head of the character on stage. Sometimes the behavior and problems remind the audience that, in a very real sense, these are people who are still children, and

they confront their worries very much as children do. We identify with that approach, because of the part of all of us that is still not grown up.

Arnold Wiggins (Peter Gerety) is the fixated boy, given to repeating catch phrases and showing irritation with his housemates when they are inattentive. He periodically declares his resolve to chuck it all and go to live in Russia, a landscape of his own mind. At one of the climactic moments of the play, he actually gets himself as far as the railroad station. Lucien P. Smith (Ed Hall) is severely retarded and tries to rehearse saying his name so that he can appear before a magistrate who will decide whether or not he is sufficiently competent to work at a job. When Lucien's rehearsals get to be too much for Arnold, Arnold thumps off to his room, slamming the door as expression of his annoyance. Lucien's stumbling attempts even to repeat his own name are tear-producing, but the amiability and sweetness of his disposition make us want to reach out to comfort him. Norman Bulansky's (Nicolas Mize) retardation is less severe. He has learned rote phrases and uses them with a certain panache.

"My name is Norman Bulansky. Welcome to my home. Won't you have a seat?" "Won't you have a seat?" sometimes becomes "Won't you seat a have?" but that's all right. Everyone knows what he means.

Norman has made progress enough to attend dances at the Community Center where he has met a girl from another group

home. For him the big step is to ask Sheila (Cynthia Strickland) to dance.

Many many years ago, actress Dorothy McGuire and Robert Young appeared in a film called *The Enchanted Cottage*. She was a deformed and ugly woman who had taken a country cottage where she could hide from the cruel eyes of the world. He was a wounded war veteran whose face had been mutilated and torn. As they came to know each other, and fell in love, they saw in each other, not disfigurement, but beauty.

The same thing happens to Norman and Sheila. Mustering up courage, Norman approaches Sheila, and they dance. As they shuffle through their first stumbling steps, the lights on stage dance, the music softens, and two beautiful people dance with grace and ease. Transformation occurs in the eyes of the beholder.

Barry Klemper (David PB Stephens) is the fourth member of the household. Rejected as a child because of his disability, the big hope of his life becomes a relationship with his father. His crisis comes when his father arrives for a visit. Richard Kneeland plays the father who is a sleazy, unsuccessful, benighted wreck of a man. His insensitivity to his son sends Barry from precarious balance over the edge. Poor Lucien is left to tell us how much he misses Barry.

Andrew Mutnick plays Jack, the young man in charge of the boys. He comes to love them, to become involved with them, and to realize that he cannot spend his life with them. In taking his decision, he states what their plight and condition are. I will change, Jack reflects. My crises will change. Theirs will not. They will never change, but will always be the same.

Jack's impending departure to a new job heralds a new hurdle, but a new beginning for the boys. Life will never be easy for them, but they will live and even enjoy small successes of one sort or another.

For us who have empathized with them, have followed their illogical logic to its zany conclusions and found it understandable, it is as if they were our own neighbors. They are part of the human scene, troubled, funny, loveable; they are the boys next door.

David Wheeler directed, Barbara Reo stage managed, Robert D. Soule designed scenery, Bill Lane designed costumes, John F. Custer designed lighting, Sharon Jenkins choreographed, and Robert Schleinig assembled properties.

## Anne Bogart

by V.B. Halpert

One of the frustrations of writing for a weekly newspaper is that by the time a news story appears, all the other media have presented it. It is, therefore, no news that Trinity Repertory Company has appointed a new artistic director. She is Rhode Island born Anne Bogart. Still in her thirties, Anne Bogart has piled up a formidable list of credits in directing.

On Wednesday, December 14, she was introduced to Providence at a noon-time press conference. Bruce Sundlun spoke; Mayor Paolino presented her with the key to the city. Adrian Hall publicly welcomed her as did other city dignitaries.

The woman who accepted the introductions is a small, dynamic person with an engaging smile and a pleasant voice. She answered questions put to her, talked a little about the future at Trinity, and was obviously moved by the warmth of her reception.

She told her audience that she is excited, fearful and thrilled to be coming to Trinity.

One of the first plays that she saw as a teenager was Trinity's production of *Macbeth*. She confessed that she didn't



understand it, but that she knew something terribly important was happening. From the time of that experience, she came to know that she wanted to "make theatre." She is interested in dance and music in theatre. She is interested in new plays and in new interpretations of classical plays.

As she talked, the audience saw that, with Anne Bogart at the helm, Trinity's theatre of the nineties will be exhilarating, challenging, and profound.

Welcome, Anne Bogart!

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## Around Town

by Dorothea Snyder

"I had my first taste of Sephardic cooking at the home of my future in-laws when I went to Seattle to become engaged," Gilda Angel writes. "I was amazed that, except for roasted chicken, there wasn't one other thing on the *Shabbat* table that looked familiar to me!"

The weekly kosher gourmet columnist for New York's *Jewish World* notes that "in place of *kugel* and *tsimmes*, there were stuffed onions and tomatoes, *pastilicos*, meat-filled pastries, and *sakayu*, eggplant and meat casserole."

After their marriage, Gilda and her husband returned to Seattle each summer to visit. "My mother-in-law (of blessed memory) and various aunts patiently taught me how to prepare my husband's favorite Sephardic dishes."

When Gilda's husband Marc became Rabbi of the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue in New York City, Congregation Shearith Israel, she discovered the diversification of *Sephardim*. She interviewed the congregants who represented many of the communities where *Sephardim* flourished.

She discovered their favorite recipes, as well as their customs. Her own recipe collection focused on the foods served during Jewish holidays, *Shabbat* and other special occasions."

Gilda's interest in *Sephardic* cooking inspired her to compile a kosher cookbook that would give a more comprehensive picture of *Sephardic* cooking. As a food columnist, she was well aware of the volume of cookbooks available at the

bookstores.

Seeing an obvious gap, she felt the need to respond, and justified her culinary commitment to write another. "In the realm of Jewish cookbooks, a special one had to be written dealing with the cuisine of the *Sephardim*."

Gilda Angel's *Sephardic Holiday Cooking: Recipe and Traditions* is indeed a special cookbook with a wide gamut of dishes. She has delved into the research of *Sephardic* Jewish holiday customs and cuisine, and presents her information in well-written introductions.

And what's more, the author's step-by-step instructions make these recipes easy to understand and to follow, accompanied by handsome illustrations by Rosemary Campion.

The cookbook author's *Sephardic Passover* recipes were featured last March in *Woman's Day*, headlined "Memorable Holiday Feasts." Ellen Greene, the magazine's associate food editor, added testimonial to the section. She wrote, "After the seder, everyone would say they couldn't eat another morsel. But you should have seen their appetites return when the desserts came out."

In the introduction to his wife's book, Rabbi Marc Angel quotes Fernand Braudel's observation that "the mere smell of cooking can evoke a whole civilization."

Gilda Angel's book can be ordered from Decalogue Books, P.O. Box 2212, Mount Vernon, New York 10551. \$19.95 plus \$2.00 for shipping and handling.

## Evoking A Whole Civilization

### PESCADO CON RUIBARBO (Turkish Fish in Rhubarb Sauce)

Rhubarb, a harbinger of spring, makes an unusual sweet and sour sauce for fish.

- 1 pound rhubarb (4-5 stalks)
- 3 cups water
- ½ cup tomato-mushroom sauce
- 2 tps. sugar (or to taste)
- ½ tsp. salt (or to taste)
- ¼ cup vegetable oil
- 2 pounds fish steaks (salmon or halibut)

1. Wash rhubarb and remove strings. Cut into 1-inch cubes. Place water and rhubarb in saucepan, and cook until very soft, about 15-20 minutes.

