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Goldman Gets Inside View Of FCC

Local professor among 25 educators in U.S. to see how broadcast industry policy evolves

by George LaTour

Dr. Mark E. Goldman of Warwick, an associate professor of communications at Rhode Island College, recently was one of a select group of communications educators from around the country to attend the Annenberg Faculty Conference in Washington, D.C.

As one of the 25 invited college/university faculty there, he was briefed on the latest developments in communications and had an opportunity to discuss these developments with governmental policy makers.

"We got to talk with the Federal Communications Commissioners (FCC) and their staff lawyers as well as (members of) the National Telecommunications Information Administration," reports Goldman.

"They gave us the low-down on what's happening or what's likely to happen in the communications industry."

A lot of the information shared with the educators was "inside stuff as to how the various staffs move ideas into law or regulation" regarding the broadcast media, says Goldman.

"This was an exciting opportunity for a teacher to see how these laws/regulations are crafted — step by step — and the philosophy behind them. It's only something

you can comprehend by actually talking with the people involved," he assures.

Goldman says subjects at this year's meeting concerned changes "likely to occur in policy" under the new Bush administration.

These include an appointment by the President of two new members to the five-member FCC, which would give Bush direct influence on future FCC decisions; "maybe" a move to control the content of on-air shows (e.g. "Raunch Radio"); a review of the Fairness Doctrine (which was relaxed under the Reagan administration) to again require local presentations of controversial issues and rebuttal time.

And, "the most exciting for the average consumer," a growing influence of the telephone company in the cable business.

Goldman explains that Regional Bell Operating Co. (RBOC) which includes NYNEX (of which New England Telephone is a subsidiary) has been installing fiber-optics (stringing cable) "all over the country" on which they can put TV programming in addition to telephone conversations.

"The cable (TV) companies are frantic," says Goldman, explaining that "the phone companies may be able to provide similar services (as

cable TV) and cheaper."

The last thing covered at the conference, says Goldman, was High-Definition TV (which recently has been developed and marketed by the Japanese).

Goldman says HDT is clear and very sharp — like a movie. While this might not make a big difference to the average television viewer, it will offer excellent detail, say to the medical profession, using TV for surgery, etc.

One of the problems with HDT, however, says Goldman, is that it is not compatible with current TV — cameras or receivers.

The implication is that much money will have to be expended to convert to HDT on a large scale in America.

What all this means for RIC, says Goldman, is state-of-the-art information for communications students here and, perhaps, the introduction of new courses which would address these various changes in the world of mass communications.

Goldman had attended (by invitation) the first Annenberg Faculty Conference in 1985 which lasted for two weeks.

Walter Annenberg was a former ambassador from the United States and former sole owner of Triangle Publications which pub-



COMMUNICATIONS PROF. Mark Goldman of Rhode Island College holds T-shirt given to him and a select few other leading communications experts invited to attend recently the Annenberg Faculty Conference. (RIC Photo by George LaTour)

lishes TV Guide.

The Annenberg policy-oversight office, established in Washington, D.C., to keep tabs on what is going on in mass communications legislation, etc., is affiliated with several universities from which it regularly draws faculty expertise. These include the Annenberg programs at the University of Southern California School of Communications and Northwestern University.

In addition to the information shared with the educators, notes Goldman, the conference gave

them an opportunity to discuss among themselves how best to introduce the new material in their respective classes around the country.

As a result of the 1985 conference, Goldman introduced two new courses here, including one on the question and ethics of television coverage of terrorists.

That a communications faculty member from RIC is invited to these conferences "says something about the RIC communications program," assures Goldman.

Sam Fineberg Inducted Into Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association



by Eleanor F. Horvitz

The Archives of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association contain various types of memorabilia and documentation. This may be, for example, in the form of a newspaper article, a photograph, a naturalization paper, a seat number in a synagogue.

The name of Sam Fineberg was recently added to the listing of individuals on file in the archives. We learn about this man through an interview with his daughter, Kay Fineberg Henshaw, and from

articles written about him in the local newspapers.

Samuel Fineberg was born on January 9, 1892 in Russia, a son of Morris and Sophie (Weitsman) Fineberg. He came to Providence at an early age. One of his first residences was in the North End of Providence on North Davis Street. He served in the U.S. Army during World War I, and had the status of a disabled war veteran upon discharge. In 1921 Sam married Sarah Aslauer who had migrated to Providence from Austria. They had three children, two sons,

David J. and Maurice H., and the middle child, a daughter, Kay. They resided on Pratt Street and were members of the Orthodox synagogue, Ahavath Shalom, also known as the Howell Street Synagogue. When Kay was 14, her mother died.

The above are a few statistics about a man which in no way indicate how unusual he was. He earned his living by selling newspapers at a downtown stand, but had always been interested in sports. As a boxer he suffered a fractured nose, obvious in the photograph and in a cartoon drawn by the Providence Journal editorial cartoonist, Frank Lanning. A cartoon with accompanying editorial was Frank Lanning's way of saying goodbye to Samuel "Ike" Fineberg on his death, which occurred on May 16, 1966. We quote from this article:

"He was one of the best-known figures in Providence when he sold papers at the City Hall end of the old Journal Building. His steady customers included the mayor and the governor.

In the days when "Ike" started his career in boxing there was no controlling authority, and many injustices were perpetrated. Unscrupulous promoters and matchmakers often refused to honor their oral contracts, and shortchanged the boxers who had no redress.

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Swearer Apologizes To Jewish Community

Special To The Herald

Providence — In a letter to Mr. Norman D. Tilles, President of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, former president Howard R. Swearer of Brown University, whose last official action was to confer an honorary degree on Gore Vidal, recently apologized to the Jewish Community of Rhode Island for his action.

Tilles had written in December, after the furor over Brown's honoring Vidal led the organized Jewish community to complain to Brown University for legitimizing anti-Semitism and racism. Vidal is well-known for his violently hostile statements about American Jews, whom he has called disloyal, the State of Israel, and also about Americans of Asian origin or descent.

Swearer admitted that the honorary degree was made without consulting the faculty-student committee on honorary degrees. "A check was supposed to have been made . . . but, because of the press of affairs . . . that connection was not made." That has since been confirmed by committee chairman Professor Newell Stultz, who stated that his committee knew nothing about the degree until it was announced. Campus opinion places blame on the Brown University Librarian, Dr. Merrily Taylor, and her staff.

Swearer further conceded that

Brown was not aware of Vidal's record: "The Fellows . . . were not aware of the heated exchanges in Commentary, the New Republic, and The Nation . . . As far as I know, this controversy and Vidal's statements were not picked up in more widely-read publications. Only the day before the degree was to be awarded did these matters come to my attention!"

He further admitted, "The Fellows voted the honorary degree for Vidal because of his literary accomplishments . . . and because the Library planned to hold a major series of events based on the John Hay Collection and thought it would be appropriate to have Vidal as an honored speaker since Hay was featured so prominently in Vidal's book on Lincoln."

Commenting on Swearer's statement to the Jewish community, Judaic studies Professor Jacob Neusner, who with students and important alumni had led the original protest to honoring Vidal, whom he called an anti-Semite, stated, "Swearer's apology to Mr. Tilles clearly indicates that had Brown University known Vidal's record, it would not have chosen to honor him under any circumstances. That shows that Brown University will not again choose to honor racists, bigots, or anti-Semites. The point has been made and the case is closed."

Local News

Midrasha Is Doing It Again

Last year's Family Community evening of music and fun was such a success, the Harry Elkin Midrasha is once again sponsoring this outstanding event.

On Saturday, March 11, 1989, at Temple Emanu-El, the Shirim Band will be featured. Widely-known for its Israeli, Klezmer, Folk and American music, this five-person group will be the highlight of the evening. Also on the program will be light snacks throughout the evening and another fabulous Viennese Sweet Table at intermission.

Join us on March 11, 1989 at 7:30 p.m. You don't need a wedding or a Bar Mitzvah to celebrate — just good music, friends and fun. Support the Harry Elkin Midrasha's enrichment

programs. Help make this event a great success.

Bonnie Ryvicker and Ron Sohn are co-chairpersons of this event. They are assisted by Joann Singband, reservations; Bob Corin, refreshments; Phyllis Shapiro and Cindy Kaplan, donors; Ellie Elbaum, mailing; and Jill Robinson, publicity.

Tickets can be obtained by calling the Bureau at 331-0956. Patrons and donors of \$100 or more will receive four tickets. Donors who give \$50 will receive two tickets; sponsors who give \$25 will receive one ticket. General admission tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for students and seniors.

For a fun-filled evening, mark your calendars for Saturday, March 11, 1989 and Shirim.

Congregation Ohave Sholam

The synagogue on East Avenue is now affiliated with the Young Israel Movement. This Friday evening services are at 5:35 p.m. On Shabbat morning, as we finish the book of Exodus, services begin at 9 a.m. with a Kiddush to follow. The Rabbi Jacobs' class will be at 4:45 p.m. Mincha is at 5:25 p.m. followed by the Third Sabbath Meal. Ma-ariv is at 6:25 p.m. Havdalah is at 6:35 p.m.

Our congregation is hosting its 3rd Annual Purim Meal (Seudah) on Purim Day, Tuesday, March 21, at 5:30 p.m. We will have a full course meal with homemade hamentashen and pastries. There will also be lively music with strong drink for the adults. Don't forget to reserve this date and make your prepaid reservations by March 13. The cost is only \$8.50 an adult and \$4.00 a child under 12. The maximum price is only \$30 per family. One can call in reservations at 723-2669, 724-3552, or 724-2632.

The N.C.S.Y. group is also planning a Purim Carnival Sunday, March 19, 2-4 p.m. There will be a planning meeting this Sunday, March 12 at 2 p.m.

Our schedule of services this week is as follows:

Morning: Sunday, 7:45 a.m.; Monday and Thursday, 6:40 a.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 6:50 a.m.
Evenings: 5:40 p.m. when possible.

Sons Of Jacob

Friday, March 10 — three days in ADAR II. Candlelighting at 5:27 p.m. Minchah services are at 5:35 p.m.

Saturday, March 11 — four days in ADAR II. Torah reading is P'Pe'kude. Additionally, this sabbath is the conclusion for the 2nd Chumish Exodus. All worshippers finish with the expressions Chazak! Chazak! Venischazeik! Now is the Venischazeik! Now is the beginning for reading Leviticus! after morning services. Morning services are at 8:30 a.m., Kiddush follows immediately. Minchah services are at 5:25 p.m., the Third Meal will follow immediately. The Sabbath is over at 6:20 p.m. Havdalah service will be at 6:31 p.m.

Sunday, March 12 — morning services are at 7:45 a.m. Coffee and refreshments follow morning services as usual. Minchah for the entire week will be at 5:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday morning services are at 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday morning services are at 6:45 a.m. There are nine days left to Purim!

The raffle prizes are: 1) Color Television (19") RCA or Zenith. 2) A ladies' or men's pair of Leather Boots, 3) Three bottles of Whiskey.

Tickets are available at the synagogue or Dave Friedman at 438-5220.

Temple Sinai Sisterhood

Sisterhood Meeting

There will be a Temple Sinai Sisterhood Meeting on March 13, 1989 at 7:30 pm at the Temple Social Hall.

Esther Yanku, traveling consultant of the Fantasy Travel & Tour, will present a slide show on "Everything there is to know about cruises".

A \$100.00 gift certificate will be given by the Norwegian Cruise Line to be used on any of their cruises.

Susan Appleton is President and Elley Marcus is Program Chairwoman.

Providence Hadassah

The Providence Chapter of Hadassah will hold the annual Donor Kickoff meeting on Monday, March 13, 1989 at the Jewish Community Center in Providence.

The speaker at the Kickoff meeting will be Mrs. Etti Griff. Her topic: "Hadassah Baby — Hadassah Nurse."

The 65th Anniversary Donor Luncheon, to benefit the Hadassah Medical Organization, is scheduled for Wednesday, May 10, 1989, at the Ledgemont Country Club. Chairman, Claire Bell; Co-Chairman, Roberta Blum; Treasurer, Rita Millen; Reservations, Selma Halpern.

The Donor Kickoff meeting will begin at 12:30 p.m. with dessert and coffee in the Art Gallery and the meeting and program will follow at 1 p.m. in the Senior Lounge. All members are welcome.

West Bay JCC

The West Bay Jewish Community Center Toddler Playgroup will be having its registration for the 1989-90 sessions Tuesday, March 14, Temple Sinai, 30 Hagen Ave., Cranston, from 9-11 a.m. The Temple is conveniently located with easy access from Routes 295 and 2.

The cooperative playgroup meets two mornings a week for two hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays or Wednesdays and Fridays. Each group is limited to twelve children whose birthdays fall between January and December, 1987. The objectives of the playgroup are to promote socialization, experience in group settings and most of all... having fun! The fee is \$70 per month for members and \$105 per month for non-members. For more information call Ellen at 831-1390.

Temple Sinai Scholar-In-Residence

CRANSTON — Ellen Kaplan of East Greenwich chairs the committee planning the fourth annual scholar-in-residence program, which will be held at Temple Sinai, Cranston, Friday and Saturday, March 10 and 11.

The speaker for the Friday evening and Saturday program will be Rabbi Maurice Davis, rabbi emeritus of the Jewish Community Center at White Plains, N.Y. Rabbi Davis, who was born in Providence and educated at Classical High School and Brown University, has a national reputation for fighting cults. He also has been prominent in inter-racial activities.

The subject of the weekend program, which begins with the 8:15 p.m. Friday service, is "To Be a Jew Today in America," based on Rabbi Davis's forthcoming book, *Trial by Jewry*. Rabbi Davis will open the Saturday program at 9:15 a.m., after which participants will be divided into discussion groups. Following the 11:15 a.m. Sabbath service, led by Rabbi George Astrachan, lunch will be served, and there will be open discussion of the subject, with a summary by Rabbi Davis.

Also serving on the planning committee are Kenneth Adler, Lotte Feinberg, Judy Oraslan and Joseph Postar of Cranston; Catherine and Fred Berkowitz of Warwick, Sukey Denniss of East Greenwich, and Livia Weinstein, Selman Nasberg, and Ruth and Sidney Jaffa of West Warwick.

