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Has 'Let My People Go' Become 'Where Will My People Go?': The New Crisis Of Soviet Jewry



Mandell Israel Kaplan
by Sandra Silva

According to currently released data from HIAS and the AJDC, in 1989, approximately thirty to forty-thousand Jews will be emigrating from the Soviet Union. HIAS, Hebrew Immigration Aide Society, is an organization that brings released Soviet Jews from Rome to America and assists with pre-American Visa preparation. The AJDC, American Joint Distribution Committee, provides care and maintenance to the Jews who are waiting in Rome for permission to come to America.

All Jews who leave the Soviet Union come out on an Israeli Visa. They make a stop in Vienna where they are met by the Jewish Agency for Israel. Those who elect to go on to Israel will leave from there. Those who elect to come to America will be transported to Ladispoli. The most recent problem to arise in this situation is that about ten to twenty-five percent of these Jews are being denied refugee status by the American Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) for what many people consider to be arbitrary reasons.

This situation has angered many members of Congress and the House of Representatives, who have written to the President, Sec-

retary of State Baker, and Atty. General Thornburg requesting that they call a halt to this practice, which is based on a lack of understanding on the part of INS to the plight of Jews remaining in the Soviet Union.

"The exact definition of refugee," explains Elliot Cohan of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, "is someone who is fleeing from a well founded fear of persecution, and this is the situation of the Soviet Jews."

One of the main reasons for this problem is that in order for a refusenik to obtain permission to leave the Soviet Union, he must first be granted an Israeli Visa. Many refuseniks will apply for this Visa with the intention of applying for permission to enter America once they have succeeded in getting out of the Soviet Union. This is where the problem arises.

Once out of the Soviet Union, the refusenik is no longer fleeing persecution; he has, in fact, escaped.



David Hirsch

Also, being in possession of an Israeli Visa, he has somewhere to go. Due to these conditions, many Soviet Jews are, on an arbitrary basis, denied refugee status by the INS.

The drop-out rate of Soviet Jews (those who choose to come to America instead of continuing on to Israel) has become alarmingly high. When a Soviet Jew chooses not to go on to Israel, he is transported to a holding center, such as Ladispoli, where he will await permission to enter America. Once there, he will, of necessity, receive financial assistance.

The current delays in granting American Visas to many of these Jews, and the many denials, cause the costs involved in their maintenance to escalate. This has become an exceptional burden on the organizations responsible for this maintenance, especially since the United States Government has drastically reduced financial support in this area.

"Until October 1, 1988, the American Government paid 95% of the care and maintenance of Soviet Jewish refugees in holding

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The Biggest Little State in the Movies

Amy Shapiro & the RI Film Commission Are
Bringing Hollywood to The Ocean State

by David DeBlois

The phones at the Rhode Island Film Commission (RIFC) office were ringing off the hook. With filming for a TV commercial slated to begin the next day, the production company had called to ask for some assistance in taking care of a number of last minute details. The staff scrambled to help.

For Amy Shapiro, it was another day at the office.

As Executive Director of the Commission, it is Shapiro's job to ensure that Rhode Island is an attractive, viable option for TV and theatrical filmmakers. Taking care of details is a major part of that job.

"The easier you make it for them — the smoother you make things go," she says, "the more likely they are to think of Rhode Island the next time, and the more likely they are to come back. Fortunately, I have a great staff."

Hollywood-East?

In order to get filmmakers to come to RI, says Shapiro, RIFC must first get them to consider RI. To accomplish this, the Commission promotes the state as much as possible in that epicenter of entertainment, Los Angeles.

"I should get out there more often than I do," states Shapiro, "but if there's filming going on [in RI], I like to be here. There's just so much to do. Still, I go out there usually 3 times a year. We've also produced a video that's sent out to promote the state. It uses a lot of aerial footage and outtakes from other filmmakers' work to show what's available here."

In addition, Shapiro and her staff — Linda Gingras, Christine Altomari, and assorted interns — keep abreast of which studios ac-



Amy Shapiro, Executive Director of the Rhode Island Film Commission.

quire the movie rights to novels that could possibly be filmed in the Ocean State. They then quickly contact the filmmakers to make them aware of the opportunities here.

One of the major services provided by RIFC is to respond to requests for specific settings needed by production companies. Shapiro: "We handle between 5 and 30 calls a week. Usually, the requests they have are pretty specific...We then go into our photo files and see if we've got something to accommodate them, and send some pictures out to them. If we don't have any-

thing in the files, we might go out and scout out something, shoot it quickly, and get it out to them.

"If [RI] doesn't have what they need, I might be able to tell them where they can find it. All the New England states have film commissions, and I might tell them to try Boston or Maine...Even though we are in a sort of competition, all the commissions do their best in helping filmmakers get what they want, even if it's in another state. That way, the filmmakers can see that they can count on us and that

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N.E.A.T. Mock Trial Team Triumphs/ Goes To Semi-Finals



NEAT MOCK TRIAL TEAM in courtroom 4F Garrahy Judicial complex after defeating Classical High School team. (L to R Row 1) Sigal Gottlieb, Amy Abramowitz, Abby Borisute, Michal Yissacher, Devorah Strajcher, Leat Hotzman, Ms. Katerine Silva, faculty adviser. (Row 2) Joshua Pearlman, Esq., Team Coach, Dvora Segal, Jona Szenes and Alison Daniels.

Courtroom 4F of the Garrahy Judicial Complex is crowded. Attorneys fill the lawyers' tables on both sides of the aisle; visitors speak in hushed tones.

When the Clerk of the Court commands, "All rise," everyone stands as the judge enters. "This court is now in session. The honorable Judge DeRobbio presiding."

The Judge immediately asks if the parties in the proceedings of the 'People vs. Martha Monroe' are ready. "Then proceed."

And so, the trial of Martha Monroe, accused of the murder of her husband, George, began — again. Although this case had already been tried at least twenty times in courtrooms around Rhode Island, it was being heard again on March 7, 1989 as the Mock Trial Quarter Finals continued.

The Prosecuting Team, determined by the drawing of lots, was from Classical High School (Continued on page 11)



Richard Licht

Local News

Presidents' Council JFRI "Joining Hands For A Better Jewish World"



Rosalind Bolusky

A meeting of the President's Council of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island will be held on Tuesday, April 4 in the Federation Board Room, beginning with luncheon at 11:30 a.m.

There is a history in Rhode Island of having a President's Council consisting of the presidents of all Jewish women's organizations in the state. This council is called together periodically by Women's Division of Jewish Federation for

stimulating and provocative discussions which are beneficial to all. It gives the presidents an opportunity to share ideas, to learn and to discuss issues which are important to all.

The April 4 meeting of the Council will explore the various Jewish Women's Organizations. Those serving on the planning committee for this event are Rosalind Bolusky, Chairman, by virtue of her position as vice president of Women's Division of R.I. Jewish Federation; Lynn Aaronson, President Sisterhood Temple Beth El; Robin Engle, ORT President R.I. Southern Mass. Region; Claire Ernstof, President, Women's Association Jewish Home for the Aged; Sara Frank, President Cranston Chapter of Hadassah; Gertrude Gordon, Presidium National Council of Jewish Women; Florence Silver, Na'amat Presidium Devora Dayan Chapter; Elaine Odessa, President Women's Division Jewish Federation of Rhode Island; Myrna Rosen, Campaign Chairman of Women's Division Jewish Federation of Rhode Island; May Ronny Sock, Director of Women's Division Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.

The theme of this meeting will be "Joining Hands for a Better Jewish World."

Congregation Sons Of Jacob

Friday, March 31 - 24 days in ADAR II. Candlelighting by 5:50 p.m. Minchov services are at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 1 - 25 days in ADAR II. Torah portion for this week is P'Shemini. 2nd Torah P'Hachodesh for Mafter in Exodus. Also blessing on the new month or Nisan - Rosh Chodesh is Thursday, April 6, one day only. Morning services on April 6 are at 6:15 a.m. promptly. Move the clock ahead one hour Saturday, April 1 night. Shabbath Hachodesh (Birchat Hachodesh). Morning services are at 8:30 a.m., followed as usual by Kiddush. Minchov service is at 5:40 p.m., followed by the Third Meal and Zemiroth (songs). Ma'ariv will be at 6:35 p.m. Havdalah is at 6:45 p.m.

Sunday, April 2 - 26 days in ADAR II. Morning services are at 7:45 a.m. Followed by refreshments as usual. Minchov for the balance of the week is at 6:45 p.m.