2. Add tomato sauce, sugar, salt, and oil. Cook over low heat 5 minutes. Add fish and cook until tender. Taste sauce and adjust seasoning if necessary. Add water if sauce is too thick. Serve hot or cold. Serves 8.

Listed under *Pesah*.

### SHLATA KHUS W'PORTUGHAL (Romaine Lettuce and Orange Salad)

Careful arrangement of orange slices atop thin strips of romaine lettuce adds eye appeal to this tasty salad delicately dressed with orange juice, lemon juice and orange blossom water.

- 2 medium heads romaine lettuce
- ¼ cup orange juice
- 2 TBS lemon juice
- 1 TB peanut oil
- 1 TB confectioners' sugar
- 1 TB orange blossom water\*
- ½ tsp salt
- 3 navel oranges, peeled and sliced crosswise

1. Discard tough outer leaves of lettuce. Carefully wash remaining tender leaves. Drain leaves well and cut lengthwise into thin strips. Place in salad bowl.

2. Combine orange juice, lemon juice, oil, sugar, orange blossom water, and salt. Pour over lettuce strips and toss lightly.

3. Overlap orange slices in a circle on top of lettuce strips. Cover and refrigerate until serving time. Serves 8.

\*Available in Greek and Middle Eastern grocery stores.

Listed under *Lag L'Omer*

### D'JAJ MACARONI (Chicken and Macaroni)

As the macaroni bakes, it absorbs the flavors of the chicken and tomato sauce and forms a crispy crust. A frequent Friday night favorite among Syrian Jews.

- 2 broiler/fryers (2½-3 pounds each), cut into eighths
- ½ tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. pepper
- ¼ tsp. paprika
- ¼ tsp. garlic powder
- 1 package (16 ounces) elbow macaroni
- 1 can (8 ounces) tomato sauce
- ½ cup chicken broth
- ½ tsp. ground cinnamon
- ¼ tsp. ground allspice

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.  
2. Season chicken with salt, pepper, paprika, and garlic powder. Place in roasting pan lined with foil. Cover and bake 1½ hours, or until very tender.

3. Meanwhile, cook macaroni in boiling salted water according to package directions. Drain and rinse with cold water.

4. Remove chicken from pan. Skin, bone and set aside. Add macaroni to pan, mixing it with gravy in pan. Stir in tomato sauce, chicken broth, cinnamon, and allspice. Return chicken to pan and bury pieces in macaroni. Reduce oven temperature to 300 degrees F. and bake, uncovered, additional 45 minutes, until crispy. Serves 8.

Note: Spaghetti or other pasta may be substituted for elbow macaroni.  
Listed under *Chanukah*.



### HAVIJ EDJAH (Persian Sweet Carrot Omelet)

This omelet may be prepared in advance and reheated in the oven. It is an excellent side dish for a meat meal or may be served as dessert.

- 1 pound carrots
- 3 TBS margarine
- 2 large onions, chopped
- 1 cup pitted dates, chopped
- ½ cup currants
- juice of 1 lemon (about 2 TBS)
- 5 eggs
- ¼ tsp. salt
- ¼ cup slivered almonds

1. Peel and grate carrots coarsely. Saute 2 minutes in margarine. Add onions and cook, stirring constantly, until onions are golden. Add dates, currants, and lemon juice, and simmer over low heat until tender.

2. Beat eggs with salt and pour over carrot mixture. Continue to cook over low heat until eggs are set. Invert on serving plate and sprinkle with almonds. Serves 8.

Listed under *Tu B'Shvat*

### PANNEKOEKEN (Dutch Pancakes)

Raisins in the batter make the pancakes extra sweet.

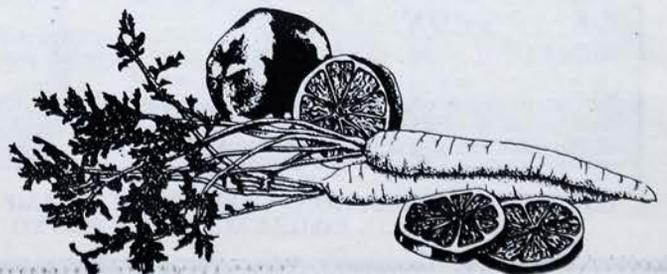
- 2½ cups all-purpose flour
- 5 tps. baking powder
- 2 TBS sugar
- ¼ tsp. salt
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 2 cups lukewarm milk
- ¼ cup vegetable oil
- 1 cup seedless raisins
- butter for frying
- confectioners' sugar

1. In large bowl, combine flour, baking powder, sugar, and salt. Mix well. Add eggs, milk, and oil. Stir until well blended. Add raisins while stirring.

2. In skillet, heat 2 TBS butter. Drop batter by tablespoonfuls into hot butter. Fry until golden on both sides, turning once. Repeat process until all batter has been used. Stir batter occasionally as raisins tend to sink to bottom. Add more butter to skillet for each batch of pancakes. Serve hot with a dusting of confectioners' sugar. Serves 8.  
Listed under *Yom Kippur*.

Illustrations by

Rosemary Campion



## Kid's Kapers



### A Hannukah Experience At West Bay JCC



by Lois Lury

"Latkes latkes on the plate, look how many I just ate!" Whether you ate latkes or made a special plate to hold them for Hanukkah, you were bound to enjoy West Bay Jewish Community Center's annual Hanukkah party.

On Tuesday, December 6 at 6:30 p.m. the social hall of Westminster Unitarian in East Greenwich was transformed into a Hanukkah craft experience. Approximately 200 people of all ages and sizes were able to create Hanukkah delights

of their preference. The dancing dreidel man, fold-a-menorah, and the 3-D dreidel with stickers and glitter seemed to be a favorite with the younger set. Middle-age children enjoyed creating a Judah Maccabee puppet, stamping, tracing, or dabbing a Hanukkah card, or painting a plaster of paris Hanukkah shape which magically became a magnet. Hanukkah candle making supervised by Helene Goldstein was definitely a favorite with the older children. While they were waiting their turn

to make hand-dipped candles, they could create a colorful latke plate or a needlepoint dreidel magnet.

When all the glueing, stitching, dipping, coloring, cutting, folding, and creating was finished, Rabbi David Rosen of Temple Torat Yisrael led the West Bay community in lighting the Hanukkah menorah. The children were delighted to see the large menorah and candles brought by Rabbi Rosen and joyfully sang blessings as everyone lit their own menorah.

The Hanukkah Party was brought to a close with an extra special treat of latkes, sufganiyot, and bimuelos to eat and presents to exchange. We at West Bay Jewish Community Center hope this party added a little extra meaning to your Hanukkah this year, as we all enjoyed making our crafts and sharing the evening together.

For more information about West Bay or future activities, call Ellen Bensusan at 831-1390.



Elyssa Monzack making her dreidel decoration.



Beth Rosenfeld admiring her just-finished latke plate.



Stamping out Hannukah cards.



Joshua Backer proudly shows the Hannukah candle he just made.



Lighting our menorah with Rabbi David Rosen.

# World and National News

## Behind The Headlines:

### Jewish Agency Chairman Optimistic On Improvements For Soviet Jews

by Mark Joffe

NEW ORLEANS (JTA) — The mysterious diversion of a Soviet airliner to Israel on December 2 may have marked the first time an Aeroflot plane touched down at Ben-Gurion Airport.

But what is not well known is that an Israeli aircraft had made an unprecedented landing at Moscow's international airport just one month before.

The plane left Israel on November 1 for the first direct flight to the Soviet capital. Aboard were top officials of the World Jewish Congress and the Jewish Agency for Israel, who were on their way to the Kremlin for meetings with top Soviet officials.

As Mendel Kaplan describes it, the direct flight was not the only unique aspect of the trip. The Jewish leaders apparently received unprecedented assurances from Soviet leaders that meaningful changes in the quality of life for Jews remaining in the Soviet Union would be instituted in the

near future.