Temple Sinai serves Reform Jewish families in Cranston, Kent and South Counties.

Temple Sinai Expands Popular Goods And Services Auction

A goods and services auction will be held at Temple Sinai, Saturday, April 8, at 7 pm. According to committee person, Mark Harris, "This event was so well received last year, that we have gone out of our way to make this year's goods and services auction bigger and better."

Typical items to be auctioned include, dinners at local restaurants, weekends or weeks at vacation homes, boating and fishing trips, sporting events, handmade goods and gift certificates at well known area shops.

Harris said that a number of retail businesses have been very generous in making some very valuable items and gift certificates available to the Temple for auctioning. In addition to the auction, drawings will be held with cash prizes totalling \$3,000.

The Goods and Services Auction is open to members and friends of Temple Sinai. The suggested donation for this evening of entertainment is \$2.50.

Donations of goods and services are still being accepted. Anyone wishing to make a donation should contact a member of the committee, which includes Larry Schwartz, Mark Harris, Alan Silver, Marc Perlman, Jack Tregar, and Sid Marcus.

Dvorah-Dayan Club

Dvorah Dayan Club of Na'Amat will hold its next meeting on Monday, March 13 at the home of Cele Krieger, 381 Cole Avenue, Providence at 7:45 p.m.

The business meeting will discuss the sale of tickets to the theater party on Sunday, April 23 at 2 p.m. at Roberts Auditorium, Rhode Island College for the musical *Pajama Game*. Anyone desiring tickets, please call Mrs. Krieger at 351-2139. Plans for the Yard Sale in May will be on the agenda.

Our guest for our program will be Raya Kalisman, an Israeli who is in Providence for an extended visit. She will speak on "Galilee Life in the New Settlements."

Members, guests and friends are welcome.

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Touro Synagogue

Chaplains To Deliver Guest Lectures At Touro

As part of the ongoing "Bridge Program" between Touro Synagogue and the Newport Naval Station and in conjunction with the congregation's Adult Education Program, Rabbi Shapiro has announced Congregation Jeshuat Israel as host of two guest lectures during the month of March.

On Monday evening, March 6, Chaplains Timothy Moritta and Charles Carter discussed their experiences. The following week, Chaplain Edgar Bankhead will be our guest lecturer — on Monday, March 13.

Both of these lectures are open to the general public. Starting time is 8 p.m., after the Rabbi's Hebrew class.

Chaplains Moritta and Carter are members of the Southern Baptist denomination and Chaplain Bankhead is a member of the A.M.E. Zion clergy. These lectures are aimed at developing greater understanding of our neighbors and to promote more religious appreciation of the various faiths.

Touro Purim Late Service

Touro Synagogue of Newport will sponsor several programs in conjunction with the forthcoming Jewish festival of Purim, announced Rabbi Chaim Shapiro, the congregation's spiritual leader. The initial event will be the monthly Late Friday Evening Service-Oneg Shabbat, which will be held on Friday evening, March 10 at 8 p.m. in the synagogue's main sanctuary. At that time, Rabbi Shapiro will conduct a service which will feature a sermon "In Those Days and Now" on the Purim theme. A collation will be served in the Jewish Community Center Social Hall, across Touro Street opposite the synagogue. There is no charge for admission and the community is welcome.

The major religious service for Purim will be held in the synagogue on the night of Purim, Monday evening, March 20, at 6 p.m. At that time, the traditional service will be conducted by Rabbi Shapiro. That service will feature the public reading of the Megillah, the scroll of the Biblical Book of Esther, which will be read in its original Hebrew. It is customary at that time to distribute "Greggars" or noise-makers to all children, who participate in the service by drowning out the name of Haman, the villain in the story, whenever it is mentioned. There is also the occasion for children to attend the services to masquerade as characters in the story and to partake of the special triangular-shaped cakes called "Hamentaschen." A second service will be held the following morning, Tuesday, March 21 at 7:30 a.m.

In addition to the public services, Purim will be celebrated by the Jewish people of this area with feasts in private homes on the evening of Purim (March 21) and with other types of joyous commemorations. For further information on the Touro celebrations, contact the synagogue office at 847-4794.

Jewish War Veterans

Jewish War Veterans Post #23 will hold a meeting on Wednesday, March 15, 1989 at Eileen Darling's Restaurant in Seekonk at 7 p.m.

Please call in your dinner reservations to Commander Charles Abrams at 941-6841 no later than March 10 and 11.



BJE Israel Desk

Ruth Page, Israel Desk, received the following letter from Ken Zisserson, a student in the High School in Israel program:

Dear Mrs. Page,

Hi! How's it going? I am so glad I came. You were so right in commending this trip. It is everything I had wanted, plus so much more. I've made so many friends and I am also actually enjoying class. My Mom told me that Muffy Feldman is coming next term. I'll be more than happy to fill her in on the details or just explain the trip form the student's point of view. Since I've been here I feel as though I've matured in so many ways. I also feel more comfortable with accepting new responsibility. Again, I would really like to thank you. I can't wait to tell you about my trip in detail when I come home.

Love, Ken

For more information on the Alexander Muss High School in Is-



rael, an academic program for 11th and 12th graders with five-eight week sessions per year (September, November, February, April and Summer), call Ruth Page at the Bureau of Jewish Education, 331-0956.

Temple Shalom

The next session of Temple Shalom's Winter Adult Education Series will take place on Thursday evening, March 9 at 8 p.m. in the social hall of the Temple, 225 Valley Road, Middletown. Featured speaker for the session will be Amy Lasky, Registered Dietician whose topic will be: "You Are What You Eat." The series is co-sponsored with Newport Hospital and is open to the entire community free of charge.

Friday evening, March 10, at 8 p.m. the Congregation will observe the Sabbath with a special Likrat Shabbat Service. Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer will chant the liturgical portions of the service from the Likrat Shabbat Prayerbook and deliver the sermon entitled, "Religion and the Media." The Oneg Shabbat following the service will be graciously sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. George Botvin.

The Temple will be holding an

Adult Purim Party on Saturday evening, March 18, at 8 p.m. in the social hall. Costumes will be from the 1960's or 70's. There will be prizes, dancing, entertainment, contests and a dairy dinner. The cost is \$5 per person. Reservations can be made by contacting Amy Kuell at 849-3090 or Daisy Gilmore at 849-4044.

Reservations are being accepted for the Temple's Annual Passover Seder, which will take place on Wednesday evening, April 19th. Barbara Jagolinzer is chair of the event.

The Temple Gift Shop has a full line of Passover articles. Contact Chair Zeldia Fisher to take care of all your holiday needs.

On Sunday morning, March 12, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. there will be a Discovery Toy Demonstration and Sale. These professionally selected toys can make a positive difference in a child's future. Come and learn about these wonderful toys and how you can purchase them.

Striar JCC

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Singles Dance

The Singles 35-50 Group of the Striar Jewish Community Center on the Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, MA, will be holding an April Fool's Dance on Saturday evening, April 1 from 8:00 p.m. until midnight.

There will be a deejay, munchies and a cash bar available. The fee for members is \$6 and for non-members \$9.

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Sisterhood Mishkon-Tfiloh

A meeting of the Sisterhood, Congregation Mishkon Tfiloh will be held on Sunday, March 12, 1989 at 1:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of the Synagogue, 203 Summit Ave., Providence.

Plans will be formulated for the Purim party to be held immediately after the reading of the Megillah on Monday evening, March 20, 1989.

All members are urgently requested to attend this important meeting.

Refreshments will be served.

4th Annual Saul Abrams Memorial Essay Contest

All entries for the fourth annual Saul Abrams Memorial Essay Contest sponsored by the Children's Department of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island for children in grades four to six are due by Friday, April 28.

This year's theme is in commemoration of the Holocaust Memorial Museum and Garden. Topics should feature a Rhode Islander who is instrumental in its inception, construction, dedication and/or continuation.

The winner will receive a United States Savings Bond and a tree planted in his or her name in Israel. The award will be made at the Kidspace Farewell Dinner in June.

Entries should be sent to: Ruby Shalansky, Children's Department, Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence, RI 02906.

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Opinion

by Jacob Neusner
Part Two of Two Parts

The oral Torah complements the written Torah. When, as we shall now see, a sage works out with his disciples sayings that turn out, as we see them altogether, to be nothing more than elaborations in concrete terms of the same verse at Lev. 19:18: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," that too is part of the discourse of the master with the disciples in the here and now. It is not merely valid because the Written Torah is cited. It is valid because the master has taught the disciples, through precept and example, that truth. That suffices to find a place for the teaching in the chain of tradition extending upward to Sinai.

Rabban Yohanan ben Zakkai received [the Torah] from Hillel and Shammai.

He would say: If you have learned much Torah, do not puff yourself up on that account, for it was for that purpose that you were created.

He had five disciples, and these are they: Rabbi Eliezer ben Hyrcanus, Rabbi Joshua ben Hananiah, Rabbi Yose the Priest, Rabbi Simeon ben Nethanel, and Rabbi Eleazar ben Arakh.

He said to them: Go and see what is the straight path to which someone should stick.

Rabbi Eliezer says: A generous spirit. Rabbi Joshua says: A good friend. Rabbi Yose says: A good neighbor. Rabbi Simeon says: Foresight. Rabbi Eleazar says: Good will.

He said to them: I prefer the opinion of Rabbi Eleazar ben Arakh, because in what he says is included everything you say.

He said to them: Go out and see what is the bad road, which someone should avoid. Rabbi Eliezer says: Envy. Rabbi Joshua says: A bad friend. Rabbi Yose says: A bad neighbor. Rabbi Simeon says: A loan. (All the same

The Oral Torah

is a loan owed to a human being and a loan owed to the Omnipresent, the blessed, as it is said, The wicked borrows and does not pay back, but the righteous person deals graciously and hands over [what is owed].) Ps. 37:21.

Rabbi Eleazar says: Ill will. He said to them: I prefer the opinion of Rabbi Eleazar ben Arakh, because in what he says is included everything you say.

Tractate Avot 2:8-9. A second look at these sayings shows us we have a sequence of concrete applications of what Christians know as the golden rule. It is framed in terms of reputation, property, attitude. But it comes down to the same thing. So the Oral Torah as represented by Yohanan ben Zakkai joins to Sinai the everyday observations of the great masters and his disciples. It does not suffice only to quote the Written Torah. What people observe in the streets ("Go out and see...") contributes to the Torah. And how the disciples transform everyday affairs into Torah-teachings forms the centerpiece of revelation as they experience it — and also add the revelation they have received to the tradition that forms the Torah.

Let me then generalize on the theory of the Oral Torah that we have seen expressed in these striking details. Tractate Avot, 250 C.E., represents the authority of the sages cited in Avot as autonomous of Scripture. Those authorities in Avot do not cite verses of Scripture, but what they themselves say does constitute a statement of the Torah. There can be no clearer way of saying that what these authorities present in and of itself falls into the classification of the Torah.

Specifically, as we see in the opening chapter of the tractate, the authorship of the tractate lists as its authorities Moses, Joshua, prophets, and onward, in a chain

of tradition. What makes the chain a statement of the standing and authority of the Oral Torah's authorities is the compositors' inclusion of the names, within the tradition of Sinai, of authorities of the important books of the Oral Torah, beginning with the Mishnah and encompassing later on the Midrash-compilations we have already consulted at some length. That fact indicates the whole of their polemic: the teaching of the authorities of the Oral Torah derive from authorities who stand in a direct line to Sinai. Then the Oral Torah enjoys the standing and authority of God's revelation to Moses at Sinai and forms part of the Torah of Sinai. A process of oral formulation and oral transmission through the memories of sages links the Oral Torah and the Written Torah alike to Moses at Sinai.

We shall understand the position of the framers of Avot when we recognize the problem that confronted them. It began with a vast law code, the Mishnah, which, along with the law of Scripture, Judah the Patriarch, whom Rome recognized as the ruler of the ethnic group, the Jews, in the province of Palestine, adopted as the basic law for the government of Israel in the Land of Israel (thus: the Jews of Palestine) in around 200. As soon as the Oral Torah in the form of the Mishnah, the first document of the Oral Torah, made its appearance, the vast labor of explaining its meaning and justifying its authority got under way.

How relate the Written Torah to the Oral Torah, which, people maintained, encompassed this law code, the Mishnah? The Mishnah presented one striking problem in particular. It rarely cited scriptural authority for its rules. Omitting scriptural proof texts bore the implicit claim to an authority independent of Scripture, and in that striking fact the document set a new course for itself. For from the formation of ancient Israelite Scripture into a holy book in Judaism, in the aftermath of the return to Zion and the creation of the Torah-book in Ezra's time (ca. 450 B.C.) the established canon of revelation (whatever its contents) coming generations routinely set their ideas into relationship with Scripture. This they did by citing proof-texts alongside their own rules. Otherwise, in the setting of Israelite culture, the new writings could find no ready hearing.

Over the six hundred years from the formation in writing of the Torah of "Moses" in the time of Ezra, from ca. 450 B.C., to ca. 200 C.E., four conventional ways to accommodate new writings — new "tradition" — to the established canon of received Scripture had come to the fore.

First and simplest, a writer would sign a famous name to his book, attributing his ideas to Enoch, Adam, Jacob's sons, Jeremiah, Baruch, and any number of others, down to Ezra. But the Mishnah bore no such attribution, e.g., to Moses. Implicitly, to be sure, the statement of Avot 1:1, "Moses received Torah from Sinai" carried the further notion that sayings of people on the list of authorities from Moses to nearly their own day derived from God's revelation at Sinai. But no one made that premise explicit before the time of the Talmud of the Land of Israel. We note, in this connection, that the authors of the Gospels took the same view as did the authors of the Mishnah. They too did not sign the names of Old Testament authorities. They explained the

Reflections

This time of year college sophomores declare majors and pick roommates. For me they were hard choices to make. My dad saw me as a lawyer type. I used to help people with their problems. I had a few of my own. Maybe I could be a shrink. Mostly I took English courses. I read stories and fancy words about them. But if I headed for med school, I'd need sciences. I started with biology.