Our heartfelt appreciation for guidance and conducting the Purim services to Rabbi Yitzchok Dubouik. A reminder to all of the congregation membership and our loyal friends that Passover is fast approaching. This year since Rabbi Morris Drazin is now in Los Angeles, Calif., the selling of the chometz will be arranged by Rabbi Yitzchok Dubouik. If you have any questions concerning Kashrus, please call 421-0554 or the synagogue at 274-5260. With G-d's blessings and will, Rabbi Dubouik and Cantor Harold Labush will officiate for the glorious Holiday of Passover. We encourage the entire Jewish community to join the synagogue (in our 94th year) for services.

The winners in our annual Purim party and raffle are as follows:

First Prize of the 20" RCA XL100 color television was won by Erica Schwartz (Ticket No. 3143) of North Providence, R.I.

Second Prize for the pair of leather boots was won by Gilda Ross (Ticket No. 3434) of Providence, R.I.

Third Prize for the three bottles of liquor was won by Albert Ross (Ticket No. 3588) of Providence, R.I.

Our gracious thanks to all who once again helped to make this raffle and Purim party such a wonderful success!!

Congratulations to the winners!!!

Use your zip code.

Hadassah Plans A Day Of Effective Skills Management



Elaine Senter

The Western New England Region of Hadassah is planning a special day "Enhance Your Personal And Professional Skills - Make An Investment in Yourself." It will be held at the Marriott Hotel in Providence on Sunday, April 9 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. with luncheon included.

The discussion leader will be Elaine Senter of Silver Spring, Maryland who is a very qualified National Hadassah Board Member who serves on the Task Force for the National Organization and Membership Departments. She is also a member of the Washington, D.C. Task Force and the National Zionist Affairs Department Task Force. She is the Liaison for

Legislative Issues in Washington for National Hadassah. She is a past president of the Southern Seaboard Region. She is equally active in her community where she is a Delegate, Washington Zionist Federation, Coordinator and Chairman, Israel Independence Day Community-wide celebration. Mrs. Senter holds a B.A. Degree in political science and an M.A. from Columbia University in Middle Eastern Studies. Her first trip to Israel was in 1956 and she has since made 13 more trips.

Hadassah recognizes that every member is eligible for leadership development and all are encouraged to take advantage of this day. It is a rare opportunity for members to participate in an exciting and broadening experience with a National Leadership Development Trainer. A certificate of completion will be presented to each participant. This certificate could be an asset in your business career as well.

Any Hadassah member interested in signing up or wanting additional information should contact her Chapter president or the Chairman of this event, Rosalind Bolusky, Region Leadership Development Chairman at 723-5841. Attendance at this session is by advance reservation only.

A second session will be given on Monday, April 10 at the Sheraton West Springfield, Massachusetts, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participants may choose whichever session they wish to attend.

Congregation Ohawe Sholam

The Congregation, also known as the Young Israel of Pawtucket, will have Friday evening services at 6 p.m. On Shabbat morning, Shabbat Hachodesh, there will be Kiddush in honor of the birthday of Solomon Mossberg. The Mossberg family requests that all join us for this joyous occasion. Services begin at 9 a.m.

On Shabbat afternoon Rabbi Jacobs' Mishnah class will be at 5 p.m. Mincha will be at 5:50 p.m. followed by the Third Sabbath meal. Ma'ariv will be at 6:50 p.m. Havdalah will be at 7 p.m. On Tuesday, April 4, 11 and Monday, April 17, Rabbi Jacobs will give an

adult education series on preparing the house for Passover and aspects of the Haggadah to make your seder more meaningful. The first class is at the synagogue Tuesday, April 4 at 8 p.m.

On Monday, April 3, Rabbi Jacobs will be available for acting as an agent to sell your chometz. He kindly requests that when you give him the power of attorney, you stipulate what hametz you have, where it's located and approximate value.

Next week the schedule of services is as follows: Morning - Sunday 7:45 a.m.; Monday 6:40 a.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 6:50 a.m.; Thursday Rosh Hodesh Nisan 6:30 a.m. Evenings - 6:05 p.m. when possible.

Temple Torat Yisrael Sisterhood

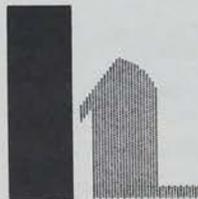
The Sisterhood of Temple Torat Yisrael will hold their 33rd Annual Donor Lunch on Sunday, April 2, 1989 at "The Hospitality Center," 1150 Narragansett Blvd., Cranston, R.I. A Special feature will be a complimentary two-day trip to the Concord Hotel, Lake Kiamasha, New York, arranged by Zeldia Kouffman of Cranston Travel. Entertainment by "Touch of Class." Co-chairladies are Ruth Fink and Natalie Crovitz.

Striar JCC

The Young Singles Group (22-39) of the Striar Jewish Community Center will be holding a brunch on April 9, 1989, in the adult lounge of the Center, 445 Central St., Stoughton, Mass. Prepaid reservations are required by April 5. Member, \$6.00. Nonmember, \$9.00.

Register at the front desk of the Center. Please call front desk if you want more information, (617) 341-2016.

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Congregation Beth Sholom — Sons Of Zion

On Sunday, April 9, 1989 Congregation Beth Sholom-Sons of Zion will celebrate the completion of its "Project Renewal" by honoring Dr. Joseph Jay Fishbein and Mr. Malcolm C. Bromberg. Dr. Fishbein and Mr. Bromberg have served as co-chairmen of this project, begun in 1986 and culminating in early 1989. As a result of their efforts Congregation Beth Sholom-Sons of Zion has undergone a complete renovation and rehabilitation of its facilities including the addition of accommodations for the handicapped.

Plans for the evening include presentation of a plaque to Dr. Fishbein and Mr. Bromberg in recognition of their commitment to this endeavor. Professor Edward Beiser of Brown University will act as Master of Ceremonies. The Congregation is pleased to have Rabbi Elan Adler as its guest speaker. Rabbi Adler is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward O. Adler and currently serves as Assistant Rabbi of Congregation Agudas Sholom in Stamford, Conn.

The community is invited to attend a dessert reception at Beth Sholom, 275 Camp St., Providence, R.I. on Sunday, April 9, 1989 at 4:30 p.m. Program will follow at 6 p.m.

Couvert — \$10. Reservations may be made by calling the synagogue office at 331-9393.

Temple Sinai Second Night Seder

Temple Sinai will be holding their annual 2nd night Passover seder on Thursday, April 20, 1989, in the Temple Sinai social hall. Tables will be fully set with seder plates, matzah and wine. The seder meal will consist of: gefilte fish, chicken soup with matzah balls, chicken breast, salad, kugel, carrots, fresh fruit, cake, macaroons, coffee, tea and punch. Make your reservations quickly. We are limited to 150 people. Send reservations to Carrie Cohen, Temple Sinai, 30 Hagen Avenue, Cranston, R.I. 02920. Reservations and checks must be received by April 10, 1989. Adults \$11.95 (12 and up), children \$6.95 (6-11) and tots \$3.95 (under 6).

Call Carrie Cohen, 942-8350 Temple Office during the day for more information or at 885-2046 after 6 p.m.

Women's Association Of The Jewish Home For The Aged

The Women's Association, Jewish Home for the Aged of R.I., will hold an Open Board meeting Wednesday, April 5, 1989, in the Martin Chase Auditorium. Dessert will be served at 12:30 p.m., the meeting will be 1:15 p.m.

Barry S. Fogel, M.D., will speak on "Predictable Stresses in Later Life." Dr. Fogel has degrees in mathematics, neurology and psychiatry. He is currently director, Psychiatric Medical Program at R.I. Hospital and associate professor, Psychiatry and Human Behavior, Brown University School of Medicine. In July Dr. Fogel will become associate director of the Geriatrics Center at Brown. His publications are extensive. Dr. Fogel serves on the editorial boards of journals, domestic and international.

Chairwoman of the Day is Mildred Eisenstadt. Doris Jacobs is in charge of hospitality, Helen Rosen of hostesses.

Claire Ernstoff, president, will be the presiding officer.

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The Providence Hebrew Day School, located at 450 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence, is pleased to announce that it now has a full selection of kosher wine and grape juice for Passover. The wines include the popular Kedem label on sixteen varieties of domestic wines in several sizes as well as wines imported by Kedem from Italy, Spain, France and Israel. Specially featured are the prize-winning selections from the California vineyards of Baron de Herzog. Also available for simchas and yom tov are domestic and imported champagnes and spumantes.

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Wine and grape juice is available on regular school days, preferably between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. However, arrangements can be made for earlier and later times.

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may prefer to call ahead and have the order all packed and ready.

Wine can be picked up on Sunday, April 9 and April 16 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

For those who need evening hours, wine will be available on Wednesday evening, April 5 from 7-9 p.m.