Kaplan, who is chairman of the Jewish Agency Board of Governors, discussed those promises in a wide-ranging interview here last month during the 57th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations.

One promise the Jewish delegation signed was an agreement with Soviet officials permitting Soviet Jews to set up a body that would represent their interests and have contact with other organized bodies of world Jewry.

The Soviets also promised to establish a Jewish cultural center in Moscow and to allow Jewish journals and a Jewish lecture bureau.

Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze personally informed the Jewish delegation that the teaching of Hebrew would be decriminalized.

Furthermore, Religious Affairs Minister Konstantin Kharchev said the Soviet Constitution would

be amended this spring to allow the teaching of Jewish heritage.

There will be no restrictions on teaching Jewish subjects anywhere in the Soviet Union, Kaplan said.

Among other subjects discussed was the resolution of long-term emigration cases and the possibility of restoring diplomatic relations between the Soviet Union and Israel.

But if assurances were made in these areas, Kaplan and the other members of the delegation are not talking about them.

This, of course, was not the first meeting between Jewish leaders and Kremlin officials.

WJCongress President Edgar Bronfman, who was on the mission, had met with Soviet leaders in the past, as had Morris Abram, past chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry and current chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, who declined an invitation to be included on this trip.

Each time such a mission took place, participants returned toting bags of Soviet good will and promises, some of which were never kept.

But Kaplan said he was confident that the Soviets would live up to their pledges this time around. He listed three reasons.

First, the Soviets are now facing ethnic unrest in several corners of their vast nation.

In Estonia and Lithuania, Armenia and Azerbaizdhan, ethnic tensions present a real threat to the stability of the Soviet regime and the viability of the Soviet system.

Kaplan believes the resolution of grievances from another ethnic minority, the Jews, could well serve as a pilot project for assuaging the concerns of all ethnic groups.

Second, Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev has expressed concern about the "brain drain" of talent leaving the Soviet Union.

With Jewish emigration at its highest in nearly a decade, the Soviets are looking for ways to entice some of their best and brightest to stay, Kaplan said.

Finally, the Soviets want desperately to host an international human rights conference in 1991, the Jewish Agency official observed.

The United States and other Western countries are unwilling to participate in such a conference unless the Soviet government makes further headway in resolving its own longstanding human rights problems.

In sum, Kaplan believes the Soviets are willing to make significant changes in the quality of Jewish life, not out of some new-found good will, but for pragmatic reasons of self-interest.

Perhaps the new Soviet realpolitik does not come as a surprise to Kaplan since he is trying to accomplish a little "perestroika" (restructuring) of his own in the Jewish Agency.

Just as Gorbachev has begun to tackle the problem of waste and corruption in the government and Communist Party bureaucracy, so Kaplan has tried to rout out duplication and mismanagement in the Jewish Agency.

A longstanding complaint had been that the Jewish Agency and various ministries of the Israeli government were both trying to take responsibility for the same tasks.

Nowhere is this more evident than in the area of immigrant absorption, where the

government's Absorption Ministry and the agency's Immigration and Absorption Department appeared to be stepping on each others' toes while still not managing to cover immigrants' needs adequately.

Kaplan and Simcha Dinitz, who chairs the World Zionist Organization-Jewish Agency Executive, recently signed a contract with the Absorption Ministry to transfer most absorption responsibility to the government.

Under the new plan, 55 to 70 percent of all immigrants will be absorbed directly, meaning they will be settled in apartments rather than housed temporarily in absorption centers, where most olim spend their first six months in

Israel.

The Jewish agency will continue to help the government come up with the money to find "housing solutions" for Ethiopian and Soviet immigrants.

But more of its budget will be devoted to education and job training — to helping immigrants become self-sufficient in Israel.

Soviet Jews have been among the most vocal of immigrants to complain about Israel's absorption system.

With improvements expected both in the absorption process in Israel and the living conditions for Jews in the USSR, Soviet Jews will soon have a more promising alternative to choose from — if Mendel Kaplan gets his way.

## Organizations Support U.S. Move But Want More Demanded Of PLO

by Andrew Silow Carroll

NEW YORK (JTA) — With few exceptions, major American Jewish groups said last Thursday they understood U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz's decision to allow "substantive talks" between representatives of the United States and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith said the United States is "living up to its commitments." Both the American Jewish Congress and the American Jewish Committee said Shultz acted "correctly." The Union of American Hebrew Congregations called the decision a "victory" for Shultz.

But while agreeing that the PLO seemed to have accepted the U.S. government's conditions for dialogue, nearly all the groups released statements demanding that PLO leader Yasir Arafat be made to match his "magic words" with deeds.

"Yasir Arafat has now met the technical requirements for a dialogue with the United States," said Warren Eisenberg, director of the International Council of B'nai B'rith. But, he added, "the PLO has to show through deeds that it has finally come to terms with Israel's existence and intends to pursue the path of peace and eschew violence."

Morris Abram, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, said at a news conference last Thursday that Secretary of State George Shultz believed "honestly" that Arafat had met U.S. demands for dialogue, as outlined in a 1975 U.S. Memorandum of Agreement with Israel.

The three demands were the renunciation of terrorism, the embrace of U.N. Security Council Resolution 242 and the unequivocal recognition of Israel's right to exist.

But Abram implied that the United States should ask even more of the PLO, and he went so far as to spell out one of those demands.

In a statement drafted at a meeting with representatives of the 46 Conference of Presidents constituent organizations, Abram said that the PLO should be made to repudiate its National Covenant.

"There can be no progress toward peace in the Middle East if the PLO insists on adhering to the covenant — its basic political document — which calls on Palestinian Arabs 'to repel the Zionist and imperialist aggression against the Arab homeland' and demands 'the elimination of Zionism in Palestine,'" said Abram.

AJCongress said the United States should demand assurances that PLO terrorism has ended, that Arafat accept Resolution 242 unencumbered by any other U.N. resolutions and that Arafat say to

the Arab world what he has been saying in the Western press.

Shultz and Reagan "have made it clear," said Robert Lifton and Henry Siegman, president and executive director, respectively, of AJCongress, "that establishing contact with the PLO is one matter," and satisfying continuing U.S. and Israeli skepticism about the "genuineness of the PLO's conversion is an entirely different matter."

Theodore Ellenoff, president of AJCommittee, added to the list of demands that the United States now "urge the Palestinians in the territories to call off the uprising" and "pursue high-level talks with Israel" to coordinate strategy on the peace process.

In commending Shultz, Ellenoff said he had "helped Arafat withstand the pressures from his own hard-liners."

The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, which said the PLO "may have met America's technical conditions," said another "necessary action" would be that the PLO turn over Mohammed (Abul) Abbas to Italy. He is wanted there in connection with the terrorist attack on the cruise ship Achille Lauro.

The warmest words of praise for Shultz came from Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of Reform Judaism's UAHC.

Schindler said in a statement that the American decision "represents a victory for Secretary Shultz and his insistence that the PLO meet the conditions first laid down by Secretary (Henry) Kissinger in 1975."

"But a U.S. dialogue with the PLO is far from a peace negotiation," added Schindler. "Rather, it offers an opportunity for the United States to apply pressure on the PLO to abandon its unrealistic demand that Israel abandon Jerusalem and return all of the territories."

Even the often hard-line Zionist Organization of America refrained from directly criticizing Shultz, although it called his decision "troublesome" and a "sobering reality."

"Having made its decision, the United States should proceed with optimism, but with equal caution," said the unsigned ZOA statement.

Only two of the larger organizations issuing statements last Thursday, the World Zionist Organization-American Section and the Simon Wiesenthal Center, were critical of the U.S. decision.