In lab, instead of taking the knife to pit and dissect the frog, I tucked it away and rescued the creature. After a month I ran a zoo in my rooms. I hatched fertile eggs under a lamp and had chicks clucking at dawn on the mantel. They perched on my writing table while I penned postcards. Jars of paramacia and amoebae lined the windowsill. White mice scamped over the bed. At school holidays I always brought something home. If it was not welcome by the hearth, I'd have to find a farm or doorstep or nearby open field. Local cemeteries were good places to set free wild lab things.

Though I wanted to know and learn everything, I wasn't cut out to be a serious scholar. Classmates huddled long hours over books. I "flicked out" at the cinemas. I found a gentle and accepting roommate. There weren't a lot of Jewish boys at Yale. But Joel visited his Yiddish grandma right in New Haven. Joel raised begonias on his window ledge. He cared for them devotedly. He didn't drink or smoke. Though his dad owned the country club where Benny Goodman played golf, Joel

never joined in. He just helped out running errands. Joel had a touch of Ferdinand the Bull, he sat by his flowers and smiled sadly to himself. But though humble, Joel was also versatile and talented. He rang the Harkness bells and tooted a horn with the band. His father presented him with a bright, brand new, red convertible. He was always glad to chauffeur us into the sun on weekend jaunts, me with a beer can in my fingers and a pipe in my teeth, radio blaring.

Neither of our hobbies ended well. Another "pal" knocked the plants off the sill to crash on the cobbled courtyard, and also poisoned my poultry. Just a prank. He also took down his ROTC rifle and shot rats in the dump.

As for me, I scribbled those garbled penny postcards warning my folks I didn't think I'd make it to lawyer or doctor. Stories and poems took me over and I turned to teaching instead. Oddly, my brothers both faced toward teaching too. It was the draw of our favorite subjects, not education itself, that pulled us in.

Joel went on to Harvard Law and did well in the world. I still hear from him. He owns a movie theatre in Stamford and uses it for Jewish film festivals to raise money for his temple causes.

The genre of literature I prefer is about animals that find freedom or friendship. My most recent find is *Victoria — Biography of a Pigeon*. I also teach movie courses and show the flicks I saw in New Haven. Sometimes I feel I'm still a sophomore.

Mike Fink

origins of Jesus Christ by appeal to genealogy, just as, in tractate Avot, we find an explanation of the origins of the Oral Torah by appeal to genealogy: the genealogy represented by tradition.

Second, an authorship might also imitate the style of biblical Hebrew and so try to creep into the canon by adopting the cloak of Scripture. But the Mishnah's authorship ignores biblical syntax and style. And the Gospel's authors of course did not even try.

Third, an author would surely claim his work was inspired by God, a new revelation for an open canon. But, as we realize, that claim makes no explicit impact on the Mishnah. And it would be some time before the canonical Gospels were given the standing of revelation through the Holy Spirit; it is a claim they do not make in their own behalf.

Fourth, at the very least, someone would link his opinions to biblical verses through the exegesis of the latter in line with the former so Scripture would validate his views. The authorship of the Mishnah did so only occasionally, but far more commonly stated on its own authority whatever rules it proposed to lay down. In this regard Matthew shows, for instance in Chapter Two, how this would have looked; much of Matthew's Gospel places into relationship prophetic teachings about the Messiah and the life, teachings, and actions of Jesus whom Christianity calls Christ.

The Hebrew of the Mishnah and of the other writings of the Oral Torah complicated the problem, because it is totally different from the Hebrew of the Hebrew Scriptures. Its verb, for instance, makes provision for more than completed or continuing action, for which the biblical Hebrew verb allows, but also for past and future times, subjunctive and indicative voices, and much else. The syntax is Indo-European, just as Latin and Greek are Indo-European languages, in that we can translate the word order of the Mishnah into any Indo-European language and come up with perfect sense. None of that crabbled imitation of biblical Hebrew, that makes the Dead Sea scrolls an embarrassment to read,

characterizes the Hebrew of the Mishnah. Mishnaic style is elegant, subtle, exquisite in its sensitivity to word-order and repetition, balance, pattern.

The solution to the problem of the authority of the Mishnah, that is to say, its relationship to Scripture, was worked out in the period after the closure of the Mishnah. Since no one now could credibly claim to sign the name of Ezra or Adam to a book of this kind, and since biblical Hebrew had provided no apologetic aesthetics whatever, the only options lay elsewhere. The two were, first, provide a story of the origin of the contents of the Oral Torah, beginning with the Mishnah, and, second, link each allegation of the Oral Torah, again starting with the Mishnah, through processes of biblical (not Mishnaic) exegesis, to verses of the Scriptures.

These two procedures, together, would establish for the Mishnah that standing that the uses to which the document was to be put demanded for it: a place in the canon of Israel, a legitimate relationship to the Torah of Moses. And with the notion that the Mishnah and later writings that amplified and explained its law formed a component of the Oral Torah, the writing down of the Oral Torah began.

The upshot is very simple. The founders of Judaism as we know it, who flourished in the first seven centuries of the Common Era, brought Scriptures into their world, and their world into Scripture. They therefore show us how people shaped their understanding of the world out of the resources of God's revelation of the beginnings of humanity, and, especially, of God's people, Israel. The great sages, honored with the title of rabbi, transformed the Torah into a plan and design for the world, the everyday as an instance of the eternal. They read Scripture as God's picture of creation and humanity. They read the life of the streets and marketplaces, the home and the hearth, the nations and the world, as an on-going commentary on Scripture and the potentialities (not all of them good) of creation. So as we now realize full well, Torah flows in both directions.

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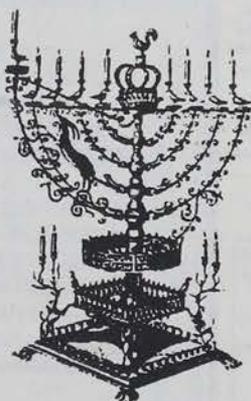
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Cashing In On Radon

by David DeBlois
Associate Editor

Some people will attempt to cash in on anything.

In the wake of the Environmental Protection Agency/Public Health Service joint recommendation that most homeowners have their homes tested for radon, some companies have begun using inaccurate and misleading statements in marketing these services. Consumers are advised to carefully select a company to test their homes.

Michael R. Deland, EPA Regional Administrator, warns, "Consumers should beware of firms that use hard-sell tactics over the phone, especially those that say that all homes in your neighborhood have radon problems and that you are at immediate risk. Every home is different, and even homes next to each other can have very different radon levels."

The EPA has established a program, the Radon Measurement Proficiency Program, to list companies which have demonstrated that they are capable of doing radon testing. If you wish to have your home tested, you should check first with your state's radon program in order to get a list of qualified firms. In Rhode Island, one may contact the Division of Occupational and Radiological Health at (401) 277-2438. In Massachusetts, the Radiation Control Program can be reached at (617) 727-6214 or (413) 586-7525. The list is also available from the EPA Regional Office, John F. Kennedy Federal Building, Boston, MA 02203. Consumers who still have questions about radon testing after contacting their state program can contact the EPA's radon program at (617) 565-4502.

The list compiled by the EPA is the only connection that companies may have with the Agency. The EPA does not endorse specific companies, nor do they work in conjunction with any to do testing. Any firm which makes such a claim should be questioned extensively.

Because of the difficulties caused by firms making false claims, the EPA plans to implement "blind" tests of companies (they will not know they are being checked) in order to provide more quality assurance. After these "blind" tests are administered, an updated list will be released this summer.

Done properly, radon testing is simple and inexpensive. With the EPA estimating that radon may cause up to 20,000 lung cancer cases per year, the process may be well worth the time. The fact that a few companies have attempted to capitalize on this issue is nothing short of despicable, and should not deter the homeowner from getting the test. Risks from high radon levels are long term in nature, and so consumers generally have some time to decide what to do about reducing such levels. One should be wary of any company which overstates the dangers involved.

Radon mitigation, or reduction, is highly effective in removing health risks and generally cost the same as other home repairs. Presently, there are no formal EPA or state certification guidelines for radon mitigation firms, though plans are in the works to establish quality assurance tests. In the meantime, consumers are urged to carefully investigate the reputation and prices of a company, utilizing the help of state radon programs or EPA if necessary. It's usually a good idea to employ a different company for mitigation than was used for testing.

Letters To The Editor

Museum Seeks Object Survivors

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum is looking for objects that document Nazi crimes, life in the camps and ghettos, armed and spiritual resistance, the American response, rescue efforts as well as efforts to build life anew after the Holocaust.

If you have such objects, please describe them in a letter to: Curator, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, 2000 L St., N.W. (Suite 717), Washington, D.C. 20036 or call 202/828-9554 for information.

Project Sefer — Jewish Books To Russian Jews

After years of hoping, it's happening.

That's what the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry says about Project Sefer. Sefer in Hebrew means "book," and the SSSJ is sending hundreds of Jewish books in Russian by mail from Israel to both refuseniks and to Jews who've not yet applied, but express a deep hunger to connect with their ancient heritage. Almost all the books are getting through.

Now Project Sefer has expanded to North America. Jewish books in Russian and English (the USSR's prime foreign language) are also being sent to Jews in corners of the USSR unreached by foreign tourists.

"We're working with a sense of real urgency," the SSSJ said. "No one knows how long this small opening will last. We aim to send thousands of Jewish books as quickly as possible so that the sparks of Jewish knowledge can be kindled across Russia, even if the doors swing shut again."

Individuals, synagogue, groups and schools are urged to participate in Project Sefer. SSSJ can send in books for them, with a bookplate indicating the donor, if requested. Instructions are also

available for "do it yourself" shipping of books. For complete information, contact Project Sefer, SSSJ, 210 West 91st Street, New York, NY 10024; tel. (212) 799-8900.

WANTED

(A request from Eleanor F. Horvitz of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association.)

Within the last few weeks two people who were involved in a business that was a very important part of the Rhode Island Jewish scene have died. The business was that of the Jewish delicatessen. The individuals involved were Lena Chase of Chase's Delicatessen, and Harry Davis of Davis' Delicatessen, both at one time located on North Main Street. These wonderful stores were filled with mouth watering delicacies of all kinds. Who can forget Diwinsky's or Clorman's or Kolodoff's or Lightman's or Cohen's. Undoubtedly there were several others in various parts of the city.

Recently I was told when I asked why I could no longer find pickled watermelon that there were several reasons for their not being available. Julie (of Davis' Delicatessen on Hope Street) explained that the type of watermelon needed was no longer grown, that no present day store would have the room to display the needed barrels, and most of all that there were no coopersmiths in business today who could mend these barrels.

We need more stories — were you connected with these gone but not forgotten delicatessens, or was a member of your family? Perhaps you just remember the experience of shopping in them. We wondered if you had any photographs or treasured memorabilia that we might reproduce.

Just call the office at 331-1360 if you can help us on this nostalgia trip. And thanks.

Toward Saner Solutions

by Rabbi
Alexander M. Schindler

Events in the Middle East move swiftly, and their course defies prophecy. Yesterday's predictions are mocked by today's realities, and no one can tell what tomorrow will bring.

Just think of the traumas Israel has witnessed in recent months: the *intifada*, and the desperate response that it evoked; the Israeli election results, and the consequent, demeaning efforts of party politicians to bargain for power; murky political convulsion within the PLO, and the State Department's decision to open a dialogue with its leadership.

Happily, this otherwise dismal year ended on a more positive note, when a Likud-Labor unity government was finally formed. This arrangement represents a victory for sanity and common sense. Some disagree, feeling that a Labor Party in opposition would offer the Israeli electorate a clearer ideological choice.

In my view, however, the problems besetting Israel are too many and too pressing to allow for experiments in extremism. Only a broad-based coalition will permit the people and parties of Israel to close ranks and reach decisions on

issues vitally affecting the life of the country.

Israel's economy urgently needs repairing. Indeed, the new government has already proposed austerity measures that no narrow coalition could hope to carry through. Another imperative is electoral reform; here, too, only the two major parties working in concert can enact such change. The realization that in each of the last two elections their combined strength waned may impel them to do so now.

Responding To The PLO

But this above all: only a broad-based Government can muster the clarity of policy and sense of resolve required to respond to the recent PLO political initiatives and the U.S. government's decision to probe them.

The State Department's determination to inaugurate talks with the PLO is precisely that — a

probe, an exploration of intentions and not an embrace of Arafat's positions. Washington continues to oppose any international conference that is vested with the power either to impose a settlement or to veto it. It does not favor the creation of an independent Palestinian state, still preferring that any Arab-ruled entity in a large part of the West Bank and Gaza be confederated with Jordan. (So do most of the other Arab nations, their public protestations to the contrary notwithstanding).

And, of course, George Shultz meant to make certain that Arafat's pledge to eschew terrorism of any kind is not a ruse, that the PLO chieftain is both willing and able to shackle those violent forces that he himself unleashed or with which he is allied.

However difficult it may be, Likud and Labor must reach

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Social Events

Schechter School To Honor Jewish Women

The entire Jewish community of Rhode Island and southeastern Massachusetts is invited to join the Ruth and Max Alperin Schechter Day School in honoring four of the community's outstanding women:

- Ruth Ades
- Sheila R. Alexander
- Ruth Alperin
- Shirley A. Goldberg

These four women will be honored at a recognition dinner on Tuesday, April 4, 1989, at Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Avenue, Providence.

The honorees have all been actively and intensely involved in community life, serving a variety of religious, social, cultural and educational organizations such as: the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, Jewish Federation, Temples Emanu-El and Tifereth Israel, the Jewish Home for the Aged, Jewish Family Services, the Rhode Island School of Design Art Museum, National Council for Jewish Women, Hadassah, Brandeis University and the Solomon Schechter Day School of Rhode Island.

Mesdames Ades, Alexander, Alperin and Goldberg have also been concerned with international issues, especially in Israel and the Soviet Union.