Since the wine room is located in the Savoy Street wing, those who wish to purchase wine will find the Savoy Street wing, those who wish to purchase wine will find the Savoy Street entrance most convenient.

Sam Shlevin, Executive Director Emeritus, reminds customers to shop early for the most complete selection and the greatest variety.

Wine lists are available at the Day School. Call 401-331-5327 to receive a 1989 wine list and a Kedem wine booklet.

Raffle-A-Day At Temple Emanu-El

If at first you don't succeed ... try and try again! And so it goes at Temple Emanu-El for this year's Raffle. There are over two hundred chances to win, as entered tickets will be drawn five times a week for fifty-two weeks! One twenty dollar ticket entitles you to a lot of fun and good luck. The drawings will begin June 1, 1989 and continue for a full year.

The Temple office, Linda Mittleman, Susan Odessa, and their Committee, are already busy selling the tickets. Once the ticket is returned to the Temple office with the twenty dollars, it is entered into the barrel with the other tickets. Each weekday that the office is open, the Rabbis will pick a winner. That ticket is resubmitted into the barrel for another chance. Should the office be closed, the Rabbi will pick two

THE WINNER IS...



tickets the following day. The turf of the raffle, aside from having so many chances to win, is that each day of the week is assigned different prize amounts, ranging from \$25 to \$75.

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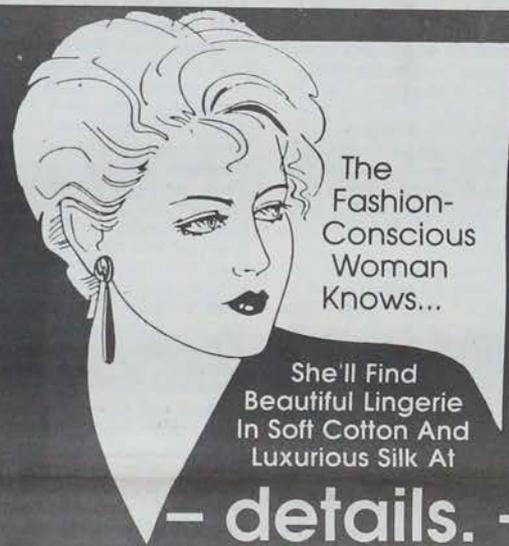


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Opinion

Israel vs. The Palestine Liberation Organization

by Dr. Jay N. Fishbein

Jerusalem with its luminous gold sheen is one of the most beautiful cities in the world as well as the oldest with the possible exception of Damascus. For thousands of years, its magnificent pink limestone has been used in the construction of its homes and public buildings and particularly for its protective walls — the natural choice for a city plagued by war. These stones were chosen for the construction of the *Kotel* — the Western Wall — and for the Jew, these gleaming limestone blocks seem to possess a human heart. Jerusalem has been aptly called "The City of Gold," and is the epicenter of the Jewish world. It extends far back in history for millennia and is unique among world capitals as it is not located on a river or even on the coast.

On Friday afternoon, May 14, 1948, the fifth day of Iyar in the year 5708 on the Hebrew calendar, the Jewish National Council (the *Vaad Leumi*) proclaimed the first independent Jewish State in 2,000 years, which was to be called Israel, with David Ben Gurion as Prime Minister.

And so the Arab League entered a new phase. Having failed to accomplish their ends (the destruction of Israel) on the battlefield with sheer numbers and massive oil wealth, the Arab League has entered a new phase. They now hope to win their ongoing war with Israel through guile and deceit.

The anti-Israel propagandists today are resorting to sophisticated political measures in an attempt to erode American support for Israel. They have instituted a media campaign of misinformation, distortion, and outright lies. The Palestine National Council has profited from Dr. Goebel's program that

lies if repeated often will be accepted as truth. While Yasir Arafat, the PLO chairman, stated that it accepts Israel's right to exist and renounces terrorism, it still sanctions attacks in Israel and the occupied territories.

Having reluctantly voiced its change in policy, Arafat warmly embraced Abul Abbas, the notorious convicted terrorist who masterminded the hijacking of the *Achille Lauro*, shot an elderly invalid Jew in a wheelchair and pushed him into the sea. For this "heroic" deed, Abbas was accorded a special place of honor at the PNC meeting in Algiers.

To still the furor of the many militant terrorist organizations, Arafat and his colleagues on the PLO Executive Committee reassured their Palestinian and Arab constituencies that nothing has changed. That these concessions were made only to open a dialogue and that the fundamental program of the PLO Covenant remains unchanged. There was to be a stage by stage approach to the elimination of Israel, whereby the PLO would first take over the West Bank and Gaza which would then be used as a base. On December 2, 1988, Arafat's deputy, Salah Khalaf, told the Lebanese weekly *Al-Khawadith* that "there is no intention of amending the Palestinian Covenant."

About this time, Yasir Arafat's men met with Robert H. Pelletreau, the U.S. Ambassador in Tunisia. The PLO delegation included Abdul Latif Abu Hijleh who had masterminded the hijacking of the Saudi embassy in the Sudanese capital of Khartoum on March 1, 1973. The release of the Black September leader, Abu Daoud, that Jordan had captured, and Sirhan Sirhan, who had assassinated Robert Kennedy,

were demanded. When these demands of the Palestinian terrorists were rejected, U.S. Ambassador George Curtis Moore, his successor Cleo A. Noel, Jr. and Guy Eid of Belgium, were tortured and murdered. Abu Hijleh was head of the PLO office in Khartoum. He was detained by the Sudanese authorities but was permitted to escape to Libya and then reported back directly to Yasir Arafat.

The outpouring of funds for propagandana has strengthened the PLO which is now attempting to apply pressure to persuade Congress to cease making its annual contribution to Israel and is gaining power. Yasir Arafat has been able to solidify his leadership of the Palestinians, introduced himself as their role representative, and has dramatically declared independence for a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital and without any defined borders which presented a further obstacle to negotiations. Although the United States and Israel are aware that the PLO declaration of Israel's right to exist and its renouncing of terrorism is simply a smokescreen, the cry for peace is so great that Israel is being forced to meet with these murderous thugs. Peace does not come easily, cheaply, or without risk. The future continues bleak. The end is still not in sight.

International Petition Drive Calls Upon The West German Government To Reopen Nazi Victim Reparation Payment Deadlines

An international petition drive has been inaugurated by the American Anti-Nazi Association calling on the West German authorities to reopen the deadlines imposed on reparation payments to victims of the Nazi persecutions. This will make it possible for Holocaust survivors to receive reparations that have been denied to them up to now. Rabbi Rubin R. Dobin, Chairman of the Association explained that most of the deadlines imposed by the West German government expired in the early 1970's. Many Holocaust survivors received the wrong advice and information and were thus denied the payments that were made to other Nazi victims. The physical and emotional damage suffered by these survivors has damaged their lives and they are rightfully entitled to receive reparations from the West German government. Even though the German reparation officials say that some survivors can now apply for a one-time payment of about \$2,700 this is hardly enough to make up for the lifetime of suffering they endured.

Many Holocaust survivors complain that even though the West German government has offered reparations from 1953 on, the deadlines imposed on these payments has shut out many Nazi victims who are entitled to receive reparations. It was also pointed out that all matters concerning reparation payments have been adjudicated in West German courts with decisions almost always favoring the government.

Petitions can be obtained by sending a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope to Rabbi Dobin, American Anti-Nazi Association, POB 6194, Miami Beach, Fla. 33154. The Association is an ad-hoc National group which is involved with the struggle against the rise of neo-Nazism and provides support for the concerns of all victims of Nazi persecution.

Me. A Fool

by Michael Fink

April Fool's is not only a favorite American silly day for kids to send a friend on a pointless errand or to trick their folks. It is an ancient springtime festival of merrymaking. The American Book of Days calls it a "holiday of the mind" and cross references it globally. In France you are an April Fool and give out chocolate flounders. I like the idea of celebrating folly and asked my nine-year-old daughter, Lily, to just go downstairs and look up the word "fool" in our dictionary on a stand in the den and write down the definitions for me. She was glad to do so. She copied down in red pen:

1. a person lacking in judgment or prudence.
2. a retainer formerly kept in great households to provide casual entertainment and commonly dressed in motley, cap, bells and bauble.
3. a harmlessly deranged person. archaic synonym "natural."