Expressing "dismay" at the decision, Bernice Tannenbaum, chairman of the WZO-American Section, said that the move is "inadvisable at this juncture."

The Wiesenthal Center said the United States had made a decision to "take a major risk for peace in the Middle East" and to embark upon a road that is "fraught with danger, and (that) may be sending the wrong message to the world: that terrorism does pay."

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## Refusenik Warns West About Gorbachev

People in the West are deceived by "the charming smile and sweet words of Mikhail Gorbachev," but they "must be very careful," Russian refusenik Vladimir Slepak warned December 12 at the University of Hartford.

Noting that Gorbachev's mentor was Yuri Andropov, who was chief of the KGB and later general secretary of the Communist Party, Slepak said that Gorbachev is "very smart. He knows that, if some changes are not made, the Soviet Union will be a third world country, and he is working to change the economy."

Gorbachev is the first Soviet leader to successfully use the Western media, said Slepak, but many of the things he says are being done are simply a smokescreen. While it is possible to more openly practice Judaism, he said, in some areas there has been little progress. There are one and one-half synagogues in Moscow, which have 300,000 Jews, he said, and one of them (the one-half) has no rabbi. People from abroad, he said, are invited to see a "kosher restaurant," which is just a little room with 12 chairs in the synagogue.

Moscow has only one Jewish theater, he said, and "half its actors are Russians who spend more time out of the Soviet Union trying to show the freedom of the culture."

If Gorbachev succeeds in deceiving a lot of people, "we will have achieved nothing," said Slepak. There are many refuseniks who have been waiting 17 years and are still there, he added.

The only way to survive as a Jew

is to leave the Soviet Union, Slepak said, adding that he believes that the Jews in Russia will be assimilated in one or two generations.

Slepak described his father, a journalist for the Soviet news agency Tass, as an "orthodox communist." His father, he said, believed it was better to arrest 100 people wrongly than to let one go free who should have been arrested. "I told him I will never join your party — there is too much blood on your hands."

The Slepak family began trying to leave the Soviet Union in 1970 and finally succeeded in emigrating to Israel last year.

Slepak lost his job as the head of a laboratory in the Moscow Scientific Institute of Television Research as soon as he received an invitation to leave the country. "You could not apply to leave until you had received an invitation," he added. He was in prison on several occasions, but it was not until 1978, when he demonstrated from his balcony before 5,000 people, that he was sent to Siberia for five years. He held up a sign saying, "Let us go to our son in Israel."

His wife, a physician who had also lost her job, received a three-year suspended sentence and went to Siberia with him.

Mrs. Slepak, who spoke through an interpreter, said the price of glasnost is that "Jews are still sold."

Asked why Jews have not been allowed to leave the Soviet Union, Slepak quoted Gorbachev as saying he would never allow such a brain drain from the country. While some Jews have lost their jobs, he

## CJF Prepares Petitions



CJF Executive Vice President Carmi Schwartz and Associate Executive Vice President Donald Feldstein review the over 100,000 signatures received to date on petitions opposing any change in Israel's Law of Return. The petition drive was organized by the Council of Jewish Federations in cooperation with its 200 member Federations. All petitions were packaged and delivered to Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir by a team of Federation leaders who left New York on Monday, December 12. (Photo by Robert A. Cumins)

said, the refuseniks are intended to set an example for those who are still working. The myth that the Soviet Union is a paradise will vanish, he added, if the Soviets see large numbers of people trying to leave. Many of the Soviets truly believe that living standards in the West are much worse than their own, he added.

Slepak suggested that more people should visit the Soviet Union, that they should take books and speak with the people. He said his wife often said, "Every visitor from the free world is a piece of

freedom for us."

"We began our struggle many years ago," said Slepak, with two dreams — "one to be in Israel with our people and the other to express our thanks to the many people who helped us be free." He expressed his gratitude on behalf of Soviet Jewry, adding, "We're here because we — all of us together — were successful."

His appearance was sponsored by Hillel, the Greenberg Center for Judaic Studies, the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and various campus groups.

## Jews React With Sympathy For Armenian Quake Victims

NEW YORK (JTA) — In response to the devastating earthquake that rocked Soviet Armenia, B'nai B'rith International has pledged to donate \$2,500 in emergency relief funds for the victims.

A check was to be presented to Minister-Counselor Oleg Derkofsky of the Soviet Embassy in Washington.

The quake, which is estimated to have killed tens of thousands of people, curtailed Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's visit to New York. He returned to Moscow to assess the "serious destruction" to the mountainous section of western Armenia, where the republic's second-largest city, Leninakan, is situated.

Refuseniks in Moscow and Leningrad have also reacted with sympathy to the victims of the disaster by calling off a hunger strike planned for Human Rights Day, according to the Long Island Committee for Soviet Jewry.

The refuseniks issued a joint statement saying, "In memory of the Armenian victims of the earthquake, we have decided to cancel our planned hunger strike on December 10, and, in deep sorrow and regret, we offer our assistance."

## Dutch Nazi Who Evaded Justice Is Arrested Near Buenos Aires

AMSTERDAM (JTA) — A convicted Dutch war criminal who found refuge in Argentina may be extradited to serve the 20-year sentence he evaded when he escaped from a prison in Holland nearly 40 years ago.

Jan Olij, 68, was arrested at his home in the Buenos Aires suburb of Isidro Casanova. He has been a naturalized citizen of Argentina since 1952.

Olij was picked up on a request made by Dutch legal authorities through Interpol, the international police agency. The Netherlands is expected to request his extradition formally.

Although Argentina does not extradite its nationals, Olij could be stripped of his citizenship if it can be proven he concealed his war crimes conviction when he applied for it.

A Dutch special war crimes tribunal found him guilty in 1949 of collaborating with the Nazis. He was sentenced in absentia. By then he had already escaped from jail, made his way to Spain and eventually to Argentina.

Olij was accused, among other things, of informing on young Dutchmen who went into hiding to avoid forced labor.

## JNF Declares Shabbat Haaretz

NEW YORK (JTA) — In response to the 1.2 million Jewish National Fund trees destroyed by fire in Israel this past spring and summer, the JNF has named Tu B'Shevat, which falls on Saturday, Jan. 21, as Shabbat Haaretz.

"Jewish organizations, synagogues and schools throughout the country have reaffirmed their commitment to our homeland by joining with us in proclaiming this day Shabbat Haaretz," said Rabbi David Warshaw, director of the JNF National Organizations Department.

Shabbat Haaretz will officially conclude JNF's Fire Emergency Campaign, which originally began after arsonists set over 1,200 fires, destroying 40,000 acres at a cost of over \$40 million.

JNF has vowed to replant 10 trees for each one destroyed.

For further information, contact Rabbi David Warshaw, JNF, 42 E. 69th St., N.Y., N.Y. 10021, (212) 879-9300.

## JWV Denounces U.N.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — In a statement issued through the National Headquarters of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. (JWV), National Commander Herbert D. Greff declared, "The members of JWV find it absurd that the United Nations applauds Yasir Arafat as pro-PLO terrorists prepare to execute U.S. Marine Lt. Col. William R. Higgins, a member of the U.N. peacekeeping force serving in Lebanon."

Greff, a Vietnam era veteran like Higgins, said, "It is an ironic turnabout that the United Nations, which should be directing its efforts toward securing the release of one of its own, is instead embracing a man aligned with the captors."

The Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. urges member nations of the U.N. to strenuously seek the release of Lt. Col. Higgins and all those held hostage by pro-Palestinian extremist groups in Lebanon. If U.N. meetings can be moved around the world, at a cost of a million dollars, to accommodate Yasir Arafat, surely the U.N. can utilize its resources to save Higgins' life.