The evening will be both enlightening and enjoyable. A cocktail hour will begin at 6 p.m., followed by a delicious dinner. Guest speaker for the evening will be Rabbi Nina Cardin, a 1988 graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Rabbi Cardin is the former editor of the magazine *Conservative Jewry* and is a fresh, new voice in Conservative Judaism. She will be speaking on the topic: "Jewish Women in Community Life."

Minimum donation is fifty dollars per person. There will be no solicitation of funds at the dinner.

This is an opportunity for the entire Jewish community of Rhode Island and southeastern Massachusetts to join together in recognition of these women who, through their gift of themselves, their time, talents and energies, have so enriched all of our lives. For ticket information, call the Schechter School office, 751-2470.

Sherwins Announce Birth

Robert and Mindy Sherwin announce the birth of their second son, Jeffrey Matthew. Jeffrey, born February 3, 1989, is the brother of Jason Alexander.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Newt Sheldon of Wycoff, N.J. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Sherwin of Providence, R.I. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Fine of Florida.

Aaron-Hoover

The Holiday Inn in Brookline, Ma., was the setting for the February 19, 1989 wedding of Cindy Pamela Aron to Jeffrey Scott Hoover.

Miss Aron, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Aron of Warwick, is a graduate of Pilgrim High School. She also attended the University of Rhode Island.

Mr. Hoover, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hoover of Tiffin, Ohio, served in the U.S. Air Force as a Security Police Specialist achieving the rank of Airman First Class. He also attended the Wentworth Institute in Boston.

Sheryl and Laurie Aron, sisters of the bride, served as maids of honor. Michael San Gregory was best man.

The bride and bridegroom are employed at Jordan Marsh in Boston. After a honeymoon trip to the Poconos they will reside in Melrose, Ma.

S. A. Rakitt Is New Executive Director At Temple Emanu-El



Temple Emanu-El welcomes a new Executive Director, Sandra A. Rakitt. Sandra took over administrative responsibilities on February 18, 1989, after a three week transitional period.

She comes to Temple Emanu-El with credentials in business and academia. Most recently, while pursuing a doctorate in finance, she taught at Bryant College and the University of Connecticut. Prior to that, she worked as a Strategic Planner for Fleet Financial Group. Sandy holds a masters of Business Administration with a finance concentration as a BSBA in Human Resources Management.

Sandy, her husband, Steven, and their two children, Jennifer and Jeffrey feel at home in Temple Emanu-El as a result of their six year association with Solomon Schechter Day School. Steven is the Campaign Director of the Jewish Community Federation.

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Alexander-Ferry



Reuben and Norma Alexander of Cranston, R.I., announce the engagement of their daughter, Judith, to Michael Ferry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ferry of Tiverton, R.I.

Miss Alexander is a graduate of Cranston High School East and Rhode Island College. She is employed at the Swansea Wood School in Swansea, MA.

Mr. Ferry is a graduate of Tiverton High School. He also attended the Georgia Institute of Technology and Rhode Island College. He is employed at Plumb House, Inc., in Westboro, MA.

The couple plans a September 10, 1989 wedding.

Your Community

'Thanksgiving' In March: Temple Habonim Welcomes The Lakhman Family by Sandra Silva

Barrington, RI — Freedom to worship, freedom to move about at will, freedom to speak out, freedom to work, freedom to live in peace, and the right to fair legal process. These are things that, as Americans, we take for granted — until faced with a situation where we feel that these rights have been violated, or infringed upon, then we cry out. But even this is a freedom we think of as our due, the freedom to protest against injustice.

So, who amongst us can really understand the magnitude of living without these rights, or truly comprehend the hopelessness involved in living a life in which these freedoms are not, and never have been, an inherent part. This is a life that is totally alien to ours, and yet there are people who have made it a personal and community mission to rescue those trapped in the situation. And, as unlikely as it may seem, one group of devoted individuals can make a difference, even against an uncooperative and resistant bureaucracy.

This is what last Friday's celebration at Temple Habonim in Barrington was all about: the triumph of perseverance and prayer over political tyranny. On Friday, March 3, 1989, the entire community of Temple Habonim, with joy and celebration in their hearts, welcomed the Lakhman Family as guests of honor to their worship service of freedom and thanksgiving.

Although many of the Temple members had never met the Lakhmans before, the preparations for this time were filled with an excitement more reminiscent of a reunion with beloved family members than a first introduction. For the past two years, the members of the Temple have been striving in every way possible to effect a change in the refusenik status that the Lakhmans held in the Soviet Union. During this time, the hopes and fears that abounded brought everyone involved to an emotional closeness with these people from so far away.

At times, frustration was tantamount and feelings of hopelessness played upon all, but the Temple members never slowed their pace. They kept sending letters and petitions to the Soviet government.

They continued to contact and enlist the support of Rhode Island representatives. Although through occasional telephone calls they would discover that their communications of support and encouragement, as well as the supplies that they sent, never actually reached the Lakhmans, they continued to persevere. Last fall, by the will of God, that perseverance was rewarded, as the Temple members received affirmation that the Lakhmans had been granted permission to leave the Soviet Union. The Lakhman Family — Aaron, Marina, Alexander and Marina's mother — disembarked from an airplane at Logan Airport in Boston into the waiting arms of Maxine Richman, Chairperson of the Temple's Social Action Committee. From that day, Temple members have assisted in the Lakhman's transition into American life. Paula Most directed the family to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, where their thirteen year old son, Alexander has been accepted as a student into the art school.

Alexander is an exceptional artist who creates vibrant and striking renditions of Jewish history. As a gift to the Temple, he has donated one of his paintings, a vivid depiction of Haman, Mordechai and Queen Esther. Alexander's artwork, although never exhibited in the Soviet Union, has travelled throughout Europe as part of an exhibit of the works of refusenik children. When confronted with praise about his talent, Alexander is charmingly unassuming. Paula has also put the Lakhmans into contact with art teachers, and soon Alexander's museum school training will be supplemented with private instruction.

Aaron and Marina spoke not a word of English when they arrived in Boston. In the few months they have had to acclimate themselves, Aaron has learned enough English to comfortably communicate with those around him. He often serves as translator for Marina, who, although able to understand most of what is spoken to her, will look to Aaron for assistance. Part of the reason for their rapid absorption of the English language is the positive intensity with which they ap-

proach each new task.

Aaron and Marina, having overcome the troubles they suffered in the Soviet Union as refuseniks, have a joyous outlook on life. While preparing for Friday's activities with Maxine, Paula, and Rabbi Rosenberg, they were full of excitement and energy. They glowed with pride as they observed the progress in coordinating the display of Alexander's paintings, which were to be exhibited after the service. Marina teased her son, saying that maybe he would be the next Chagall, whose works she has admired since seeing them exhibited in the Soviet Union.

Aaron has learned to speak Hebrew. Although humble about his ability, he was excited that he was asked to read the Hebrew portion of the evening's service. Aaron is also an avid and knowledgeable student of Jewish history, and he is thankful to have the freedom and resources to study at will.

Marina was to have the honor of lighting the candles at the service. Not being familiar with the prayers and blessings involved, she was comforted by the promise that Maxine would share this honor with her, providing support and guidance.

Maxine and Rabbi Rosenberg speak for all members of the Temple when they say that they are thankful for the positive effects their efforts have had on the lives of the Lakhmans. Many lessons have been learned during the past several years. Everyone in the Temple, young and old, has learned to appreciate freedom, and they have come to a greater understanding of their responsibilities towards others. The congregation has unconditionally devoted its time, energy, and resources to bringing comfort and freedom to others who are less fortunate, and they plan to continue their efforts on behalf of the other refusenik families adopted by the Temple.

In addition, they have learned the power of prayer and determination, and chose last Friday night as the time to come together in thanksgiving and celebration for the blessings that they will never again take for granted — peace and freedom.



Proud mother, Marina Lakhman, stands with her son, Alexander, before an exhibit of Alexander's paintings at Temple Habonim.



Maxine Richman, Chairperson of Temple Habonim's Social Action Committee, and Rabbi James Rosenberg are thankful that the efforts of their community have had such a positive effect on the lives of the Lakhman family. They hope that their continued efforts on the behalf of other refusenik families will be just as instrumental in bringing the freedom and peace that has seemed so elusive.



Aaron and Marina glow with happiness as they stand with the friends, Maxine Richman and Rabbi Rosenberg, who have worked so hard to make their dreams of freedom become reality.



Alexander stands with his father in front of a display of the artwork that he brought with him from the Soviet Union.



Around Town

by Dorothea Snyder

"I've been directing since I'm 25, and now I'm 57. So that'll give you an idea of how long I've been at it," James Hammerstein said with a trace of a laugh in his voice over the phone from his home in New York.

Diverse in scope, his career ranges from directing plays by Israel Horowitz, Harold Pinter, and Simon Gray to musicals *Oklahoma*, *Carousel*, *South Pacific*, *Flower Drum Song*, and now *My Fair Lady*, which opens its international tour at the Providence Performing Arts Center this weekend.

"I go back and forth between modern straight plays, dramas and musicals," he said, recalling the last time he directed *My Fair Lady* 24 years ago with Douglas Fairbanks at the St. Louis Muni Opera House, and one before that with Ray Milland.

He spoke joyously about directing *My Fair Lady* again. "It's wonderful. The trick with any so-called classic is not to treat it like a classic, but to start all over again, and that's what we've all been doing. And having a terrific time!

"Everybody in the cast seems to have done it one time or another. We're all trying to forget that and start all over. It has to have that fresh crisp feeling; otherwise, it becomes entombed."

"It's still a beautiful show," Mr. Hammerstein emphasized. "It doesn't date because it's a period piece. Working with Noel Harrison is terrific. We've been having a very good time. He's very good, and very different, and nothing like his old man at all. So we're all having a good time, discovering it for ourselves all over again.

"As far as Noel stepping into a role created by his father, Rex Harrison, he's a different personality than his father to begin with, and it would be foolhardy to try to imitate . . . not that he has the slightest inclination to do that.

"What is similar is when good choices are made by two different actors. Sometimes they're going to be the same, but that's by accident. Let's face it. Rex was nowhere at all similar to the first wonderful movie of it, and everybody, who has played it, has played it differently."

"The cast's first performance of *My Fair Lady* will be in front of the audience in Providence," he said. "I don't know Providence that well. I've only done one show there, and that was *Alfred The Great* at Trinity Square. They toured it afterwards, and it was quite successful. George Martin was in it."

Lerner and Lowe's *My Fair Lady* will tour the U.S. in March, then off to Japan. "Then we start playing in even larger theaters with larger stages. It'll be an interesting move.

"I played Japan before, and this time, it's going to be a different problem. They don't understand the English well enough, and this play is about English," he chuckled. "They do have a simultaneous

translation, but I don't know how good it is, because I don't speak Japanese. They use headsets and do a read, line by line. They've seen the movie over there; they know the story."

In directing *My Fair Lady*, Mr. Hammerstein said "we've tried, first of all, to make Eliza's trip from being a common flower girl to a lady as dramatic and as large a jump as we can. I think the motion picture had a tendency to glamorize Eliza Doolittle even in the first scene, which I thought was a terrible mistake.

"I think we try to make a more human Professor Higgins, someone who really works hard, and doesn't always have the right answer at the right time all the time, but someone struggling to make this guttersnipe into a lady. It's more of a struggle. I think we're taking an interesting viewpoint. It's still Shaw. It still has a lack of sentimentality, which is certainly Shaw's hallmark.

"You go back and study your *Pygmalion* first. Then, you say yes, it's not quite *Pygmalion*. It's a musical, and then you try to extend Shaw into musical numbers. That's always the problem, and that's always the fun."

If reading the name Hammerstein makes one wonder if James Hammerstein is the son of Oscar Hammerstein II, the answer is yes. *My Fair Lady's* director says, "I'm in the fourth generation where every single male member of the family is in the theater, including cousins, uncles, etc. I don't know why, but that's what we do, I guess."

Relating my research on his great grandfather Oscar who opened an opera house in New York, James Hammerstein extended my abbreviated information. "He founded two opera houses in New York, one in Chicago, one in San Francisco, one in London, and maybe some others I don't know about."

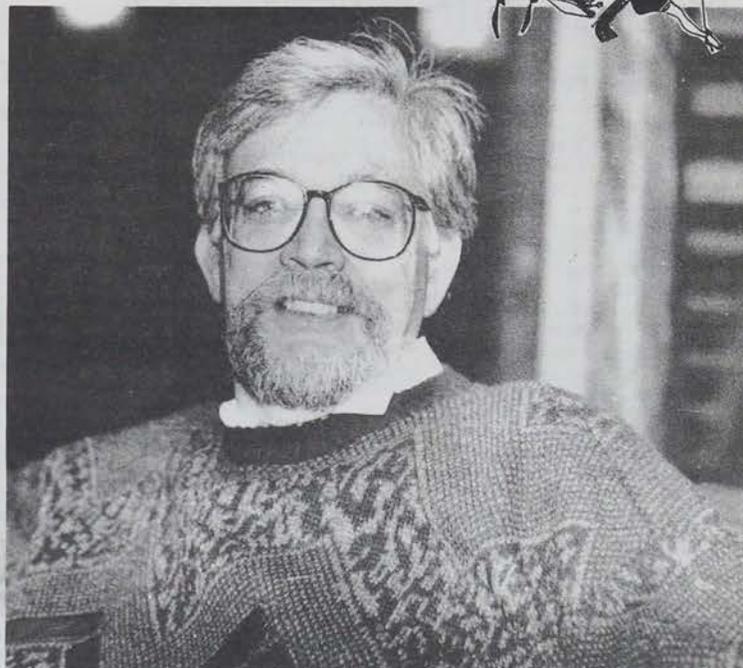
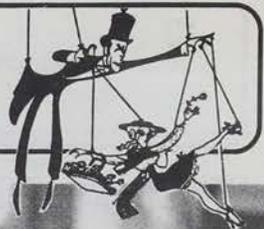
His great uncle Arthur Hammerstein produced a couple of his father's earlier shows, and grandfather William Hammerstein ran the Hammerstein's Victoria, three-a-day vaudeville. "So they were in vaudeville, opera, operetta, and musical plays."