I laughed at seeing myself in her words. I think of being a fool as standing away from the crowd and feeling forlorn. The fool wears a KICK ME sign on his back. Always off on a mad errand, chasing rainbows. And finding that all the things he's been after don't exist. My earliest memory in sound is the lonely loud call of the 12:00 whistle. It is 1936 and we have just moved to our new house with a pure poured sidewalk by a freshly tarred street, a block away from Summit Avenue grammar. Cousins, uncles and older brothers have gone to school in the morning, like the seven dwarfs off to their gem mine. I perch on the curbstone at high noon, stranded. Ping alone on the Yangtze River. Or Ferdinand under the cork tree smelling the weeds. But when I did go up the hill to kindergarten, a little early at four, I was too uncoordinated to be able to tie laces, pull on leggings, or even cram two legs into the appropriate underwear openings. Teacher and pupils would fume while I fussed. My mom put me in "highcuts" with a knife in a built-in side pocket and wiped out the crisis. Nevertheless in snaps, I look always somewhat defeated by the struggle to dress, head tilting to one side, knickers sagging over boots.

I was a kid who fell asleep dutifully and gratefully at nap time, falling deep into dreams. They were unspectacular reveries of slumbering at home. I found it hard to believe they were only fantasies. They would push into the waking state. I really COULD fly. The teacher really WAS my mother. Once, I called her "MA." Can you imagine? For me, the years of childhood did not fly by, they walked slowly.

I am the jester who represents a generation. We were too young to play a part in the powerful events of our time, but we were very much aware of them in our surreal fashion. My favorite dwarf was Sleepy. I was awakened from slumber by working out a weird sense of humor. The product of all those radio shows I opened my ears and mind to by the toasty floor radios you tuned in and waited for until they warmed up and hatched their magic shows. But if I tried to attack the real world, my efforts regularly backfired.

I used to collect bird eggs. I stored the secret collection among my shirts in an oak drawer. Summer heat rotted the contents, and we heard a series of explosions from upstairs followed by the smell of a trick store full of stinkbombs all going off together. A large duck egg had played its part. End of a hobby. Dad was mad and my brothers called me Nature Boy — i.e. "natural."

In search of revenge, I arranged

a series of elaborate "traps" to keep out fraternal invaders. I crossed and crisscrossed strings with old shoes and spoons tied to them, all set to go off and kick the uninvited. But somehow in attaching the contraption to a light socket, I succeeded in nearly electrocuting myself. I could now add fear of electricity to a fear of earth. Outdoors, sunburn and poison ivy were the foe. Indoors all the gadgets of modern life. God and Man agreed that I was a fool and outsider. I took to my bike. While other kids were playing basketball on garage or courts, I was wheeling slowly and singing softly. Or blotting out a sunny afternoon at a solitary Saturday movie matinee, sneaking out into folly and light, blinking and slinking so the grownups wouldn't see me being a loner.

My graduation portrait shows a clown's smile. I thought, change your place change your fate. So went away to school. We depression babies had no competition. There weren't many of us and schools were hungry with empty chairs and rooms.

With no problem I was accepted at Yale. The day I arrived I was already back in the land of folly. I walked in dressed in the zoot suit style of Providence high schools. Broadshouldered, doublebreasted jacket, keychains and identification bracelets (manufactured here) loud wide tie — all hanging loose. Besides, I had always enjoyed hand-me-downs. Leftovers of cousins, uncles, brothers: their articles had been honored by traditions and occasions, they were a necessary wardrobe. But my roommates were products of prep schools, in worn shetlands and striped ties. "Buck" shoes and soft loafers. In fact, the word for "chic" was "shoe." I sold off my ancestral garments at the fleamarket and bought a proper, minimal set of apparel items at J. Press — but too late. I could never be "shoe."

College years passed pleasantly, like sleepwalking. Between classes I dozed off on the padded windowseat. In the library I nodded in leather wingchairs. Instead of "healing" for success in the big leagues of the Ivy League, I just drifted smoking my pipe. Nevertheless I was a good host and made friends. While they went on and made their fortunes in the world, I returned to Rhode Island. My parents' bridge partners lived directly across the street. When I first started teaching, (which may be a foolish thing to do), if I came home to work, or to nap, I always imagined they knew I was in the house and were laughing. I would wait all morning for the mail — it used to come twice a day. For a letter to invite me out of town, away from that curbstone on a street no longer new. In the world of highways, the byways I had learned by association and instinct had changed, and I could get lost as in a nightmare, right near my own neighborhood. Just to drive to Narragansett on a summer's afternoon was somehow different for me. I would enter a dream and forget the exit. Horns would beep if I slowed down to yawn, and someone would give me an angry finger. But I'm happy. And dopy. And sleepy. And grumpy. And bashful. And doc I'm not sneezy. I have no allergies. I've become immune, a seasoned April fool. I go to movies alone. I sit up front where I can see and slouch and think my little thoughts, my great thoughts. I lurch by myself. An afternoon nap is a treat. Nobody strikes me as a fool. Or maybe, everyone is a fool. I couldn't be me without being a fool. That dictionary says the word silly comes from the word holy. April Fool's is my holiday.

"Me, a Fool" from *The Fool's Prayer* by Edward R. Sill (sounds short for Silly).

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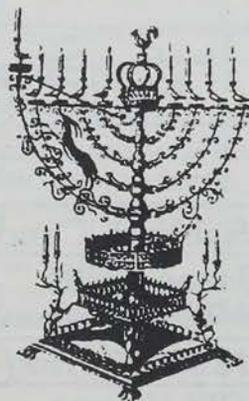
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Wealth — A G-d Given Trust

Submitted by Rabbi Y. Laufer

At the close of the Sidra, (Leviticus 50:20-26), Vayikra, the Torah discusses the law relating to one who has been entrusted with the responsibility of the safekeeping of a security or pledge.

The Talmud relates that Rabbi Yehuda Hanassi, the Prince, used to honor wealthy men. At first glance this conduct seems inexplicable. Why should the possession of wealth render an individual more worthy of honor?

The reason for Rabbi Yehuda's seemingly strange behavior was the result of his deeper understanding of the gift of wealth. Riches, as well as other possessions are, in truth, "pledges" or deposits entrusted to the individual by G-d for the short span of his lifetime. It is obvious that the larger the sum involved, the more trustworthy and dependable must be the person to whom the pledge is entrusted. Hence, reasoned Rabbi Yehuda, the fact that G-d has entrusted this man with so great a fortune, or so powerful a position, indicates his "good credit" and reliability in the eyes of the Almighty to utilize his wealth, power, or position, for good and worthy ends. This person is, therefore, certainly deserving of honor.

The following Chassidic tale

graphically expresses this thought — that riches or power are granted by G-d, not only to satisfy the owner's personal desires, however noble they may be, but also to help others, be it through simple charity, or through the granting of a job.

A follower of one of the Rabbis of Lubavitch was a wealthy businessman who was weary of his busy and mundane life and longed for more time to spend in prayer and study. He decided to close his factory and retire to a life of religious service. He could hardly wait to inform the Rabbi of his noble plan. Finally he gained an audience with his eminent leader and informed him of his plans.

After a few moments of silence the Rabbi said earnestly: "Indeed! And did you give any thought to the fate of the many employees in your factory if you go out of business? Did it ever occur to you that the reason you were granted so much wealth by the Almighty was not merely for your own benefit, but also so that these poor laborers could find employment?"

The concept of position and wealth as G-d-entrusted securities is very relevant in our times. Would that our leaders and magnates realize the deep moral responsibility that their power and wealth impose upon them!

Who Speaks For The Jews

by Dr. Mitchell Bard

Occasionally, the Jewish community goes through periods of dissension in which individuals who are frustrated with events in Israel vent their displeasure in the American press. Most Jews are dissatisfied with the slow pace of the peace process, but recognize that the principal impediment to progress is the continued Arab rejection of Israel.

A few American Jews, however, have decided to appoint themselves emissaries and engage in personal negotiations. Since no Arab leader will take them seriously, they usually meet with Yasir Arafat who welcomes any opportunity to demonstrate his willingness to talk to Jews. Arafat knows he can promise his visitors anything; they will trumpet his moderation in the American press, and then he can go about his business as usual. This is exactly what happened after Rita Hauser and her group of amateur diplomats started their dialogue with Arafat. Hauser returned from her talks in Sweden and has been parading around ever since reassuring Americans of the Chairman's sincerity in renouncing terrorism. The fact that there have been no less than 18 PLO terrorist attacks since Arafat renounced terrorism is of no consequence.

The Path To Fame

Hauser is just one of a number of Jews who have discovered that the quickest path to personal fame is publicly criticizing Israel and the Jewish establishment. By now, one would think such incidents were no more common than "dog bites man," but they are still treated as though they were the opposite.

The current media darling is Michael Lerner, the editor of the left-leaning magazine *Tikkun*. Lerner has been writing editorials for the nation's papers asserting that he and his supporters represent mainstream Jewish opinion and that the establishment organizations are somehow out of touch. He and others are disturbed by events in Israel, but as the American Jewish Committee survey shows, it is Lerner and the "Tikkuniks" who are out of step.