In addition, JWV reminds the U.N. of the tragic consequences in history to those who accepted rhetoric as reality. JWV challenges the PLO and its surrogates to release Higgins and the other hostages being held. If they truly have renounced terrorism, let them show it by acts instead of words.

## Soviet Emigre Convicted Of Spying Is Sentenced

by Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — A one-time Soviet emigre convicted of espionage was given a nine-year prison sentence by a Tel Aviv district court.

Shabtai Kalmanovitch, who arrived here from the Soviet Union 15 years ago, was found guilty by a

three-judge tribunal of espionage and contact with a foreign agent.

His minimal nine-year sentence followed plea bargaining between the defense and prosecution, under which the major charge of aggravated espionage was dropped in return for pleading guilty to the lesser charge of espionage. His trial was closed to the public and details of the case were barred from publication.

With the year he has already served in prison, and one-third off for good behavior, the 43-year-old Kalmanovitch should be free within five years.

There have been rumors here and abroad that Kalmanovitch might be released and sent back to the Soviet Union, as part of a three-way exchange between the Pollards in the United States and a third unidentified espionage prisoner who would be returned to the United States.

## Jews And Vatican Officials To Convene

by Susan Birnbaum

NEW YORK (JTA) — Jews and Catholics will gather at a conference in February to examine the Christian roots of anti-Semitism, according to Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, chairman of the International Jewish Committee for Interfaith Consultations.

The conference is expected to initiate work on a Vatican document that would challenge Catholic teachings worldwide.

The conclave, scheduled to take place February 20 through 24 in Zurich, is expected to be the first of several meetings that will discuss the development of Christian thinking from early days to present times, including how it bears on anti-Semitism and its relation to the Holocaust.

The conference is an outgrowth of a meeting held in Miami on September 11, 1987, between Pope John Paul II and 206 Jewish leaders. Soon after, a joint Jewish-Vatican conference to explore the roots of Christian anti-Semitism was approved by

the pope.

The conference is conditional on the removal of a Carmelite convent at Auschwitz to a center away from the Auschwitz grounds.

This was decided by members of the international committee, the body involved in Vatican-Jewish negotiations. The move must be made before February 20.

Tanenbaum said the upcoming conference would "begin a serious scholarly examination of the history of anti-Semitism in the Western world through the ancient, the medieval and the modern periods, culminating in the Nazi Holocaust."

Talks on the long-awaited document will probably take several years to complete. They will involve careful examination of 11 volumes of Vatican records of the years between 1939 and 1945.

Members of the Jewish group, which meets with Catholics, explained their opposition to a conference centering on the Holocaust.

Rabbi Fabian Schoenfeld, a member of the committee and a past president of the Rabbinical Council of America, explained that the Rabbinical Council position "tends to agree with the Hasidic community," which conducts dialogue with Christians only on social issues and not on theology.

## Stars Come Out To Read And Pay Tribute To Torah

by Amy J. Mehler

NEW YORK (JTA) — A hushed silence descended across the Moorish Revival sanctuary of Manhattan's 150-year-old Central Synagogue, as opera diva Beverly Sills chanted the ancient words of the book of Genesis from underneath the velvety glow of an eternal lamp.

Shafts of golden light streamed in from stained-glass windows, casting delicate shadows over a spellbound audience.

The 12-and-a-half-hour Torah Read-In had begun.

Not since the days of Ezra the

Scribe, 25 centuries ago, has there been a public reading of the Torah in one sitting.

In celebration of the synagogue's sesquicentennial, some 40 celebrities of the arts and media lent their time and talent to pay tribute to the Torah, each reading a portion from the Five Books of Moses.

Luminaries included writers Jimmy Breslin, Nora Ephron, Murray Kempton and Norman Mailer; broadcasters Sam Donaldson, Hugh Downs, Joel Siegel and Barbara Walters; actors Tovah Feldshuh, Kathleen Turner, Shelly Winters and B.D. Wong; and former New York Giants football coach Allie Sherman.

Morley Safer, a member of the "60 Minutes" news team and an active member of Central Synagogue, flew in from Nicaragua to be in time for the event.

"I feel strongly about it," Safer told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. "This is one of the greatest synagogues in the city of New York, and has a tremendous moral force. Its message should not just be read, it should be committed to the public."

Helen Gurley Brown, editor of *Cosmopolitan*, admitted she was not an expert on the Torah, but was excited to learn more about Jewish rituals.

"No one respects the written word as much as I do," she said. "Words save us all, they are our link between our past and our present. They must be read and reread to learn all the lessons."

The realization of this very goal was foremost in the minds of co-chairs Evelyn Lauder and Claire Miller.

They said that the purpose of the Torah Read-In "was to illuminate the sense of the words by having the portions read by people who know how to bring out the meaning of passages of text."

Kitty Carlisle Hart, actress and executive director of the New York State Council of the Arts, thought the Read-In was "a charming idea," and that she was "thrilled to have been brought into its atmosphere."

# Youth Hi Lights

## NFTY At Fifty: Bringing Young People Closer To Jewish Life

When the Union of American Hebrew Congregations — central body of Reform Judaism in North America — created its youth organization half a century ago, its purpose was to provide a convenient setting for young Jewish men and women to meet each other. Today, that social function is perhaps more vital than ever, but it is matched by the equally important goal of providing Jewish experiences and creating a Jewish identity for thousands of Jewish youngsters across the United States and Canada.

Together, these two objectives hold the key to the very survival of the Jewish community, according to UAHC officials.

"It's a different world," says Rabbi Allan L. Smith, director of the UAHC Youth Division. "In the past, we could content ourselves with being a social organization because Jewish identity came from the home and the environment.

"Today," he points out, "many young people receive little if any Jewish education either in their synagogues or at home. That's why we have to provide what the youngsters have missed — the experiences that build Jewish identity.

"Without such reinforcement, Judaism as we know it may simply not survive into the 21st century."

A principal vehicle for carrying the message of Reform Judaism to young people is the North American Federation of Temple Youth — NFTY — which is marking its 50th anniversary in the coming year. NFTY is the branch of the Reform movement that serves high school students.

**The Role Of Summer Camps**  
Not long after its founding,

NFTY began to shift its focus from purely social to educational concerns by setting up summer institutes that emphasized Jewish study and leadership development, using rabbis as faculty members. A network of nine summer camps ultimately evolved as a way of providing youngsters with full-time exposure to the religious, cultural and recreational experience of being a Jew, even if only for a few weeks during the summer.

"We found there is no substitute for giving teenagers a 24-hour a day adventure in Jewish living over a four- or eight-week period," says Rabbi Ramie Arian, director of NFTY. "The camp program has had wonderful results because it comes at a time when the youngsters are searching for a sense of their own identity and are particularly receptive to the message of Judaism."

In 1961, NFTY also established an exchange program designed to quicken a sense of Jewish identity by building bridges between the youth of America and Israel. Known as the Eisendrath International Exchange, the program has involved hundreds of teen-age participants from Israel, the United States and Canada who visit each other's homes for six months at a time. Many of them have gone on to become leaders of Reform Judaism in North America and Israel.

In the 1950's, UAHC began to sponsor teen tour programs to Israel, enabling thousands of youngsters to visit the Jewish state as members of groups with a common interest in Israel and Judaism. In time, NFTY was sending more young people to Israel — as many as 1,300 in some

years — than any other organization in the Jewish world.

College and international education departments were also created, leading to the formation of a Youth Division, of which NFTY has remained a key constituent.

### 'It's A Mitzvah'

Because many teenagers also have a special interest in knowing that they make a difference in the world, they participate in community service activities. For this reason, NFTY has encouraged the organization of local and regional "Mitzvah Corps" programs that help the elderly, disabled and needy. Eighteen of NFTY's 21 regions sponsor local "Mitzvah" activities that enroll youngsters in service projects — volunteering in homes for the elderly, serving as counselors in camps for the handicapped, manning soup kitchens for the poor and homeless and similar tasks.