About his children's connection to theater, he replied, "That's the rub. I don't have anybody in the theatre. I have an 11-year-old who wants to be in the theatre, so it's not all gone. My other son is working as assistant to a set designer in a movie, which is about as close as we come. And my third son is a computer operator."

I set the scenario for a familiar motion picture where composer and lyricist are at the upright on the verge of the big musical hit. Was that the living room scene where the beloved team of Rodgers and Hammerstein polished off their compositions when James was growing up?

"No, they worked separately, but worked very hard together in the planning

HIS Fair Lady



Director James Hammerstein relaxes on stage before a rehearsal of *My Fair Lady*. The production opens its international tour at the Providence Performing Arts Center on Friday evening, March 10, and plays through Sunday, March 13. Photo by Dorothea Snyder.

stage and talked a lot over the phone. They would go their separate ways. When they actually wrote, my father would write the lyrics first, call Dick in Connecticut and read the lyrics back to him. Dick would then compose it, call him back and play it over the phone.

"I've made a couple of attempts at writing songs. One is being performed every night in a little revue. I was very scared of doing that, and I don't do it very often.

"Everybody in my family started as assistant stage manager and stage manager. We all learned the theatre from behind the curtain, calling cues and doing all that kind of work. I tried being a producer first, and found I didn't like it. I hated managing money and publicity. I was more and more attracted to being a stage manager. I became known as a stage manager who directed the understudies and kept the shows up well. From there, I became a director, which was the obvious thing for me to finally do."

James Hammerstein majored in music at North Carolina. In the last six months of his senior year, he switched majors and went into theatre. "I ended up with credits I couldn't use, so I left college and went to work for a producer in New York.

"I'm pretty well grounded in music, and not as grounded academically in theatre as

I ought to be." However, he spent nine years directing at the Eugene O'Neil Theatre in Waterford, Connecticut. Not full time, he explained, only May through August. "It was great. I loved it. You have four-day rehearsals, and the actors hold the scripts in their hands. So you don't have to worry about memorization.

"What you do is direct from a lot of instinct rather than intellectual analysis, because you don't have time to prepare each play for two months before you do a four-day rehearsal period. The actors are wonderful. I had a play with Meryl Streep and Jill Eichenberry in the same cast."

Enjoyable was his experience in directing *Oklahoma* in Australia. "The Australians loved it. There is something about Australians which remind you of Americans 30 years ago. They still have a lot of party spirit, and they're kind of larger than life as it is. They were terrific. The best people to do *Oklahoma* right now is Australians."

Mr. Hammerstein lives in New York one-half of the time, and London, the other half. "I'm married to an English writer of screenplays, so I'm back and forth.

Not indicating his preference to here or there, he did say, "They hardly ever ask me to direct over there; they're so full of directors it's like carrying coal from Newcastle. I prepare for my American shows in England, and come over here to do them. Sometimes, I work over there. I directed a couple of Pinter plays, and my first show ever was done there years ago . . . *Damn Yankees* at the Coliseum when I first started directing."

His opinion on musicals today is "The concept musicals, the good ones, are wonderful, *Chorus Line*, *Company*. Sometimes, I find musicals called concept musicals when they're really bad book musicals, and I don't like them.

"The Lloyd Webber stuff is very theatrical. It's not my type of play. I'm attracted to the ones with more book, more story, more tension, more going on between characters. I don't find that in the modern ones so much, but certainly I like to go see them."

On the horizon, James Hammerstein plans to direct a musical, which he did 20 years ago. "I'm looking forward to doing *The King and I*. We'll tour it first this summer, and on to Japan next year at this time. Not having directed it for so long, I hope I'm fresh on that."

With that same crisp and fresh feeling he strongly believed *My Fair Lady* needed to have and Rhode Island audiences will see at the Providence Performing Arts Center this weekend, *The King and I* will surely play like a breath of fresh air.



A scene from *My Fair Lady* with Noel Harrison as Professor Henry Higgins and Katharine Buffaloe in the role of Eliza Doolittle.

Business and Finance

Retirement Planning

Seven Reasons To Combine Life Insurance With Your Retirement Plan

There's no denying the tax and financial planning benefits of a qualified pension or profit-sharing plan. It's a powerful tax shelter on its own. But so is life insurance. And when you combine the two into a qualified plan that invests in life insurance, you've got a power-packed combination that's hard to beat:

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(2) **Substantial death benefits:** When an employee dies, the death benefit of the retirement plan is based on the value of his or her account (or the value of accrued benefits). That may be small — especially in the early years of participation. In contrast, the death benefit through life

insurance can be dramatically larger. For example, say \$10,000 is set aside annually in a plan for a 40-year-old and invested at 10% a year. The plan is only 25% insured. The employee's family would receive an immediate death benefit of more than 15 times the amount received if the plan was not insured at all!

(3) **Tax-free benefits:** The life insurance benefits that are paid out to the employee's beneficiaries generally are completely free of income tax. Other retirement plan distributions generally are subject to income tax. In reality, the income tax bite on an insured plan is usually less than on a non-insured plan — even though the benefits are greater. Take our example above. After ten years, the after-tax benefit of an insured plan would be approximately five times the amount available through a plan that was not insured.

(4) **Low cost protection:** There's more to life insurance today than just death protection. The policy also builds up cash value based on the competitive yields of insurance contracts. Due to this investment

feature, the insurance plan can provide a death benefit at a relatively low cost — or no cost.

(5) **Protection beyond retirement:** The cost of insurance after retirement — when it's sometimes needed the most — may be prohibitive. However, life insurance purchased through a retirement plan offers several alternatives. For instance, participants can maintain coverage by paying the lower premiums of the existing policy. Or they can use the cash value accumulations to buy insurance protection without being out of pocket.

(6) **Guaranteed annuity rates:** The annuity rates in life insurance policies are guaranteed for the life of the contract (and so are other plan funds invested in the annuity).

(7) **Disability benefits:** If the employee becomes totally and permanently disabled, the life insurance contract may be able to provide protection without further premiums. And the cash value will continue to build. That can be quite a comfort at a time when life

insurance protection may be needed the most.

Final thoughts: The use of life insurance continues to grow in a variety of different areas. Modern features — competitive yields, investment flexibility, and so on — make it an easy match for vehicles such as retirement plans. As you have seen above, it's a combination that's hard to pass up.

Submitted by Marvin Lax and Larry Halperin

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Israel Bonds Inaugurates Soviet Jewry Campaign

NEW YORK (JTA) — In the hope of attracting more Soviet Jews to Israel, a special State of Israel Bonds effort to help provide funds for employment opportunities and housing for expected Soviet Jewish immigrants has been announced.

Martin Stein, a former national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, will serve as national chairman of the bond drive, which will begin on Purim, March 21, and end on the last day of Passover, April 27.

The campaign was prompted by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who called on the Israel Bonds Organization "to conduct your own special effort to assist us in providing employment opportunities, housing and mortgage funds for Soviet Jews expected in Israel, as well as for other immigrants and discharged soldiers."

All Israel Bonds buyers, according to David Hermelin, the organization's international campaign chairman, will be asked to purchase an additional Israel Bond above their regular purchases, to provide funds for Israel's Development Budget, which would increase employment opportunities for new immigrants.

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Life Insurance For The Newlywed

by Jeffrey G. Brier

As couples begin their lives together there are many financial decisions to be made. One which may be discussed, but all too often not resolved, is the starting of a life insurance program. There are many reasons for procrastinating; however, the most common is a lack of understanding of life insurance.

Before deciding what kind of life insurance policy to purchase or from which company to obtain the coverage one must decide how much protection (death benefit) is needed. The answer to this question is very important and time should be taken to arrive at a reasonable amount. The basic question to ask oneself is "if I were to die today what would the immediate and future financial impact be on my family?"

The factors to consider in determining this include the cost of burial; the paying off of debts, such as student or business loans; and perhaps paying off all or part of the mortgage. One should also consider the household's monthly bills and if there are children, then one may want to provide education funds and an income for the surviving spouse. The answers to these questions will vary depending on individual circumstances. A couple with young children will have different priorities than the couple which has delayed starting a family.

Once the amount of insurance is determined then one must compare the advantages of different types of life insurance policies with their respective costs. Policies can be grouped into one of two main categories; term insurance and whole life insurance. (There are different types of policies within these categories which will be discussed in depth in a future article.)

Term insurance is strictly death benefit protection with no savings feature or ability to continue coverage without paying premiums. Initially term insurance offers the highest death benefit protection for one's premium dollar. Most term policies are renewable for one or more additional terms, regardless of any changes in health. Each time the term is renewed premiums will be higher and eventually they will become more expensive than whole life. Some policies are convertible which means that during a specified time period one may exchange the policy for a whole life

policy even if one is no longer in good health. The main advantage that term insurance offers is that in the early years one can have high death benefit protection for a reasonable price.

Whole life policies are designed to provide protection for as long as one lives and premium payments will vary depending on the type of policy selected. Traditional whole life, often referred to as ordinary life, will initially cost several times the cost of term insurance; however, over ones expected lifetime, the total premium payments for whole life will be less than term insurance. Variations of whole life allow one to make premium payments for a specified time period, such as 10 or 20 years, and have lifetime coverage. In an effort to allow the buyer to get the permanent advantages of whole life without paying such high premiums, life insurance companies have developed newer policies which combine the cost advantages of term and the permanent nature of whole life.

In summary, if someone is willing to do some homework and learn the basics about life insurance, the decision of how much insurance to buy and what kind of insurance need not be difficult. A careful weighing of the amount of insurance needed, the money one can afford to pay and the features which are desired will help arrive at an intelligent decision. Insurance is not nearly as complex as people

often believe. When discussing insurance with your life insurance agent make the agent explain things in terms that are understandable and remember if you don't understand then the agent has not done his or her job.

Another important distinction between term and whole life insurance is cash value. Cash value is the equity or investment feature of whole life. A policy's cash value is the amount of money that one would receive if one canceled the policy or that may be borrowed from the policy. If one borrows from the policy and should die without paying the loan back, the insurance company will deduct the loan from the death benefit proceeds. In most policies the cash value accumulates slowly in the early years and more rapidly in later years which makes traditional life insurance a good long term but a poor short term investment. An advantage to accumulation funds within an insurance policy is that the funds grow tax free. In analyzing a policy one should look at both the guaranteed and the total cash value. The guaranteed cash value is the absolute minimum that the policy will accumulate while the total cash value includes the value added by the dividends the insurance company expects to pay its policyholders. A company's dividends are not guaranteed and therefore a company's dividend history is important. A good shopper will ask his or her life insurance

agent for verification of an insurance company's past dividend history.

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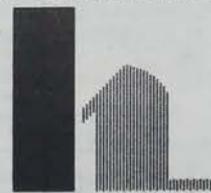
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World and National News

Hadassah Introduces Prenatal Down's Syndrome Test

JERUSALEM — A new test to detect Down's syndrome in unborn infants has been introduced in Israel by the Hadassah Medical Organization.

The new diagnostic tool will be added to prenatal tests already provided here for parents-to-be by the Human Genetics Department of the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center. The tests, from a single blood sample, seek to identify disabling and potentially fatal genetically-related neurological disorders early in pregnancy.

Dr. Gideon Bach, who heads the department, said the test measures two fetal hormones — gonadotropin and estriol — which are routinely present in the blood of an expectant mother. Abnormalities in the levels of the hormones indicate a risk of Down's syndrome in the developing fetus, he explained.

The test is based on research published in Great Britain last October by a group at St.

Bartholomew's Hospital in London, Dr. Bach said.

Hadassah and the municipality of Jerusalem jointly sponsor a public education program urging pregnant women to undergo the blood test in the 16th to 18th week of pregnancy. A team of Hadassah specialists in genetic disorders works with municipal public health personnel in conducting the examinations, which include a procedure known as the ELISA test.

This procedure measures a fetal protein whose presence in the mother's blood in abnormally high levels indicates that the fetus may be suffering from genetically-related defects of the central nervous system. An abnormally low level of the protein is also evidence that the baby may be born with Down's syndrome.

The blood test is followed with amniocentesis and ultrasonography to determine the extent of neurological damage in the unborn child. If the final tests show severe

or fatal disorders, the pregnancy may be terminated.

Each woman who undergoes the tests fills in a questionnaire on her personal and medical history, and is interviewed by a team of counselors on genetic disorders. The Hadassah Human Genetics Department is developing a computer program for projecting the risk of Down's syndrome based on data collected from the blood tests, questionnaires and interviews.

Dr. Bach said one in every 700 babies born in the United States and Israel suffers from neural tube defects which are manifested in disorders such as spinal bifida, where there is incomplete fusion of the spinal cord, and anencephaly, in which the fetus's brain is not fully developed.

Between 10 and 15 infants are born with Down's syndrome in Jerusalem each year, Dr. Bach noted, most of them to mothers under the age of 35.

The Hadassah Medical Organization is the health care arm in Israel of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, and also encompasses the Hadassah-University Hospital on Mount Scopus.

The Medical Center, at Ein Karem, is the only facility of its kind in Israel and the pacesetter for medical care in the nation. It is recognized internationally for the excellence of its research, teaching and patient care.

JCH Offers Shopping Lessons For New Immigrants

by Nachamah Jacobovits

Most Soviet emigres come here unprepared for the confusing multiplicity of choices that face them as American consumers.

To help newcomers make the adjustment, the Jewish Community House of Bensonhurst (JCH) conducts consumer-education classes every Thursday morning, usually attended by about 40 older emigres, and monthly evening sessions for younger people who are at work or in class during the day.

"It's very confusing," said Alla Berdichevskaya, 58, who arrived here in January, at a recent session that dwelt on such novelties as comparison shopping, double coupon days, and rebates.

Coming to brief the new consumers are nutritionists, housing experts, physicians, and representatives from the police department, the telephone companies, banks, Brooklyn Union Gas, and the City Department of Consumer Affairs.

"Things are so different here," said Mira Wolf, the director of the center's Russian Immigrant Education and Service Center, who also interprets at the sessions. "People don't know they should read labels or get second medical opinions. I myself still have trouble differentiating between AT&T and New York Telephone."