The majority of the Jewish community does support Israel, is not outraged by the government's response to the intifada, and does

not think the PLO is interested in peace or that Israel should talk to it. These are the views of the Jewish establishment. About 1,500 Jewish leaders from around the world told Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir just that at last week's Solidarity Conference in Jerusalem.

Much of the unhappiness in the Jewish community stems from dissatisfaction with the foreign policy of the Likud Party. Similar rumblings about the establishment being out of touch were heard when Menachem Begin was in power. The truth is that Israel is a democracy and the Israeli public

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A Note From JDC

The following excerpt was taken from a letter written by a Soviet Jew to the United States Consul in Rome. The letter was submitted with an appeal to reopen this family's case. This family is one of many cases who received a rejection to their original application to enter the United States as refugees. The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee is currently taking care of this family in Rome.

From my early childhood I knew I was different from others. I was a Jew. Because I was a Jew I was constantly humiliated and insulted by both children and adults. When I was still young my Mother came home with injuries to her head after being beaten by an anti-Semitic neighbor. The militia was called, but nobody was punished.

In 1967 I was in the army. When the Israeli-Arab war broke out anti-Semitic sentiments were rampant. My front teeth were knocked out by my comrades. Soldiers and officers participated in the attack which they said was their participation in the war against the Jews.

For a period of four years between the years of 1964-1968 I applied to enter six technical colleges. After looking up my nationality in my passport, they recorded unsatisfactory grades on the exams, though my knowledge of the required subjects was excellent.

In 1976 my job opportunities were limited to that of a foreman at a construction firm even though my capabilities would excel in more sophisticated work. Each time there was an opening for an engineer I hoped to receive the position, but it was always given to a Russian even though they were professionally inferior.

I and the other Jews on my team were discriminated against and were given the most difficult jobs to perform, yet with the least pay. I united with my fellow oppressed Jewish workers to defend our rights and demand that the jobs should be distributed in a fair manner. We met in each other's houses, our difficulties bringing us together. We decided to secretly

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study and read any books about Jewish history that we could obtain, to find out why we were treated in this unjustified manner.

Shortly after, we were detained by the militia precinct where we were accused of Zionist activities. Fortunately we were released, however, we were fired from our jobs. I received a telephone call which threatened me that if I continued Zionist activities I would be exterminated.

I found a job then as a worker. More than once I was elected as Team Leader but was rejected by the administration. I was fired from this job as well.

In 1979 I applied to emigrate and was refused. I appealed and was refused again. I applied two more times in 1980 and in 1981. My Mother had a stroke after hearing the news of our third refusal in 1981 and died at the age of 61.

For two years after I applied to emigrate I was unable to find steady employment. Nobody wanted to hire a Jew, let alone a Jew that wanted to leave.

My wife and daughter have each had to face their own devils in their contacts with anti-Semitic sentiment. My daughter changed schools four times, trying to find a school which would not scorn her and give her grades lower than she deserved. I knew that there was no future for her in the Soviet Union.

During my meeting at the consul I did not mention all of these facts. I was nervous, and it was difficult for me to concentrate. My mind was on the future ahead not what I had left behind.

With all my heart, I as well as my wife and daughter hope to

become citizens of the most democratic, free, and just country in the world — The United States of America.

It has been the dream of my whole life.

Japanese Anti-Semitism Claims Unfounded

The article "Japanese Attitude Toward Jews Alarming" (March 16) was both ridiculous and fanciful. We have travelled to Japan, met thousands of Japanese — of all backgrounds and ages, and hosted multitudinous exchange programs with the Japanese over the years, and have never experienced one vestige of anti-Semitism.

Our friend, former ambassador to Japan, Mike Mansfield, wrote us the following when he was still in Tokyo: "... the Embassy does not see anti-Semitism being widespread or on the increase here. In fact, according to a Rabbi at Tokyo's Jewish Community Center, neither he nor members of his community encounter anti-Semitism in their daily lives. It is important to note that ... anti-Semitic books do not attract a serious readership. Publishing houses promote such works to businessmen and young readers avid for pulp novels and pulp analysis ... Indeed, a current best-seller and a number of articles in several popular magazines have directly attacked the anti-Semitic themes."

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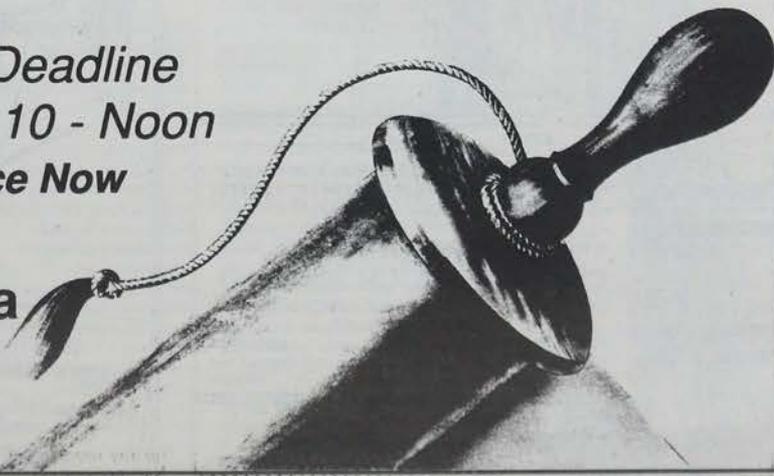
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Touro Fraternal News

Our new location for Touro Fraternal is: 45 Rolf St., Cranston, R.I. 02910.

Our new post office box is: 3562, Cranston, R.I. 02910.

Our new phone number is: (401) 785-0066.

Calendar of Events

April 2 — two for brunch, L.L. Evans in Warwick. Couples or singles, members only 10 a.m.

April 16 — preview of the new building at 45 Rolf St. in Cranston 10 a.m. Brunch, bagels and lox.

May 10 — election of officers at New Touro Hall, 45 Rolf St., Cranston, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

May 31 — installation of officers with full deli meal. 6:30 p.m.

June 21 — general association meeting, hamburgers, hot dogs 6:30 p.m.

Touro is looking for new members. Call us at 785-0066 or drop us a line, we will contact you.

Erika Schwartz Welcomes New Brother

Erika Paige Schwartz of North Providence, R.I., wishes to announce the birth of her brother, Matthew Benjamin, on March 13, 1989, at Women & Infants Hospital. Proud parents are Robin and Leonard Schwartz.

Matthew's maternal grandfather is David H. Friedman of East Providence, his paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schwartz of Narragansett and his paternal great-grandmothers are Mrs. Rose Dworkin and Mrs. Martha Schwartz both of Pawtucket.

Jewish War Veterans Annual Meeting

Jewish War Veterans Post No. 23 will hold a dinner meeting on Wednesday, April 12, 1989, at 7 p.m. at Eileen Darling's Restaurant in Seekonk, Mass. Please call in your dinner reservations by Friday, April 7, 1989, to Commander Charles Abrams at 941-6841.

Also our installation, dinner dance with wives and members of the Auxiliary will be held on June 14, 1989 at the West Valley Inn in West Warwick, R.I.

The Post wishes all comrades, wives and members of the Auxiliary a healthy and happy Passover.

NCJW To Present Study Of R.I. Jewish Community

The National Council of Jewish Women is presenting the Jewish Community of Rhode Island: A Social and Demographic Study. This program will address where we have come from, where we are now and where we are going.

Alice Goldstein, Senior Researcher of the population Studies and Training Center at Brown University, will present highlights of the executive summary of the study.

The program will take place on Wednesday, April 12 in the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island. Coffee will be served at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 10 a.m.

All are welcome to join us for this interesting and informative presentation.

Schubert To Lecture At Brown University

The Program in Judaic Studies Lecture Series presents Dr. Ursula Schubert from the Institute of Jewish Studies at the University of Vienna. She will speak on Rabbinic influences on early Christian art. The lecture is scheduled for Monday, April 3, 1989, at 4 p.m. in Wilson 101.

Dr. Ursula Schubert is a lecturer at the Institute of Jewish Studies in the University of Vienna who specializes in the relationship between Judaism in Late Antiquity and early Christian art. She has published widely on topics involving the nature of Jewish art with particular attention to expressions of art in ancient manuscripts and printed books. Her published works include *Spatantikes Judentum und fruhchristliche Kunst* (1974) and *Judische Buchkunst* (1983). She served as Curator for the exhibition on "The Judaism of Late Antiquity and Early Christian Art" which was exhibited at the Esterhazy Castle in Eisenstadt, Austria, as well as the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and at Bar Ilan University.

This lecture is also co-sponsored by the Program in History of Art and Architecture.