Many NFTY chapters also undertake individual social action projects. NFTY is also a sponsor of Mazon, a Jewish Response to Hunger.

Today, as NFTY prepares to celebrate its golden anniversary, its leaders take pride in the size and diversity of the organization, which has 10,000 members in 450 chapters and maintains an active calendar of youth programs on the local and regional levels. NFTY conventions, held every two years, attract as many as 700 delegates.

But NFTY's past success does not ease Rabbi Smith's concern for the future. The director of UAHC's Youth Division notes that when NFTY's main purpose was social — and Jewish education was a



Youngster at Camp Coleman in Cleveland, Georgia holds aloft a Torah at lakeside services. The camp is one of nine in the Reform movement operated by the North American Federation of Temple Youth — high school division of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations — now celebrating its 50th anniversary.

supplementary activity — its leaders could content themselves with reaching only a minority of the Reform movement's youthful constituency.

### Reaching The Remaining 85 Percent

Today, he observes, an increasing number come from backgrounds that are not very Jewish. "The demographers tell us that in a short time more than 50 percent of our young people will have one parent who was not born Jewish," he explains. "NFTY's work cannot be considered supplementary any more. We can no longer be satisfied that we are reaching 15 percent of our potential constituency. We have to worry about reaching the remaining 85 percent."

NFTY plans to meet the challenge by expanding its activities to reach youngsters at an earlier age. Since many children

drop out of synagogue involvement after Bar or Bat Mitzvah, programs are being developed to reach young people at the junior high level, in the hope and belief that this will lead to higher retention rates into high school.

An aggressive campaign is also planned to reach out to youngsters who are not temple youth members by providing programs that will attract them. In the past, it was common practice to design programs that met the needs or desires of youngsters already in NFTY.

"We can no longer be satisfied to limit our concern to members only," says Rabbi Smith. "We've got to develop creative approaches that will make the uninvolved want to join us. Reaching them is the greatest challenge facing us in the next decade. The communal survival of the Jewish people depends on it."

## World Jewry: Not So Simple

by Tj Feldman

Once upon a time a man named Abraham made a covenant with G-d and Judaism was born. The Jews endured slavery, wars, and other persecution but the central core of Judaism was breaking. The seemingly omniscient orthodox Jews were no longer the only authority on Judaism. Reform and conservative Jews were growing in numbers and becoming a vital force in Judaism in the United States.

In Israel, the orthodox continue to dominate Jewish life and many aspects of Israeli life. They wield a great deal of political power and there is no way around them. Reform Judaism is not recognized by them and reform Rabbis might as well be lay people in their eyes. The orthodox protect their strongholds in the Old City, and those who are different from them are considered evil.

Throughout other parts, Jews live in a variety of conditions from simple, unassuming lives with strong Jewish organizations in parts of Europe, to latent, sheltered lifestyles without formal Jewish structures or communities. These are the people who want to take a more active role in Judaism.

South Africa is the home of the

world's wealthiest Jews and yet they can't bring down apartheid. These Jews live out their lives and are a people who have built empires of their own.

Throughout the world, Judaism functions in many different ways, some of them good and some of them not so good. Judaism is not perfect, but for the millions worldwide who embrace its principles and teachings it is right. World Jewry is complex and multi-faceted but it survives each day and gains strength through effective leadership and a combination of factors. There is no way to summarize the state of World Jewry, but some of its complexities might be made more simple if the different factions in Judaism would acknowledge each other and work together to improve World Jewry in the places where it is threatened.

I don't have all the answers about World Jewry, but I know that as a Jew it is my job to promote the need for a brighter Jewish future. One day, I hope to see Jews worldwide sharing their ideas and thoughts with each other as equals no matter what kind of Judaism they embrace. It may well be a dream, but with a little work it can be a reality.

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## Your Community

### Fashion Potpourri

by David DeBlois

It was called a fashion show, but it offered everything from fashion to stationery to gift baskets. Abbot Lieberman's sculpture was there, along with an assortment of paintings by Belle Frank.

Obviously, the annual fashion presented by the Sisterhood of Temple Emanu-El has branched out.

This year, the show, held December 8 at the Temple, delighted those who attended with a variety of booths for a variety of needs and tastes.



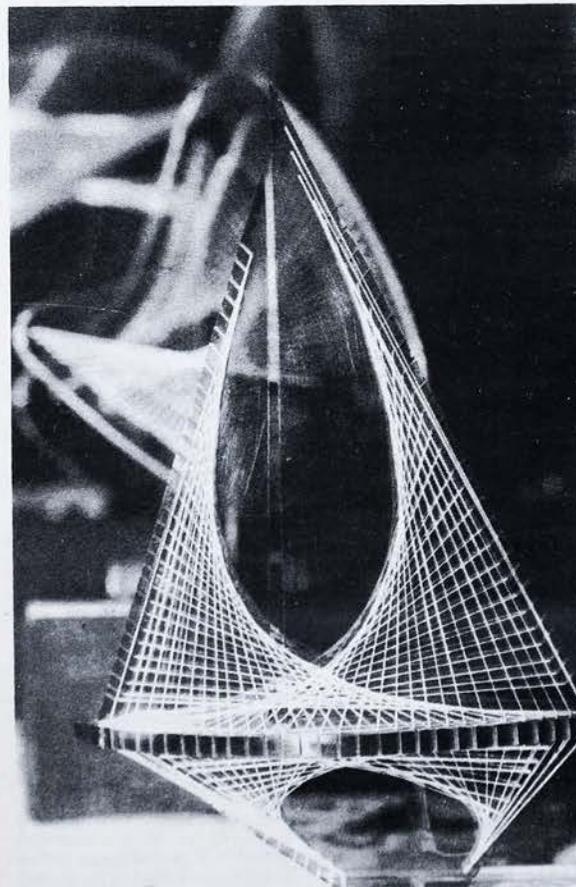
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**JUDITH D. BENHARRIS**  
NORTH ATTLEBORO, Mass. — Judith D. Benharris, 33, of 17 Cuttings Lane, died December 16, 1988, at Miriam Hospital, Providence. She was the wife of Neil J. Benharris.

Born in Lowell, Mass., a daughter of Charlotte (Brown) Swartz of Providence and the late Hyman Swartz, she was a resident of Cranston, Johnston and Pawtucket before settling in North Attleboro five and a half years ago. She was a graduate of the nursing program of the Community College of Rhode Island in 1976. She was employed as a registered nurse for 13 years at Roger Williams General Hospital until 1986.

She was a member of Congregation Agudas Achim of Attleboro and its Sisterhood.

Besides her husband and mother she leaves a daughter, Melissa Benharris and two sons, Ryan Benharris and Andrew Benharris all of North Attleboro; two sisters, Linda Stern of Worcester and Verna Black of Atlanta, Ga.; and a brother, Barry Swartz of Pawtucket.

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

### JOSEPH G. JAFFE

RENO, Nev. — Joseph G. Jaffe, 71, died December 5, 1988, at Physicians' Hospital for Extended Care. He was the husband of Ethel Jaffe.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Samuel and Sadie (Dickens)

Jaffe, he lived in Reno for 30 years.

Mr. Jaffe was a dance band leader in Rhode Island and Nevada. He also owned a plumbing and heating company in Nevada. He was a member of the Musicians Union, Local 368, the Reno Elks, the Touro Fraternal Association, Providence, and Temple Sinai. In World War II, he served in the Army Air Forces in the 372nd Bomb Squadron and the 307th Bomb Group as a radio operator.

Besides his wife he leaves a son, Stephen Jaffe; a daughter, Susan R. Burkhamer, both of Reno; a sister, Edith Abedon of Providence, and two grandchildren.