Mrs. Wolf, a Soviet emigre, became a citizen in 1983. Some other differences the sessions explore include the greater variety of foods available, as well as the question of nutrition; the American medical system, as well as state and federal entitlements; and the practice of returning substandard or faulty

purchases.

To deal with another unexpected aspect of American life, police spokesmen instruct the newcomers on making their apartments secure from burglars. They also give the students the telephone numbers to call when help is needed, and the procedures to follow to develop their own block and building patrols.

But one way in which the Soviet newcomers are apt students is in dealing with bureaucracy.

"Every time I go to the welfare office or food stamp office, I feel like I'm back in Russia," said Aleya Avrasin, 60, who arrived in New York in August.

One consideration in recruiting speakers, said Mrs. Wolf, is the accessibility of their firms and organizations to the emigre community. It is important for newcomers to understand private banking, which does not exist in the USSR, she said, but as a practical matter, the best persons to explain it are representatives of banks that operate in the emigres' neighborhood. In the same fashion, it was the Council of Jewish Organizations of Bensonhurst, which has an office at the center, that provided an expert to speak on housing.

Generally, the students pick up the rudiments of consumerism within one cycle and drop out of the classes. But Bella Tzimberg, who has been attending steadily for five years, says she doesn't intend to graduate.

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JNF Must Redraw Map Of Israel

by William Saphire
NEW YORK (JTA) — The Jewish National Fund of America said last Thursday that it expects a temporary injunction restricting its use of a map of Israel in fundraising activities to be lifted when it submits a new map for court approval "in a week or 10 days."

According to Stuart Paskow, JNF's director of communications, that will clear the land reclamation

and afforestation agency of all charges brought against it by the Ad Hoc Committee for Jewish Survival in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, Gaza and the Golan.

Paskow told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that New York state Supreme Court Judge Shirley Fingerhood has dismissed four of the six charges brought against JNF by the ad hoc committee, which supports the concept of a "Greater Israel."

The charges dismissed had to do with fraud and misrepresentation, Paskow said.

But on February 21, Fingerhood granted a motion to restrain JNF from using a map of Israel that included all of its annexed and administered territories.

The judge agreed with the ad hoc committee that the map was "misleading," because it does not reflect JNF's policy of not allocating funds for projects beyond the "Green Line," the name commonly given the boundary between Israel proper and the administered territories.

Paskow told JTA that JNF clearly stated that policy in writing in all of its fundraising. He said the map was an "insignificant" part of the campaign.

Michael Teplow, a spokesman for the ad hoc committee, said it initiated the legal action last October to restrain JNF "from continuing the use of their misleading ads and a return of past donations obtained through misrepresentation."

Teplow said complaints that JNF violated the state's consumer protection laws were dismissed on technicalities.

He said the ad hoc committee intends to appeal this issue and continue the suit on the basis of alleged violations of consumer protection laws.

Paskow said the entire action was initiated in pursuit of a political agenda by groups associated with Israel's right wing. He noted that Teplow is president of Tehiya USA, a group that supports Tehiya, a right-wing opposition party in Israel.

Paskow said the ad hoc committee wanted the judge to force JNF to allocate 10 to 15 percent of its budget to projects in the West Bank.

Teplow said he was "not at liberty to know or state" whether such a request was discussed during settlement proceedings handled by law firms for the two parties.

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Goan Tells Sephardi Leaders: It's 'Time To Take Risks For Peace'



JERUSALEM — Nessim Gaon (right), president of the World Sephardi Federation, has called on Israel to "take risks for peace" and begin a dialogue with "any of the Arabs . . . who has a mandate to negotiate for peace." Gaon addressed Sephardi leaders from the U.S., Europe, Latin America and Israel at a meeting of the WSF presidium here. Left, Alberto Nasser of Rio de Janeiro, a vice president of the Federation. Center, Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens.

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Nessim Gaon of Geneva, Switzerland, addressed some 50 Sephardi leaders from the United

States, Europe, Latin America and Israel attending a meeting of the Federation presidium here.

"We must break the myth and false image that our Sephardi people are intransigent, apathetic and opposed to dialogue with the Arabs," Mr. Gaon said, adding: "The opposite is true.

"We must expose to the world that it is not we who are the

extremist elements, nor is it even Sephardim in the religious parties who are opposed to progress and achievement toward peace."

The veteran Sephardi leader warned that "if Israel continues to put off making peace with the Arab states, we only threaten ourselves, our families and our land." He told the Sephardi presidium:

"We must act before world public opinion acts for us. Over 50 countries already recognize Arafat's claim to sovereignty and favor a dialogue for peace. We should leave no stone unturned, lose no opportunity, go any distance in the search for peace."

Wiesenthal Center, through its European Director, Dr. Shimon Samuels, is providing the Swedish authorities with background information on Islamic anti-Semitism.

For more information, contact the Wiesenthal Center's Public Relations department (213) 553-9036.

UJA-Federation Establishes Abuse Hotline

NEW YORK (JTA) — With the death of Lisa Steinberg here sparking greater concern and awareness of child abuse in the general public, the Jewish community has reacted to the problems of domestic violence in Jewish families.

Lisa Steinberg was the illegally adopted daughter of Joel Steinberg, who was found guilty last month of first-degree manslaughter in her fatal beating.

The Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services Center for Family Violence has activated a telephone hot line for abused women and children, backed by professional counseling and referral services in six of its Brooklyn offices.

The project, which was selected to pioneer in Brooklyn because of its high density of Jewish families, initially required \$40,000 in funding, \$30,000 of which came from New York's United Jewish Appeal-Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, and \$10,000 from the Lavenburg Foundation, administered by UJA-Federation.

"There's a common misconception that Jewish homes are immune to wife and child abuse," according to Dr. Janet Geller, director of the center.

"But there is domestic violence in 15 to 19 percent of Jewish homes," Geller said.

The center, with the help of 10 social workers and a psychologist, provides counseling and full information about the problem as well as group support from fellow victims, advocacy services, legal help and financial aid.

The center attempts to contact victims through synagogues and community centers, as well as workshop sessions, brochures and mass mailings.

"We are always aware that children who witness abuse are also victims and that both the women and the men involved need help," Geller added.

The hot line number is (718) 237-1337.

High School Seniors Lobby For Pro-Choice

WASHINGTON — Nearly 1,000 high school students, representing reform Jewish youth groups across the country, lobbied Congress today in support of the right of minors to choose abortions.

The students — delegates to the 50th anniversary convention of the North American Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY) — told their senators and representatives that they support the Supreme Court's decision in *Roe v. Wade*, which placed no restrictions on abortion with regard to age.

The youth delegates also urged their congressional representatives to support the U.S. foreign aid program, including the military and economic aid package to Israel at the same level as last year.

Citing a resolution adopted earlier during their five-day convention, at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City Hotel in Arlington, Va., the NFTY delegates said:

"We oppose laws requiring parental notification and consent because they would place constraints on access of minors to abortion. Such laws do not prevent abortions from taking place but rather cause additional hardships and health threats for already distressed teenagers whose parents may be estranged or abusive."

The convention delegates said further:

"According to Jewish law a fetus is not considered a full human being. Eliminating legalized abortions would establish as law one theological belief — that a fetus is a full human being — while the beliefs of other faiths,

To achieve what he called "a renewal of life in Israel," Mr. Gaon urged prompt implementation of a "Platform for Social Justice" adopted last year by the WSF. It called for a six-point program emphasizing programs designed to:

- 1) Make education truly free and full-time.
- 2) Industrialize the development towns.
- 3) Offer college education for all.
- 4) Provide day-care centers for working mothers.
- 5) Cover all Israelis with national health insurance.
- 6) Institute electoral reform.

"Our platform is not partisan but is of human concern," Mr. Gaon said. "Knesset members of all persuasions must understand that it is as important to be consistent and true to their (Sephardi) origins as it is to be loyal to their party."

In his address, Mr. Gaon said: "We Sephardim treasure our Orthodox tradition, imbued as it is with love of the Jewish people, moderation in our daily lives and tolerance for the views of others.

"Intolerance among Jews has become one of the most destructive elements of the State and people of Israel. It is unthinkable that one Jew can believe he has permission to judge who is a Jew. Only G-d can touch the human soul in such a fundamental way. Our belief, our heritage and our family ethics cry out for tolerance — that we display brotherly love and accept every Jew as he is.

"Yet today our (Sephardi) youth are being brainwashed into becoming extremists. If we do not face the challenge, extremism will grow and our youth will drift even further from their roots."

including the Jewish religion, would be discarded. This is in direct contradiction to the First Amendment of the Constitution, which guarantees the free exercise of religion."

New officers of the 10,000-member youth group, who belong to Reform synagogues affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, were elected this morning. They are: Roxanne Schneider of St. Louis, Mo., president; Michael Latz of Minneapolis, Minn., social action vice-president; and Rich Maxwell of Indianapolis, Ind., executive vice-president.

Largest Sephardic Gathering Planned

by Devora Mittany

Sephardic Jews, a majority in Israel, have been an almost invisible "minority within a minority" in the United States until recently. But now there are signs that American Sephardim, Jews whose ancestors came from Spain and other countries in southern Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa, are preparing to take the spotlight.

The American Sephardi Federation, "the central address for Sephardim in the United States," will convene the largest gathering of Sephardic Jews from across the nation at a conference on Memorial Day weekend, May 28-31, 1989, in Seattle. All Sephardic Jews and everyone interested in the traditions and role of Sephardic Jewry are urged to participate in the convention, which is billed as "Emergence: American Sephardic Jewry Today."

Under the dynamic leadership of its new Executive Vice President, Hal M. Lewis, the ASF has set an ambitious agenda for the coming years. Educating all Jews about Sephardic traditions and culture is high on the list.

Discounted registration fees are in effect until March 15; and registrations will be accepted until April 15. Registration forms and complete information are available from the ASF national office, 515 Park Avenue, Suite 515, New York, NY 10022. The telephone number is (212) 308-3455.

Neo-Nazi Parties Using Junk Mail Campaign

BONN (JTA) — Thousands of Frankfurt residents have protested against a new junk mail campaign by two neo-Nazi parties soliciting new members, but postal authorities continue to insist there is no legal way to stop them.

The National Democratic Party says it will mail out 500,000 pamphlets before the local elections scheduled for March 12.

The other group conducting large scale mailings is the Munich-based German Peoples Union (DPU), led by Gerhard Frey, who publishes the weekly *National Zeitung*.

Harvard Library Computerizes Hebrew And Yiddish Collection

DUBLIN, Ohio (JTA) — The world's largest computerized catalog for Hebrew and Yiddish publications will be available shortly from the Online Computer Library Center, which is adding bibliographic records of Hebrew and Yiddish materials from the Harvard College Library to its database.

When loading is completed, there will be approximately 88,000 records of Hebrew and Yiddish items on the OCLC database, the organization announced.

Approximately 75 percent of the records have been loaded since Harvard University presented them to OCLC in May 1988.

Dr. Charles Berlin, Friedman Bibliographer in Judaica and head of the Judaica Department at Harvard College Library, said that the conversion of the Hebrew and Yiddish records involved thousands of records in a card catalog that was developed over a half-century, and which had to be transcribed by individuals with an excellent knowledge of Hebrew.

Amsterdam Jewish Leader Dies

AMSTERDAM (JTA) — Louis Alvarez Vega, a once-central figure in Amsterdam's Sephardic congregation, died recently at the age of 84.

Until his retirement several years ago, Alvarez served as the secretary of the Sephardic congregation and keeper of the ancient Sephardic cemetery, or "Beth Haim," located at Ouderkerk on the Amstel, near Amsterdam. During his lifetime, Alvarez wrote an illustrated book on the cemetery, where he himself was buried February 15.

White Supremacist Claims Refugee Status In Canada

TORONTO (JTA) — A member of a white supremacist, anti-Semitic organization in the United States is claiming refugee status in Canada.

Howard Pursley, who was arrested by Canadian immigration officials, claims he is being persecuted by the FBI for his political and religious beliefs.

Pursley is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ Christian-Aryan Nations, based in Hayden Lake, Idaho.

He is being held at the Calgary Remand Center charged with illegally working in Canada.

"He filed a claim for refugee status during his detention review," immigration lawyer Michael Greene said. He said he was acting as a consultant, not as Pursley's lawyer.

Pursley's "church" has an office in Caroline, Alberta, run by Terry Long.

Under Canada's new immigration policy, the claimant will have to convince a panel that Pursley meets eligibility requirements and that his claim is credible.

If he is successful he must still face a full hearing to examine his case. If not, he will be expelled from Canada.

Islam Radio In Sweden Charged With Anti-Semitism

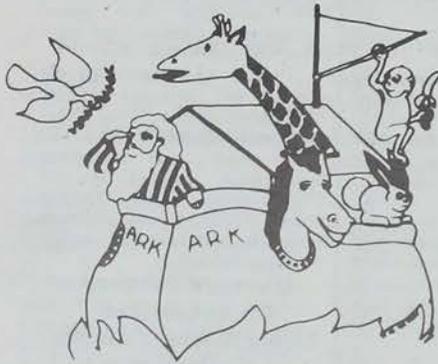
After a long delay, Swedish authorities have announced that they will seek to prosecute the Stockholm-based 'Radio Islam' on charges of anti-Semitism. On February 24, Sweden's Attorney-General Hans Stark presented to a Stockholm court, a long list of anti-Semitic statements broadcast by the radio station.

A November 1987 complaint by the Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Center led to an April 1988 warning by the Swedish Attorney-General to Ahmed Rami, the radio station's director, to desist from the hateful rhetoric. However, Rami defied the official warning and continued to question the Holocaust as well as to charge that Jews worshipped money — "What is the Jewish world cult? Yes, peddling and haggling. What is the Jewish world god? Yes, money." One quotation from the station said:

As a result, the Swedish Attorney-General reopened the case, and is seeking a decision from the court for "incitement against an ethnic minority." If the jury accepts these charges, the station will be closed down.