South County Hadassah

A slide show on the current status of Soviet Jews will be presented at a meeting of the South County Chapter of Hadassah, on April 4, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of K. Asher, Kingston. Call 789-7435 or 789-9047 for further information.

Burdman-Flamer



Mr. and Mrs. B. Richard Burdman of Youngstown, Ohio, announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda Renee Burdman, to Jeffrey Paul Flamer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin J. Flamer of Warwick, R.I.

The bride-to-be graduated from Choate Rosemary Hall and received her B.A. in art history and art from Duke University. She will graduate in May from Syracuse University with a M.S.A. in painting.

The groom-to-be graduated from Moses Brown School and received his B.A. in International Relations from Cornell University. He is currently employed in the International Finance Division of Citibank, London, England.

The wedding date is September 3, 1989.

BJE Israel Desk



available interesting on-site visits and study of text with informative open discussions.

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Cost for the two-week program, including airfare, bed and breakfast in 5 star hotels (full buffet breakfasts daily), Shabbat and special banquets and lunches and diners where restaurants are not accessible is \$2800. Single supplement charge is \$410. Fees are subject to airfare changes. To see Israel "through educated eyes," sign up for the API. For further information, call Ruth Page at the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island, 331-0956.

Volunteers For Israel

What To Expect

The 23 days program is based on an Israeli routine. An Israeli week includes 5 1/2 work days. Friday is shortened, to allow preparations for Shabbat.

During the program, you will participate in social and cultural activities, visit historic sites, and hopefully, learn a little Hebrew.

Spring and summer dates and prices are as follows:

Student flights: May 23, 1989, \$638; May 29, 1989, \$638; June 4, 1989, \$599.

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NCCJ To Hold Bio-Medical Conference

The Interfaith Council of the National Conference of Christians and Jews will conduct an all-day conference titled "A Time to Die? How to Decide? Does Faith Make a Difference?" on April 12, at the Ray Conference Center on the grounds of Butler Hospital, located at 345 Blackstone Boulevard, Providence.

The conference is intended to help create a climate that will help to improve relations among religious and other groups over conflicts that may arise during controversial life and death situations. The moderator of the conference will be Rev. William Nisi, Director of Pastoral Care, Interfaith Health Care Ministries, Providence.

The program will feature an ethics committee discussion of a case that illustrates issues to be considered in decision-making on the treatment of a dying patient. Professional actors will portray the patient, physician, family members, clergy, and hospital administrator. The audience will then be divided into simulated ethics committees to discuss the issues and make recommendations.

A clergy panel will comment on issues of faith after reports from the simulated ethics committees. The panel includes: Chairperson,

Rev. Dr. David A. Ames, Episcopal Chaplain at Brown University and R.I. School of Design, and Executive Director of the Association for Religion and Intellectual Life. Other panel members are: Rabbi Wayne Franklin, Temple Emanu-El; Rev. Robert McManus, Office of Ministerial Formation, Diocese of Providence; and Rev. Elizabeth H. Endicott, Central Congregational Church.

Dr. David H. Smith, a noted speaker in the field of biomedical ethics, will sum up the day's events and issues. Dr. Smith is the Director of Poynter Center for the Study of Ethics and American Institutions and a Professor of Religious Studies, Indiana University.

The program is partially funded by a grant from the Rhode Island Foundation and co-sponsored by the Hospital Association of Rhode Island, Butler Hospital, and the Brown University Program in Medicine.

The proposed audience will represent professionals from all fields that may be involved with life and death decisions. The fee of \$40.00 includes a box lunch. Persons interested in attending the conference may call the NCCJ office at 351-5120.

David Casten Appointed As Partner



Peat Marwick Main & Co. is pleased to announce the appointment of David B. Casten as partner-in-charge of the Providence tax practice. His practice encompasses a broad range of tax issues including individual and corporate tax planning. He has had extensive experience in advising clients on corporate acquisition, disposition and succession issues, and has been responsible for major multinational engagements. In addition to a B.A. from Queens College (CUNY), Mr. Casten holds J.D. and L.L.M. (in taxation) degrees from Boston University Law School. He has been a frequent lecturer on tax issues and has had articles published in the *Rhode Island Bar Journal*. Mr. Casten has served as an instructor at the Bryant College Master of Science and Taxation program and has chaired the Ethics Committee of the R.I. Society of CPA's, the Estate Planning Council of Rhode Island, the Miriam Hospital and the Jewish Community Center of R.I.

Richard Oster To Be Honored

Thursday, March 30, Rhode Island's leading political and community figures attended The National Jewish Center's awards dinner in honor of Richard M. Oster, president and chief executive officer of Cookson America. All proceeds go to the National Jewish Center for Immunology and Respiratory Medicine, which is dedicated to excellence in research, education and patient care in the fields of immunology and respiratory medicine.

Mr. Oster is to receive the National Jewish Center Humanitarian Award for his support and involvement in the Rhode Island community.

Richard M. Oster

Richard M. Oster is president and chief executive officer of Cookson America, based in Providence, RI, with nearly 50 subsidiary companies throughout North America. He is also managing director of Cookson Group, plc, in London, the parent of Cookson America. As CEO of Cookson America, and through a wide variety of civic and philanthropic activities, Richard has distinguished himself as a leader and humanitarian. In the eight year history of Cookson America, he has brought the company from \$80 million to over \$1 billion in sales. He is also responsible for Cookson Group's worldwide development.

In addition to leading the Cookson organization, Richard has actively supported numerous non-profit causes and civic projects including the Providence Convention Center Authority, the Rhode

Island Special Olympics, Caritas House, Rhode Island Anti-Drug Council, the Jewish Home for the Aged, and Big Brothers of Rhode Island. He also participates in the activities of education, offering support to Brandeis University, the University of Rhode Island, Providence College and the Schools of Diocese of Providence.

The National Jewish Center for Immunology and Respiratory Medicine

The National Jewish Center for Immunology and Respiratory Medicine is the nation's premier institution for research, professional education and patient care in lung disease and immunology. National Jewish has highly specialized basic and clinical research programs that have resulted in a number of documented scientific discoveries. These findings are distributed worldwide among the biomedical community, sharing new knowledge with people and peers around the world. In conjunction with research, National Jewish is an educational facility in the areas of respiratory disease and immune system disorders for physicians and research scientists. The Center also operates LUNG LINE, a nationwide, toll-free information service for people with questions and concerns about its disease specialties. National Jewish is funded through grants from the National Institutes of Health and by the support of the private philanthropic sector.

National Jewish has been used by nearly 700 Rhode Island residents.

Klein Appointed As Sales Director



Diana Crane Klein has been appointed Director of Sales and Marketing for Tefft Hill Farms by owner/developer Chestnut Hill Associates. Tefft Hill Farms, located off South Road in Kingston, is a 220 lot subdivision on 230 acres of rolling hills and meadows which include the highest point in South County. The natural beauty of the site will be protected by design guidelines, which establish quality standards for the design, construction and

landscaping of the new homes and provide for the planting of new trees and the preservation of existing trees and stone walls on the site.

Ms. Klein's responsibilities include administering the design guidelines, as well as the sale of lots to owners and builders, coordinating the Grand Opening in May and the Autumnfest, and developing and executing the advertising and marketing plan. Ms. Klein brings to her new position successful experience in residential sales in positions at Greene Inn Landing and Sweet Allen Farm and with Caswell Associates and Charles W. Anderson & Associates.

Ms. Klein was the founding President of the Narragansett Historical Society. She is a trustee of the Friendship Fund, Inc., a member of the South County Center for the Arts — Hera, Washington County Board of Realtors, Narragansett Chamber of Commerce, South County Museum, South County Women's Network, and the Narragansett High School Boosters Club. Her interests include historic preservation, protection of the environment and photography. She lives in Narragansett with her family.

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Outdoor Club To Plan Future Programs

The Outdoor Club will meet at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence, Thursday, April 6 at 7 p.m. to plan future programs. Proposals under discussion will include a Block Island bicycle trip, a weekend camping trip and an end-of-the-year Outdoor Club Dinner. Anyone who is interested in participating or who has ideas for outings should be sure to attend.

Free refreshments will be served; for additional information call Michele Bram at 861-8800.

The Outdoor Club is sponsored by the JCCRI Youth Department and the Robbie Frank Fund.

Adult Storytelling By Ramona Bass At Barrington Public Library

"OLD TALES RETOLD, an Adult Storytelling Program" by Ramona Bass, will be held at the Barrington Public Library on Monday, April 3, at 7:30 p.m. The performance is a highlight of the reading and discussion series, "Consider The Source."

Ramona has worked as a storyteller and educational consultant at schools, libraries, colleges and conferences throughout the New England area and other parts of the United States. She has told stories on television and radio and, in 1984, was a storyteller-in-residence at the Smithsonian Institution Discovery Theatre in Washington, DC.