The funeral and burial were in Reno.

### CORA KATZMAN

PROVIDENCE — Cora Katzman, 83, of 25 Everett Ave., died December 11, 1988, at Miriam Hospital. She was the widow of Jacob Katzman.

Born in Burrillville, a daughter of the late Harry M. and Tillie (Zettel) Berk, she lived in Providence for 62 years.

She leaves two daughters, Linda Rosen of Providence and Ruth Winniman of Longmeadow, Mass.; a son, Harry Katzman of Warwick; a sister, Martha Berger of Providence; a brother, Abraham Berk of New York, and eight grandchildren.

A graveside service was held at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

### HAROLD KELMAN

PROVIDENCE — Harold Kelman, 86, of 1050 Hope St., president of Lee Frederick's Ltd., the ring division of Weingeroff Enterprises, for 15 years and was active until two months ago, died December 10, 1988, at Rhode Island Hospital. He was the husband of Rose (Ginsburg) Kelman.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Philip and Minnie (Koleen) Kelman.

Mr. Kelman was president of the United Jewelry Show for three years. He was previously sales manager of the Uncas Mfg. Co. He was affiliated with the jewelry ring

manufacturing industry for 40 years.

He was a member of the Jewish Home for Aged of Rhode Island, the Hebrew Free Loan and the Miami Beach Lodge of Elks. He was a member of Temple Emanu-El and its Men's Club. He was a member of Redwood Lodge, F & AM, the Palestine Shrine and the Scottish Rite.

Besides his wife he leaves a daughter, Helene E. Stecker of Pawtucket; two sisters, Dorothy Meller of Providence and Pearl Stein of Bal Harbor, Fla.; two brothers, Samuel Kelman of West Palm Beach, Fla., Dr. Arthur Kelman of Madison, Wis., and a grandson.

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

### KLARE SEIDEN

PROVIDENCE — Klare Seiden, 78, of 60 Broadway, owner of the former Klare's Greeting Card Shop, Hope Street, for 15 years before retiring 10 years ago, died December 12, 1988, at St. Joseph Hospital. She was the widow of Julius Seiden.

Born in Poland, a daughter of the late Josef and Fannie Fruchter, she lived in Providence for 52 years.

Mrs. Seiden was a member of Temple Emanu-El, it's Sisterhood and Hadassah. She was a member of the Women's Associations of Miriam Hospital and the Jewish Home for the Aged.

She leaves a daughter, Shirley Smith of Holbrook, N.Y.; a son, Manfred Seiden of Larchmont, N.Y.; two sisters, Rose Wolf of Mamaroneck, N.Y., Gladys Zuckerman of Bridgeport, Conn., and three grandchildren.

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

### BENJAMIN M. WOOLF

CRANSTON — Benjamin M. Woolf, 87, of 22 Waldron Ave. died December 13, 1988, at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of the late Fae (Jagoliner) Woolf.

Born in Russia, a son of the late Morris and Mary Woolf, he lived in Providence before moving to Cranston 62 years ago.

Mr. Woolf founded the former Park Shoe Store in 1924 and was in business for 55 years before retiring 12 years ago. He was also president of the Fayben Realty Co. He was a graduate of the former Bryant and Stratton Business College, now Bryant College, in 1922. He was a founding member of Temple Torat Yisrael. He was a former president of the Cranston Rotary Club, a member of Redwood Lodge, AF and AM, and the Palestine Shrine.

He leaves a son, Sheldon M. Woolf of Waban, Mass.; seven grandchildren and a great-grandson.

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

### Philanthropist

#### Lawrence Wien Dies

NEW YORK (JTA) — Lawrence Wien, a philanthropist who once said, "I decided to have the fun of giving my money away," died of cancer December 9 at his home in Westport, Conn.

Wien, 83, had amassed a fortune in his lifetime as a lawyer and realtor and his donations to education and the arts were in the millions.

One of his beneficiaries was Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass., where Wien had been a trustee from 1957 to 1984 and chairman from 1967 to 1971.

His donations to Columbia over the last 63 years came to more than \$20 million, including \$6 million toward construction of the football stadium at Baker Field that bears his name.

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## Israeli Arabs And The Jewish State (continued from page 1)

realized their full rights and opportunities" as citizens, said Ringler.

"They believe that a Palestinian state should be created because they want a solution for their brothers and sisters in the territories, whom they feel need a Palestinian state just as the Jews need Israel.

Kabha lives in a village that was divided in two by the armistice after the 1948 War of Independence: half remained part of Israel, the other half became part of the West Bank of Jordan. After the Six-Day War of 1967, the village was reunited. The half that is part of the West Bank is part of the intifada (Palestinian uprising); the Israeli half helps them with food and medicine, but does not take part in the intifada. Said Kabha about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict:

"We both have to give up our dreams — the Palestinian Arabs of returning to Jaffa and the Jews of a 'Greater Israel' — and be realistic. The Israeli Arabs are probably the most realistic of all the Arabs in the region, and they understand the values of democracy. . . . My father hoped I would live in peace, and now I hope my children will."

Kabha represents a new intellectual class of Israeli Arabs who perceive their position realistically, commented Ringler. He reported that some people had difficulty in accepting what Kabha was saying: "It took a lot of listening and persuasion to understand that the Arabs of Israel are different from the Arabs in the territories." Ringler continued:

"What made the difference is that Kabha — as an Israeli Arab who represents leadership of a whole generation of people — brought the kind of authenticity that makes it difficult for people to argue with."

Ozachy-Lazar said she was "struck" by the great ignorance on the part of American Jewry over the realities in Israel, including the existence of forces there who are

concerned about improving Jewish-Arab relations. She and her colleagues discussed with audiences how the work of the Givat Haviva Institute has "grown by geometric proportions" since the intifada began.

One of the effects of the intifada has been the reinforcing of popular negative stereotypes and generalizations about Arabs. The tendency is to characterize all of them as untrustworthy even though the Israeli Arabs have, in Ozachy-Lazar's words, "been loyal all the way through, during all the wars and now."

The increase in extremism and racism has generated concern among Israeli educators, who turned to Givat Haviva for program resources and guidance in combatting these attitudes because of the Institute's long expertise in breaking down barriers and building ties between Israeli Arabs and Jews, she said.

The cities visited by the speakers during their tour included Philadelphia, New York, Miami, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, Cincinnati, Louisville, Chicago, Toronto, Albany, and New Brunswick, N.J.



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## New Elections (continued from page 1)

move toward annexation of the West Bank. He also called for an intensive settlement building program to preclude any territorial compromise.

Uzi Baram, secretary-general of the Labor Party, said he "regretted" the expression of "regret" by the government. He said Israel should not be perceived to be rejecting a hand of peace extended by Arafat.

Yair Tsaban of Mapam, the United Workers Party, urged Israel to follow the American lead and hold its own talks with the PLO.

Likud Knesset member Binyamin Begin, son of former Prime Minister Menachem Begin, called the U.S. move "deplorable" and a "grave folly."

## U.S. To Inspect Geneva Bank Account Of Israeli Linked To Iran Arms Sale

by Tamar Levy

**GENEVA (JTA)** — The Swiss bank account of an Israeli arms dealer involved in the Iran-Contra scandal will be opened for inspection by U.S. investigators, a federal court in the Swiss city of Lausanne ruled.

The court rejected the claim by attorneys for Yaakov Nimrodi that he had been operating officially for the Israeli government and was not involved in the Iran affair.

Nimrodi, a retired colonel in the Israel Defense Force, admitted

He suggested the Americans were taken in by Arafat. "A snake wearing a jacket and tie is nothing more than a well-dressed snake," he said.

Labor dove Haim Ramon said Israel is "strong enough" to talk to the PLO without fear.