"Radio Islam" is the name of a radio program transmitted in Stockholm by a Moslem association. Swedish Radio is "open for local non-profit-making associations that can exercise an almost unlimited freedom of expression in their programming," according to Lars Maren, Head of the Swedish Ministry of Education and Cultural Affairs.

Wiesenthal Center officials applauded the action of the Swedish Attorney-General, adding that "a swift prosecution of these extremist hate-mongers takes on added significance in light of the violence and intolerance generated by the Salman Rushdie affair. Like Jews, Moslems living in Western countries are best served by promoting democracy, pluralism and tolerance," they added. The



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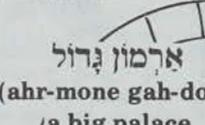
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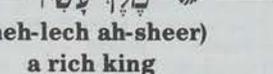
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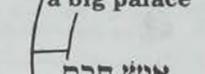
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(mahl-kah ah-mee-tzah)
a brave queen



ארמון גדול
(ahr-mone gah-dole)
a big palace



מלך עשיר
(meh-lech ah-sheer)
a rich king



איש חכם
(eesh chah-chahm)
a smart man



איש רשע
(eesh rah-shah)
a wicked man



סוס לבן
(soose lah-vahn)
a white horse

Remember the Amalekites

On the Shabbat before Purim, Jews read a special Haftorah about King Saul's battle with the Amalekites (Ah-mah-leh-kites). On Purim day, the Torah portion that is read is about the Israelites' battle in the desert with the Amalekites. Who were the Amalekites and what do they have to do with Purim?

Esau, Jacob's brother, had a grandson named Amalek. Amalek's tribe lived in the desert. They were nomads, which means they didn't live in one town or city, but traveled from place to place. The Amalekites came from this tribe.



After the Israelites crossed the Red Sea leaving Egypt, the Amalekites attacked them. Being a cruel people, they first attacked the weak and defenseless Israelites at the end of the march. (In any march or race, the most able people are in the front and the weakest, who are trying to catch up, are in the back.) Though the Israelites won the battle, they did not completely destroy the Amalekites. Later, the Israelites were told to always remember what Amalek did when they came out of Egypt.

Throughout the years, there were other times when the Amalekites fought against the Israelites. During the time when Saul was king, the Amalekites kept raiding the land. The prophet Samuel told Saul that God wanted him to destroy all of the Amalekites and everything they owned. The Israelites, led by Saul, defeated the Amalekites. Some survived but most were killed in the battle.

Saul, however, did not obey God. He took the best of their animals and he spared the life of the king of the Amalekites, Agag. God was furious that Saul did not follow orders. Saul asked for forgiveness. The prophet Samuel then killed Agag.

What do these two stories have to do with Purim? It is said that the leaders of the evil-doers who attack the Jewish people come from the Amalekites. It is said that Haman's ancestor was the king of the Amalekites, Agag. (It has even been said that Hitler must have come from the Amalekites because he was the most evil of all people.) We are told to remember the Amalekites and to "blot out from the human heart the cruel Amalek spirit."



Rebus - (Ree-boose) ריבוס

What was Queen Esther's Hebrew name?


- NGER +

- ISY +


- HOE +

- MTC =

- Answer on next page.

A Tradition Of Fast Thinking

My father was a very friendly man, who liked almost everybody. He sent cards and letters for birthdays, bar mitzvahs, and graduations. He thought nothing of traveling great distances to drop in unannounced on a friend.

My mother tried to get him to call ahead, but discussion was useless. My father would say, "That's the way I was brought up." He couldn't imagine a situation when someone might not be delighted to see him.

He was just as likely to bring guests home without warning. This made things difficult for my mother, who was a good housekeeper and proud of her cooking.

Once, on Purim, my father arrived at dinner time with four unexpected guests. They weren't friends; they weren't even relatives! Where he found them or why they were invited, we never found out.

Because of the holiday, my Aunt Mollie, Uncle Jerry, and cousins Robert and Eddie were already there for the Purim seudah (feast).

We were facing a crisis. There simply wasn't enough food. This had happened before and my mother had managed, but this time was the worst. My father didn't understand or want to understand the problems of running a kitchen. There was no point in talking to him. He'd only say, "That's the way I was brought up."

It was Sunday evening and the stores were closed. This was in the years before frozen foods were available. This called for desperate measures.

My mother called the three kids aside. There was only enough if everybody didn't eat. We were told to let the meat course pass us by and fill up on the bread and vegetables. We were thrilled with the game plan.

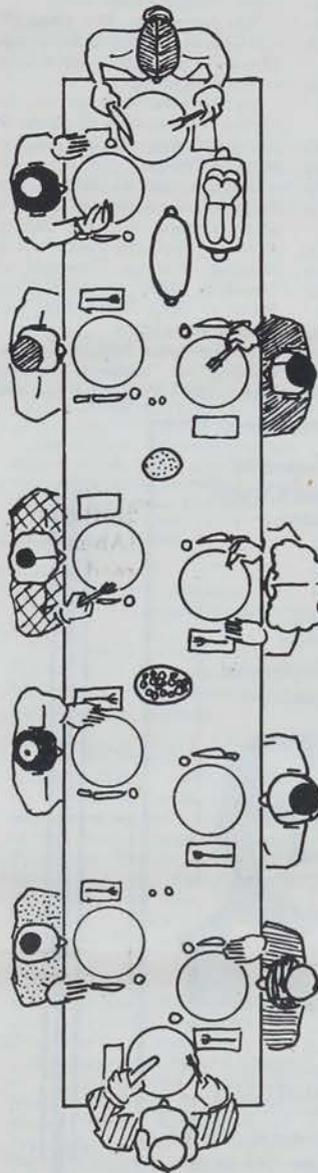


Illustration by Nachman

When the pot roast was passed around the table, we were ready. "No, thanks. I'm full," said Robert. My father glared at him. He could only be full from eating junk and eating junk was a crime in our house.

Next, it was my turn. "No, thanks. I don't like pot roast." That took my father by such surprise that he didn't say anything. I loved pot roast and he knew it.

"Me, too," said Eddie. We didn't know whether that meant that he was full or didn't like pot roast but, in any event, the platter also passed him by.

"Mother," started my father, "What is . . ."

"Pass the potatoes, please," interrupted Mother, and the conversation shifted. Everyone was served and we got through the meal.

Then Mother and Aunt Mollie disappeared into the kitchen to prepare coffee and dessert, but the problem was the same: not enough.

We were having hamantashen. Hamantashen have a triangular shape and are impossible to cut without having them look chopped off. We would have been better off if Aunt Mollie had made one of her pineapple upside-down cakes, which could have been cut into a trillion pieces.

Mother and Aunt Mollie came out of the kitchen with the coffee and dessert. They had solved the problem. Jews have lived by their wits throughout the centuries. A tradition of fast thinking had developed.

Mother served the coffee and dessert. "Naturally, you children, who haven't eaten your main course, don't get any dessert!"

Tricked! By my own mother!

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Jumble

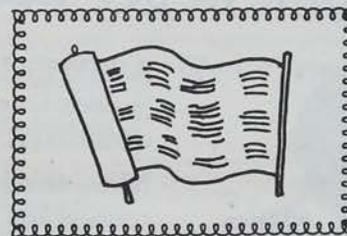
Purim is celebrated on the 14th day of the Hebrew month, Adar. That date never falls on what day of the week?

To find out, unscramble the words below:

TBOH
 AILS
 ATUB



Now unscramble the circled letters to find the answer to the question.



Answer To Rebus

Hanger - nger + daisy -
 - isy + shoes - hoe +
 match - mtc - **Hadassah**

Answers to Jumble

Both, sail, tuba, Shabbat.

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Obituaries

MAURICE AARON

EDISON, N.J. — Maurice Aaron of Hamlin Road, Edison, N.J., died February 16, 1989, at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick. He was 75.

Mr. Aaron was born in New Brunswick and lived in Edison for the past 35 years.

He had been associated for 40 years with Aaron & Co. plumbing and became president of the company in 1963. He retired in 1976.

He was a member of the Citizen's Defense Corps in the Air Raids Precautions unit during World War II.

He was past president of the YM-YWHA of Raritan Valley, Highland Park. He was a charter member of the board of the New

Brunswick Urban League, now called the Civic League. Mr. Aaron was founder and first president of Jersey Jobbers Credit Group.

Mr. Aaron was also treasurer and a board member of the George Street Playhouse where he occasionally acted.

He was the designer of the current headquarters of Aaron & Co., New Brunswick, and his own home in Edison.

Surviving are his wife, Vivian Siegel Aaron; two sons, Paul Aaron of Providence, R.I., and Jeffrey Aaron of Highland Park, N.J.; a daughter, Antonie Greenfield of Columbia, Md.; a sister, Lois Rubin of Boca Raton, Fla., and seven grandchildren.

Services were held at Crabiell, Harding & Jamison Funeral Home, 239 Livingston Ave., New

Brunswick. Burial followed at Beth Israel Cemetery, Woodbridge.

Memorial contributions may be made to Greenpeace, P.O. Box 3720, Washington, D.C. 20077, or the Sierra Club, 730 Polk St., San Francisco, Calif. 94109 or the Sane/Freeze 711 G Street SE., Washington, D.C. 20077-1100.

EDWARD BOR

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. — Edward Bor, 84, of 351 Farm St., died February 23, 1989. He was the husband of Esther (Falk) Bor and son of the late Samuel and Esther (Slutsky) Bor.

He died at the New Bedford Jewish Convalescent Home.

He was born in Russia and lived in New Bedford for more than 50 years. He was a member of the Congregation Ahavath Achim Synagogue. He was employed as a salesman by H. Falk and Co. Wholesale Produce Dealers until his retirement 22 years ago.

Mr. Bor was a member of the Hebrew Free Loan Association, the New Bedford Jewish Convalescent Home, the New Bedford Senior Citizens and the New Bedford Lions Club.

Survivors include his widow; a son, Aaron Bor of North Dartmouth; a daughter, Wilma Davidson of North Brunswick, N.J.; three brothers, George Bor of Augusta, Ga., Joseph Bor of Margate, Fla., and Samuel Bor of Lincoln; and four grandchildren.

Arrangements by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence, R.I.

RUTH DiBIASIO

PROVIDENCE — Ruth DiBiasio, 77, of Marlboro Avenue, died March 2, 1989, at home. She was the widow of Amato DiBiasio.

A lifelong Providence resident, she was a daughter of the late Louis A. and Gertrude (Bernstein) Koritz.

She leaves a brother, Harold Koritz of Atlanta, Ga.; and two sisters, Mildred Ross of Cranston and Ruby Norwood of Hialeah, Fla.

A graveside service was held at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St.

DAVID DOLINSKY

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. — David Dolinsky, 79, of 30 Westview St., died March 1, 1989. He was the husband of Doris (Stuart) Dolinsky and son of the late Gerson and Marsha Dolinsky.

He died at the New Bedford Jewish Convalescent Home.

He was born in Fall River and lived in New Bedford for 50 years. He was a member of the Congregation Ahavath Achim Synagogue. He was a self-employed seafood broker and one of the founders of Davy's Locker Restaurant in New Bedford.

Mr. Dolinsky was a member of the Brotherhood of the synagogue and past president of the Hebrew Free Loan Association. He was a member of the New Bedford Elks, the Quittacus Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of the Masons, and a Shriner with the Alleppo Temple.

Survivors include his widow; a son, Marvin Dolinsky of New Bedford; a daughter, Mitzi Marcus of Stoughton; two brothers, Charles Dolinsky of Fall River and Edward Dolinsky of Jacksonville, Fla., and a grandchild.

Arrangements by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence, R.I.

ROBERT FINN

PAWTUCKET — Robert Finn, 79, of 74 Marbury Ave., an employee at Zayre's, East Providence, for 30 years, serving as assistant manager for 25 years before retiring 10 years ago, died February 25, 1989, at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Myrna (Abramson) Finn.

Born in Arlington, Mass., a son of the late Samuel and Mollie (Gale) Finn, he lived in Pawtucket for over 35 years, previously living in Brighton, Mass. for 18 years.

Mr. Finn was previously employed as manager of the former Adam's Hat Stores, Providence and Pawtucket, for several years.

He was a member of the Congregation Ohave Shalom, Pawtucket, and its Men's Club. He was a member of Roosevelt Lodge F & AM, the Majestic Senior Guild, the Pawtucket Hebrew Free Loan, the Jewish Community Center, the Hope Link of the Order of the Golden Chain 46.

Besides his wife he leaves a daughter, Marlene F. Gabriel of New York City, and a sister, Ruth Frisch of Denver, Colo.; He was a brother of the late Hy Finn.

A funeral service was held at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Independent Vilkomir Cemetery, Malden/Melrose Line, Mass.

PAUL E. GOLDSTEIN

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. — Paul E. Goldstein, 87, a resident of the Jewish Convalescent Home, traffic manager for American Tourister Luggage Co. in Warren for 40 years before retiring, died February 27, 1989, at St. Luke's Hospital. He was the husband of the late Clara (Seltzer) Goldstein.

Born in New York City, he was a son of the late Morris and Jennie (Solomon) Goldstein. He lived in Providence before moving to New Bedford three years ago.

Mr. Goldstein was a member of Touro Fraternal Association, the Knights of Pythias, a member of a Masonic Lodge and a member of Congregation Sons of Jacob.

He leaves a daughter, Ruth Gaffin of New Bedford; a son, Morris E. Goldstein of Emerson, N.J.; three sisters, Sadie Brown of Cranston, Bella Stone of Boynton Beach, Fla., and Betty Auerbach of Tamarac, Fla., and six grandchildren.

The funeral procession departed from Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence, for a graveside service in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

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agreement in this realm and coordinate their joint approach with that of our own Government — and the sooner the better. Only then will Washington and Jerusalem be able to move forward together towards that peace for which all Israel yearns, and which remains her highest priority.

The agreement to form a unity government also made it possible to remove the contentious "Who Is a Jew?" issue from Israel's political agenda, where it never belonged. American Jewish voices were heard loud and clear in protesting efforts to use the Law of Return as a political bargaining chip. Yet, however acrimonious the debate, we must not permit it to turn us away from Israel, or to lessen the material and political support each of us gives to the Jewish state.