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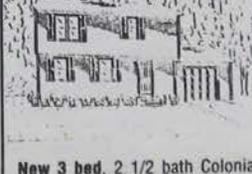
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Around Town

by Dorothea Snyder

When Susan Lando was asked to take on a board position by her good friend and president of the American Mizrahi Chapter of Women in West Orange, New Jersey, she declined.

"I wasn't interested in taking on a year-round job that required attending many meetings," she said in a phone conversation from her present home in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Instead, Susan volunteered to take on a one-shot project, a book of Passover recipes. "I thought it would be productive, possibly a lucrative fund-raiser for Mizrahi Women, and a project I'd like doing."

"By the time we were in full swing, I was printing in more than 40 hours a week into the book," she added good-naturedly.

The first of Susan's energies brought a sell-out, *The Passover Feast I*. "By the time we printed the first book, many women apologized for not getting in their recipes to me. In time, it became clear there were some gaps to fill and room for

improvement.

"Everyone has a little collection from here and there of Passover recipes saved from year to year, and some handed down from their mothers, grandmothers and aunts. I wanted to produce a single, inclusive book in place of a little pamphlet from this company or a few recipes from relatives and friends.

"I wanted the second edition to meet those people's needs for 'gebrocht' and 'non-gebrocht' recipes. I felt many people don't know which vegetables can be eaten for Passover, so I wanted to have a recipe for each vegetable useable for Passover."

Susan's endeavors to improve the first edition paved the way for *The Passover Feast II*, a comprehensive 384-page hardcover cookbook, containing over 1000 recipes. The book highlights a chapter on Passover and dietary laws, and the symbolism of the Seder plate.

Chapters are generously filled with recipes for appetizers, salads and relishes, soups, meats and poultry, fish, vegetables, matzoh kugel and stuffing, breakfast

dishes - dairy and eggs, desserts, cakes and frostings, low calorie recipes, low cholesterol fish recipes, and an entire chapter of breakfast and dairy dishes.

When *The Passover Feast II* was revised and published, Mimi Sheridan, *New York Times* food editor, praised it as "an unusually fine collection of Passover dishes."

"She told us to expect many orders," Susan said pleased. "Of course, we were thrilled, and the cookbook went into a second printing. We heard from an incredibly wide assortment of states, from Southern California to Northern Washington state across the country to Maine."

With Passover less than a month away, Susan posed the question, "How do I shop for Passover? I sit down and go through my book, decide what my menu will be and just what ingredients I need. It's a great reference book too!"

"The book covers everything from beginning to end. Passover is one holiday

people tend to have a lot of company for the whole week, and they end up needing items for all three meals. That's why we have a lot in the dairy section."

Working along with Susan were co-editors Selma Daner and Rachel Turk, who introduced the book with gratitude to those who "worked long, tedious hours so that this Pesach and every Pesach to come will be easier and more delicious for you in every way."

The proceeds from the sale of *The Passover Feast II* cookbook benefit the disadvantaged children in AMIT Women's network of educational and social welfare projects in Israel.

The book is \$12 per copy, including postage and handling (lower group rates are available for re-sale purposes). Orders for copies or in bulk can be sent to Amy Feldman, 42 Lincoln Avenue, West Orange, New Jersey 07052.

Some of the following recipes are suggested by Susan:

MEAT LOAF

2 lbs. ground beef
1 tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
2 eggs
¾ cup matzoh meal
3 oz. potato pancake mix
1 egg
1 cup water
1 T. matzoh meal
1 can tomato mushroom sauce

Combine beef, salt, pepper, 2 eggs and ¾ cup matzoh meal. Put meat between 2 slices of wax paper and press out into ½ inch thick rectangle. Combine pancake mix, egg, water as directed on pancake mix package adding 1 T. matzoh meal to mix. Remove top wax paper and spread potato pancake mix over meat forming a thin layer. Roll firmly, jelly roll fashion, using bottom wax paper to help and removing paper as you roll. Place in a greased shallow baking pan. Cover with sauce. Bake 350° for 1 hour. Serves 6 to 8.

Joan Kassenoff

MATZOH CHEESE CASSEROLE

Matzoh mixture:
4 pieces of matzoh
2 eggs, beaten

Cottage Cheese mixture:
1 lb. cottage cheese
2 eggs
sugar, salt, cinnamon, to taste
margarine

Dot an 8" x 8" pan with margarine. Rinse one piece of matzoh in warm water to soften. Spoon on some beaten egg (both sides). Place in pan. Spoon cottage cheese mixture over matzoh. Repeat layers, matzoh with egg, cottage cheese (not margarine). Last layer is matzoh. Pour extra egg over it. Dot with margarine. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes. Serve with sour cream.

Robyn Shoulson



FISH FILLETS IN WINE

1 lb. fillet of flounder
1 small carrot, chopped
¼ cup onion, chopped
1 bay leaf (Passover label)
½ lemon, thinly sliced
salt and pepper
dash of thyme (Passover label)
½ cup white wine
parsley

Grease a baking dish well. Combine the vegetables and bay leaf; place in the baking dish. Arrange the sliced lemon over the vegetables; lay the fillets on top. Salt and pepper; sprinkle the thyme over all. Pour the wine over the fish. Bake in 400° oven for 20 minutes. Garnish with parsley. Serves 3.

STRAWBERRY FLUFF

2 egg whites
pinch of salt
4 T. sugar
1 pt. fresh strawberries, sliced

In a large mixing bowl beat the egg whites and salt until stiff. Gradually add sugar, beating constantly. Add sliced strawberries. Continue beating for 10 minutes. Spoon into custard cups; freeze. Serves 10.

Rachel Turk

STEAMED MIXED VEGETABLE PUDDING

1 cup cake meal
1 cup grated raw potato
1¼ cups sugar
½ cup ground walnuts
1¼ cups raisins or cut up prunes
cinnamon (optional)
1 cup grated raw apple
1 cup grated raw carrot
½ cup potato starch
½ cup oil

Mix all ingredients together; pour into 1 lb. coffee cans, or cans of similar size. Close top of each can tightly with tin foil and string. Place cans in a deep pot; fill pot with water almost to top of cans. Cover pot. Steam for 3 hours on top of stove, adding water when necessary. Can be served with a meal or as dessert.

Rita Rothchild

LEMON ICES

¾ cups sugar
2 cups water
½ cup strained lemon juice
2 T. strained orange juice
2 egg whites

Boil sugar and water for 10 minutes; cool. Stir in lemon and orange juices. Freeze until firm (at least 8 hours). Beat egg whites and salt until stiff. Put frozen mixture into ice cold bowl; beat with rotary beater until light and thick. Fold in egg whites. Return to freezer; freeze until firm.

Chani Tokayer

MANDELI'ROT FOR PASSOVER

½ cup oil
1 cup sugar
4 eggs
1¼ cups cake meal
½ cup nuts, finely chopped
6 T. potato starch
1 tsp. salt
2 tsp. lemon juice
cinnamon and sugar, for topping

Mix all ingredients in a large bowl. Spoon on greased cookie sheet in 2" rolls. Bake until light brown. Slice into ¼" slices. Lay slices flat and sprinkle with sugar and cinnamon. Return to oven for 10 minutes. First baking is in 350° oven for approximately 45 minutes.

Arlene Kaye

POPOVERS

1 cup cold water
½ cup oil
1 cup matzoh meal
1 tsp. salt
4 eggs
2 T. sugar

Bring water and oil to boil. Quickly add matzoh meal and remove from fire. Add salt; stir well. Cool slightly. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each. Add sugar last. Bake in greased muffin pan at 400° for 15 minutes, then at 375° for 45 minutes. Makes 12 popovers. Delicious when served with jelly.

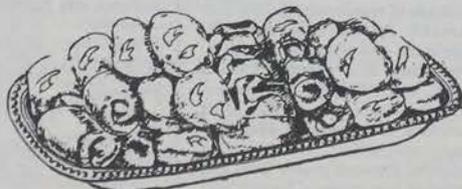
Daryl Shapiro

EIGHT EGG SPONGE CAKE

8 eggs, separated
1¼ cups sugar, (¾ cup plus ½ cup)
¾ cup cake meal
¼ cup potato starch
1 tsp. lemon juice

Beat egg yolks until thick. Add sugar and lemon juice. Sift together cake meal and potato starch. Add and mix with egg yolk mixture. Beat egg whites with ¼ cup sugar; fold into mixture. Pour into tube pan. Bake at 325° for 45 to 50 minutes. Invert gently until cold so that air can circulate.