Yossi Ben-Aharon, director general of the Prime Minister's Office, said he told the U.S. ambassador, Thomas Pickering, that America had made a bad blunder and would realize it soon enough.

"The United States is very far from this area. We have to live here — we can't afford to blunder," Ben-Aharon said he told the envoy.

having an account in the Swiss Credit Bank in Geneva. It was used to transfer \$1 million originating in Israel to the account of Lt. Col. Oliver North, a former aide on President Reagan's National Security Council.

Those funds are alleged to have been used to finance a clandestine American arms shipment to Iran in 1985, when the United States officially maintained an arms embargo against Iran. Nimrodi is suspected of having been a key figure in the illicit transaction.

## Orchestras To Perform Together

**TEL AVIV (JTA)** — The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra and the Toronto Symphonic Orchestra will perform a joint concert in Toronto next March, conducted by Zubin Mehta, the Israeli Philharmonic's musical director.

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# News Analysis: Decision To Open Talks With PLO Could Strain US-Israeli Ties

by David Friedman

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The Reagan administration's decision to open talks with the Palestine Liberation Organization could leave a legacy of renewed friction between the United States and Israel for George Bush, when he assumes the presidency Jan. 20.

A period of tension may be ahead between the United States and Israel, especially if the talks with the PLO, being undertaken by Robert Pelletreau, the U.S. ambassador in Tunisia, are seen as going well.

At the same time, the decision frees the Bush White House of a commitment to Israel that has been upheld by the last three administrations, since it was first made in 1975 by then-Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

Kissinger said on ABC-TV that the 1975 commitment formalized existing U.S. policy not to hold talks with the PLO until it accepts Israel's right to exist and U.N. Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338. The Reagan administration added the demand that the PLO renounce terrorism in all its forms.

Secretary of State George Shultz, at a news conference, announced that the United States was ready to open a "substantive dialogue" with the PLO, since it had met these conditions. After Shultz's announcement, both President Reagan and President-elect Bush said they supported the decision.

But Shultz made clear that he will not himself talk with PLO leader Yasir Arafat or other PLO officials. He said the Arabic-speaking Pelletreau is "the only authorized channel of communications" with the PLO. For anyone else to engage in the dialogue would be a decision of the next administration.

"Now what may evolve from this remains to be seen," he said. "But I think when it comes to any genuine substantive discussion, we are in the transition phase, and it is basically for the next administration to decide what to do."

Shultz conceded that Israel will not negotiate with the PLO, even if it meets the U.S. conditions.

"It's totally for Israel to make its own decisions about what it wants to do, and there's nothing to be inferred judgmentally about what they should do," Shultz said.

However, Shultz and Reagan stressed that the decision did not lessen U.S. support for Israel and was aimed at moving the peace process forward.

"We view this development as one more step toward the beginning of direct negotiations between the parties, which alone can lead to a comprehensive peace in the Middle East," Reagan said in a statement issued by the White House.

"The United States' special commitment to Israel's security and well-being remains unshakable," Reagan said. "Indeed, a major reason for our entry into this dialogue is to help Israel achieve the recognition and security it deserves."

Shultz reiterated that the United States does not accept the decision at the Palestine National Council meeting in Algiers last month to declare an independent Palestinian state.

"The status of the West Bank and Gaza cannot be determined by unilateral acts of either side, but only through a process of negotiations," he said.

Shultz and Reagan also stressed that the United States wants to be sure that the PLO's renunciation of terrorism is fulfilled not just in words, but in deeds.

The secretary said terrorism will be the first item on the agenda for

Pelletreau when he speaks with the PLO. "And we'll make it clear that our positions about the importance of the renunciation of terrorism is central," he said.

The Reagan statement also said that the United States expects the PLO to live up to the statements made by Arafat at a news conference in Geneva. "In particular, it must demonstrate that its renunciation of terrorism is pervasive and permanent," Reagan said.

Reagan said that if the PLO does not live up to its word, "we certainly (will) break off communications."

The U.S. decision came after Sweden asked the United States on Dec. 2 what language it would consider acceptable from Arafat. But while Arafat appeared to come close at the PNC meeting, after a meeting with five American Jews in Stockholm and his address to the U.N. General Assembly session on Palestine, the United States said his remarks continued to be ambiguous.

But Arafat apparently used the right words in his Geneva news conference. The United States found them unambiguous, particularly the recognition of Israel's right to exist.

Arafat also said he has gone as far as he can. "Enough is enough," he said three times. "All remaining matters should be discussed around the table and within the international conference."

This leaves the Middle East peace process about where it was when the agreement between Arafat and King Hussein of Jordan bogged down in 1987. The issues now remain the same as then: the convening of an international conference and who should represent the Palestinians in negotiations.

Israel's Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and his Likud party oppose such a conference. But even Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and his Labor Alignment, which support the conference, reject the PLO as a participant. The Israelis want Palestinians to be represented by residents of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

White House spokesman Marlín

Fitzwater reiterated the U.S. position that it would accept an international conference, but only if it leads to direct negotiations and is not a substitute for it. Bush has supported this position.

But if the U.S.-PLO dialogue makes any progress, the Bush administration could end up pressing Israel to accept the PLO in negotiations. However, Fitzwater, who will be Bush's press secretary, said, "we would not try to dictate" Israeli talks with the PLO.

Bush reportedly has not decided whether to make the Middle East a high priority next year. At least two prestigious studies have urged him not to come up with any new proposals right away, but appoint a special representative to go to the Middle East to discuss the issues with the parties.

But the dynamics of the U.S.-PLO talks could lead to an early Bush proposal and, perhaps, a clash with Israel.

## Anne Frank House For The Homeless Opens

by Howard Rosenberg

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Jews often reach out to help the homeless during the holiday season. For many synagogues around the United States that operate shelters, it's a year-round job.

But while most shelters serve as temporary homes, a synagogue here is apparently one of the first to open a permanent residence.

Martin Blank, social action chairman of Washington's Adas Israel Congregation, said the Conservative synagogue, which opened the facility in March, now houses five women ages 30 to 50.

Located in a residential area of Northwest Washington, it cost \$7,500 to open. It charges a monthly rental fee of \$700.

The residents contribute some money toward the rent, while those who cannot pay are subsidized through the District of Columbia's Tenant Assistance Program.

The facility can help a total of five people at one time, but the "potential for expansion is largely in getting other congregations and other organizations to pursue

similar programs," Blank said.

The congregation just began publicizing the new facility in October, and has been in touch with only "a handful" of congregations so far.

Blank said he is not worried that there may be too many homeless people seeking to live in the Anne Frank House, as it is known.

"So far that has not happened," he said. "It is conceivable we will get a lot more demand, but we are going to have to respond by saying 'we are doing what we can and we hope others will join us in the effort to provide more permanent housing,'" he said.

If the house receives 500 calls, for example, "then we would come back to the religious community" and ask it to create more living arrangements.

Blank said that there are many overnight shelters and longer-term facilities for homeless people, but that few organizations have attempted to find "permanent solutions."

He said that Jewish communities have established special homes for the elderly "and we expect them to live there until

they die."

Similarly, he said that "it is not our expectation" that the five women living in Anne Frank House will later choose to live elsewhere, although they have the option to do so.

"Only in a small place could you create some sense of community where people would want to stay for longer periods of time," he added.

## Amsterdam Museum Honored

AMSTERDAM (JTA) — The European Community has awarded its Museum Prize to the Jewish Museum of Amsterdam.

The prize, a statuette by the sculptor Joan Mir and \$5,000 cash, will be presented to the museum next May 9 in Strasbourg, seat of the Parliament of Europe, the 12-nation European Community's legislative body.

The Jewish Museum has occupied new premises here since May 1987. It is located in the completely restored former Ashkenazic main synagogue on Jonas Daniel Meyer Square.



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