We opposed a particular policy, but our love for Israel transcends policy, party and personality to embrace an entire people.

Similarly, we ought not to allow the dispute over "Who Is a Jew?"

to disrupt the essential harmony that obtains between the various streams of Judaism here on the American scene. Indeed, we have no quarrel with Orthodox Jews or Orthodox Judaism per se, but rather with a politicized Orthodox establishment that lays claim to an all-exclusive authenticity and presumes to know with certainty whom the Holy One deems acceptable in His sight.

Religious triumphalism has no place in our midst. It must be banished from the table of all Jews, including those who call themselves Reform. We who reach out everywhere must also turn to our own. We must build bridges of love, not citadels of intolerance. We must establish channels of discourse with our fellow-Jews, whatever their self-definition.

We can live with our differences as we have in the past, provided only that we accord each other respect and refrain from questioning the integrity of those whose views we do not share.

Sam Fineberg (continued from page 1)

Fineberg campaigned relentlessly for the enactment of a state boxing law, and finally a commission was set up in this state 40 years ago. His crusade to bring honest administration to a grisly sport at last had borne fruit.

Yesterday Ike took life's final count, but old timers will remember him for his personal integrity and his desire to make the path of others easier to tread.

Sam Fineberg was also noted in the sports community for his association with Providence's "Young Montreal" (Morris Billinghoff). He discovered and trained this young man, who became one of the world's leading bantamweight fighters. Kay, as a young child, remembers her father and "Young Montreal" out running very early in the morning, and of the two of them returning to eat the breakfast which her mother had prepared. Sam also handled

several prominent boxers who fought in Providence. He was highly regarded by boxing fans throughout New England and New York as a trainer and a strategist.

Kay Henshaw, in evaluating her father's personality, said that he had lived a good life. "He lived the way he wanted from day to day. He was a happy-go-lucky man who was very generous. He would give his last dollar." She commented. "We were all very close."

The warm glow that emanated from Sam's daughter as she spoke about her father did more to give the impression of a loving, wonderful and unusual man than any words could have described.

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sister, Clara Oelbaum of Providence and several nieces and nephews.

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

RITA STONE

PAWTUCKET — Rita Stone, 63, of 133 Progress St., executive secretary to the executive director of the Jewish Home for Aged, Providence, for 15 years before retiring last year, died February 26, 1989, at the Elmhurst Extended Care Facility, Providence. She was the widow of Dr. Leo Stone.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Abraham and Florence (Lubusky) Samuels, she lived in Pawtucket for 32 years.

She leaves a son, Brian J. Stone of Pawtucket; three daughters, Meredith S. Nunes of Holliston, Mass., Marcia Finklestone of Framingham, Mass., JoAnn Belsky of Flushing, N.Y., and four grandchildren.

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

Hadassah Completes Transplant With Help From Computer Registry

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Hadassah University Hospital has announced the first successful Israeli bone marrow transplant operation in which the donor was identified through Israel's new national registry.

The hospital's Department of Bone Marrow Transplantation and Immunobiology Research, at Ein Kerem, is Israel's official bone marrow transplant facility.

The donor, Jonathan Reiss, 42, of Kibbutz Mahanayim, also became a father on the day that specialists withdrew marrow from his hip bone to save the life of a 30-year-old woman suffering from leukemia.

The family of the woman has requested anonymity.

The bone marrow registry was established at the Medical Center in 1986 by Liora Zeitlan, 18 years old at the time, whose late father was stricken with lymphoma and desperately required a transplant.

The registry stores genetic data of potential donors to be used when needed to determine donor compatibility, a 1-in-150,000 chance in cases of non-family donors.

Garfield Gever of New York City. The funeral and burial were private and were coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St.

MILTON KESSLER

CRANSTON — Milton Kessler, 78, of 227 New London Ave., proprietor of Kessler's Delicatessen on Camp Street in Providence for 40 years, died March 2, 1989, at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Etta (Dress) Kessler.

Born in Fall River, Mass., he was the son of the late Joseph and Rebecca (Zalkind) Kessler. He lived in Providence for 70 years before moving to Cranston in 1981.

Mr. Kessler was a member of the Temple Emanu-El and its brotherhood, a member of the Touro Fraternal Association, the Jewish Home for the Aged, and the Providence Hebrew Free Loan.

Besides his wife, he leaves a daughter, Paula Levine of Sherborn, Mass.; three sisters, Selma and Ethel Kessler, and Mildred Riss, all of Providence; a brother, Sanford Kessler of Block Island; and one granddaughter.

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

SADIE OKUN

PROVIDENCE — Sadie Okun, a resident of the Briarcliff Nursing Home, died February 28, 1989.

She was the daughter of the late Hyman and Rose (Yarosolofsky) Okun.

She is survived by a brother, Isaac Okun of Coventry.

Graveside services were held at Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick. Arrangements by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to the Ladd School.

JACOB B. RUBIN

PROVIDENCE — Jacob B. Rubin, 90, co-owner of Hall's Drug Store on Elm Grove Avenue in Providence from 1930 to 1968, died February 27, 1989, at the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., where he was a resident. He was the husband of the late Rose (Rosenthal) Rubin.

Born in Poland, he was a son of the late Solomon and Pearl (Nasberg) Rubin. He lived in Cranston 57 years before moving to Providence one and one-half years ago.

Mr. Rubin was a member of the Jewish Home for the Aged and the Congregation Shaare Zedek-Sons of Abraham.

Mr. Rubin is survived by one

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GLADYS GEVER

PROVIDENCE — Gladys Gever of 61 Slater Ave., an employee in the tax assessor's office, Providence City Hall, for eight years before retiring five years ago, died February 25, 1989, at Miriam Hospital.

A lifelong resident of Providence, she was a daughter of the late Harry and Anna (Rosen) Gever.

She leaves two sisters, Evelyn Dickens of East Providence, Dorothy Wolfson of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and a brother,

Music After Hours

If you want to learn more about music and music making, develop your listening skills, or just get a look at the theater from on-stage, then come to the Providence Performing Arts Center on Thursday, March 16, for the final "Music After Hours!" You and your friends will be treated to wine and cheese in the lobby, then move on stage for the speakers' address. For this session, we are featuring three orchestra players who will share their views on both the March 18 program, and on life as a professional musician. Participants are invited to stay for the orchestra's rehearsal following the talk.

The first year of this series has been a great success so far! Join us Thursday for the final session, and hear what you've been missing. We look forward to seeing you there! Call Sue Metcalf at 831-3123 for reservations. Attendance is limited to 100.

NCJW Holds Washington Institute

On March 12-15 more than 500 National Council of Jewish Women will meet in Washington, D.C. to create a powerful course for positive social change. The purpose of Washington Institute is to get a close up view of the operations of the various branches of the Federal government particularly as they relate to NCJW's program priorities: Children and Youth, Aging, Women's Issues, Constitutional Rights, Jewish Life and Israel.

There will be meetings with Senators and Representatives, agency officials and other experts. Seminars on community service projects, state public affairs, executive leadership, membership, fundraising and Israel affairs will be offered.

Featured speakers will include Helen Thomas, United Press International Bureau Chief, The Hon. Madeleine Kunin, Governor of Vermont, who will speak on child care and family issues, Jonathan Kozol, author of "Rachel and Her Children" who will focus on the homeless, and Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackmun who will reflect on the Constitution.

Members of Rhode Island Section of NCJW who will be attending are: Mardelle Berman, Gertrude Gordon, Kay Kaplan, Barbara Long and Judy Litchman.

Chabad To Deliver Purim Baskets

Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer, Director of Chabad Lubavitch of Southeastern New England has announced that UPS will once again be delivering specially prepared Mishloach Monos Purim baskets this year.

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This weekend, Meir Abehsera will be offering his unique insight, profound wisdom and gentle humor at a special Shabbos Weekend, sponsored by the Chabad House, 360 Hope St., in Providence.

The Shabbos program starts 5:30 p.m., Friday, March 10 with services at Chabad, followed by a full course Kosher dinner. (Reservations are requested.) During and after the dinner, Meir will be speaking on "Opening the Heart."

Saturday morning, March 11, services begin at 10 a.m. At noon, a Jewish "soul food" banquet will be served. Meir Abehsera will talk about "Seeking Spiritual Harmony."

Saturday evening, at 8 p.m., Meir Abehsera will lead a session "Healing Ourselves," based on the teachings of Maimonides. At the event, Rabbi Yehoshua Morosov will complete his study of Maimonides 14 volume magnum opus, the Mishne Torah.

The entire weekend is open to the Jewish community. Space is also available for those who would like to spend the Shabbos at Chabad. For more information or to make reservations for meals and accommodations, contact Chabad at 273-7238 or 274-3065.

Award-Winning Film "Late Summer Blues" To Be Shown March 22

The Rhode Island community will have the opportunity to view the Israeli award-winning film *Late Summer Blues* in the Social Hall of the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence on Wednesday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m. Renen Schorr, who directed the film, will be at the performance and will discuss his film with the audience. The presentation has been brought to the state by the Cultural Arts Department of the Center. Co-sponsors are Brown-RISD Hillel Foundation and B'nai B'rith Hillel, University of Rhode Island.

Late Summer Blues is set during the summer of 1970, just before a group of high school youths will be inducted into the Israeli army to fight in the War of Attrition. Autobiographical in part, the film explores the life and death issues confronting them, how they deal with their attitudes toward the establishment and their feelings concerning their own dreams and ambitions.

The talented Renen Schorr won the Sokolov Award in 1974 for his series of articles on the Golan Heights battle. *Late Summer Blues*, winner of several international awards, is his directorial debut in a full-length feature.

All ages are welcome to attend. The film may be of special interest to teens and film enthusiasts.

Tickets are being sold at \$3.50 per person in advance at the reception desk of the Center. Please reserve blocks for groups of ten or more. Tickets will also be available at the door the evening of the performance.

For further information contact Susan Popper at 861-8800.

H&PE Annual Swim-A-Thon

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island's H&PE annual Swim-a-thon will be held the week of March 12 in the JCCRI pool,

Elie Siegmeister Honored On His 80th By RIC



AMERICAN COMPOSER Elie Siegmeister will be at Rhode Island College March 20 for an all-Siegmeister chamber singers concert in honor of his 80th birthday.

by George LaTour

Edward Markward, of the Rhode Island College music faculty, will conduct the College Chamber Singers Monday, March 20, in a concert honoring the 80th birthday of the American composer Elie Siegmeister. It will begin at 8:15 p.m. in Roberts Hall auditorium.

The Harlem-born composer, who has made significant contributions to American musical life as writer, conductor, teacher and tireless protagonist of the American composer, will be on hand for the all-Siegmeister program.

A Meet-the-Composer session in Roberts auditorium, in which Siegmeister will discuss his life and work with the audience, will

precede the concert at 7:15 p.m.

Highlight of the concert will be the premiere of Siegmeister's *Scenes from The Big Town* which the composer has dedicated to Miriam Koren, one of his eight daughters.

Scenes is composed of five choral works set to the poetry of New York poets Norman Rosten, e.e. cummings, Langston Hughes and William Carlos Williams, according to Markward.

Other works include piano rags *Serenade* and *Jitterbug* to be played by Judith Lynn Stillman, artist-in-residence here, and *Theme and Variations No. 1* and *Fantasy Rag* by Stephen Martorella, a visiting instructor of music.

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Horseback Riding

The JCCRI Youth Department's Outdoor Club will host horseback riding for grades 9-12 at Stepping Stone Stables in East Greenwich on Sunday, March 12.

The day will begin with a bagel brunch in the Teen Lounge of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence at 11:30 a.m. The bus will depart JCCRI at 12:30 p.m. and return by 4 p.m.

The fee for the day is \$10. Please call Michele Bram at 861-8800 for more details.

The Outdoor Club is sponsored by the Robbie Frank Fund.

Brown Bag Club

On Tuesday, March 14 the Brown Bag Club of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island will tour the new Providence Journal Bulletin facility. Participants will meet at the JCCRI, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence at 9:15 a.m. and carpool to the facility.

Will Speck, from the Information and Referral Division of the Department of Elderly Affairs, will speak on the "New Catastrophic Medicare Law" on Tuesday, March 28 at 12:30 p.m. Donation for the day will be \$1.

The Brown Bag Club is for people free for lunch. For further information contact Lisa Goodman at 861-8800.

Hypnosis Subject Of JCCRI Singles Brunch

The JCCRI Singles will hold a brunch on Sunday, March 12 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Senior Adult Lounge of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence. Louis Ciaramello from the Alpha Center will be discussing how hypnosis can help stress. The fee is \$4 for members and \$6.50 for non-members.

For more information contact Susan Popper at 861-8800.

Abraham Lincoln Walks at Midnight and Songs for My Daughters with soprano Lori Phillips.

Markward says conductor/composer Leonard Bernstein suggested at a meeting in Tanglewood in the summer of 1983 that he get to know Siegmeister. A year later Siegmeister came to RIC for two days when the college performed his *I Have a Dream* piece which is based on the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. speech.

Siegmeister returned to the college again in 1986 for another performance based on his works.

Markward reports that there are concerts being held in many sites around the country this year in honor of Siegmeister's birthday (January 15, 1909), including three in New York which Markward has attended.

Siegmeister's wide range of creativeness embraces symphonies, operas, chamber music, songs, compositions for piano, band, and solo instruments as well as scores for Broadway, the ballet, and Hollywood film.

His 37 orchestral works have been performed by leading orchestras throughout the world under such conductors as Toscanini, Stokowski, Mitropoulos, Maazel and Comissiona. His eight operas have been presented in France, Belgium, Canada and across the United States.

He established, in 1971, and became chairman of the Council of Creative Artists, Libraries and Museums, and in 1978 initiated the Kennedy Center's National Black Music Competition.

He has written a number of books, including *Treasury of American Song*.

The Meet-the-Composer session and concert are free and open to the public. For more information contact the RIC Music Department at 456-8244.

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