Betty Ravin



Art work by Susan Lando

Your Community

A Family Purim At The West Bay JCC



Julie Charren

by Lois Lury

Mordecai, Esther, Vashti, King, who could know what this Purim would bring? This Purim every character showed up at West Bay Jewish Community Center's annual Purim Party. On Monday, March 13, the social hall of the Westminster Unitarian Church was transformed into Purim delights of all varieties.

Upon entering the hall, pictures were taken of the children in their Purim costumes. Then they could make a special frame and decorate it, for their Purim photo.

Coffee can graggers, a Dancing Hamantashen Man, a Royal Crown or necklace, stick puppets, or a Hamantashen Basket delighted the younger children for the evening. Older Esthers and Hamans hammered, glued, and nailed away at wooden graggers, that were guaranteed to be the loudest at any Megillah reading. Sewing felt hand puppets or Hamantashen bean bags was another project they could get involved in. If there was any time remaining, you could enjoy yourself making a clear or a cardboard mask for Purim, complete with markers, stickers, sequins, and glitter! Only the brave at heart attempted to make a Megillah, where the story of Esther was attached to a pencil, and rolled up inside a cardboard tube. The outside of the tube was covered and decorated to enhance the festive occasion. In order to read the Megillah, one only had to pull out the story, and then re-roll it back into the tube using the pencil.

After munching away on delicious hamantashen, all the Esthers, Mordecais, and Hamans gathered up their Purim crafts, along with their moms and/or dads. Time to enjoy these Holiday projects was fleeting, and the evening finally drew to a close. But worry not, for West Bay JCC will be back again next year with more holiday crafts to make your Purim ever so special!

For more information on West Bay JCC, call Ellen at 831-1390.



Elisa Shapiro and Bonnie Lury sewing Hamantashen Bean Bags.



Children busy making royal golden crowns.

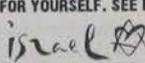


Benjamin Salk enjoying his coffee can gragger, while his Dad plays with his wooden one.



Alyssa Berger examines her Purim necklace.


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Miriam Women's Association To Purchase Diagnostic Heart Station

The Miriam Hospital Women's Association has announced its intent to purchase a Diagnostic Heart Station with funds raised by the 1989 Equipment Event. This machine, coupled with the existent sophisticated instruments in the Department of Nuclear Medicine, signals a commitment of growth for the nuclear Medicine and Cardiology Divisions of the Hospital.

The equipment is an integrated package consisting of both hardware and software which when blended together assists clinicians in assessing heart dynamics. The machinery is non-invasive and speeds up by at least 25% the current capabilities of the Nuclear Medicine Department. While one patient is being studied by camera, the Diagnostic Heart Station computer will be busy analyzing the test results from a previous patient, speeding up examination time. By so doing, more patients will be able to utilize the hospital's facilities, which are in great demand.

We have learned about the importance of the Diagnostic Heart Station from Dr. Alfred

Parisi, Chief, Division of Cardiology and Dr. Peter Tilkemeier, Nuclear Cardiologist.

At present the hospital is performing 19 nuclear medicine cardiac studies weekly. It is projected that the Miriam will now be able to perform in excess of 1000 annual studies.

Because of the improvements which have been incorporated into the proprietary software design, the Diagnostic Heart Station is capable of providing critical information on the status of the heart which previously could only be obtained through cardiac catheterization. What the work station can do is the following — it can automatically calculate for the physician the size of each of the four heart chambers, can calculate the percentage of blood flow through the heart, and can determine cardiac output. From this information the physician can then objectively determine the extent of heart disease.

The Miriam Hospital Departments of Cardiology and Nuclear Medicine remain committed to providing for our community the best in diagnostic medicine, and this Diagnostic Heart Station is the most "state of the art" equipment available today. There is no better way to non-invasively evaluate the status of coronary artery disease.

Providence Animal Rescue League Sponsors Second Adoption Program

The Providence Animal Rescue League, in cooperation with Edward Lowe Industries Inc., the maker of Kitty Litter Brand cat box filler, will launch the second national "Bring Love Into Your Home ... With A Cat" feline adoption program beginning March 15. The campaign, which continues until April 30, aims to increase the public's awareness concerning the homeless cat problem in Rhode Island and boost cat adoptions at the Providence Animal Rescue League.

"We have approximately 30 homeless cats and kittens waiting for new, loving homes, said Kristin J. Baggesen, Executive Director. "Last year at this time 270 came into the shelter. Only 150 found new homes. With this campaign, we hope to increase our adoption numbers by 20 percent over last year's."

During this six-week "Bring Love Into Your Home ... With A Cat" program, cat adopters at Providence Animal Rescue League will receive a free cat adoption kit that includes a disposable Kitty Litter Brand cat box, a coupon for a free 8-pound bag of Kitty Litter Brand with Healthguard cat box filler, a cat care guide and an easy-to-read brochure.

For more information about Lowe's "Bring Love Into Your Home ... With A Cat" adoption program, contact the Providence Animal Rescue League at 421-1399.



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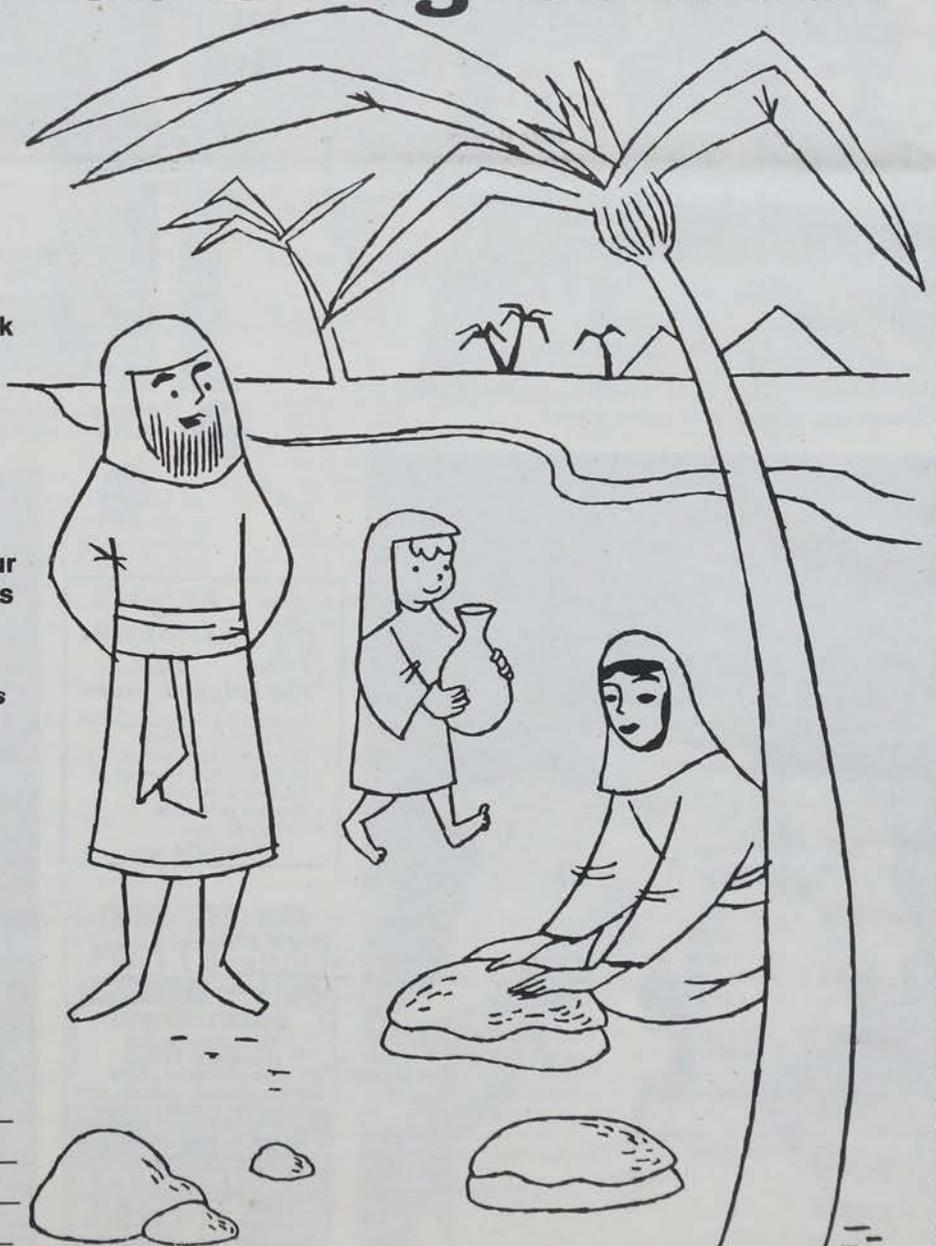
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Drawing taken from the Passover Activity Funbook by Robert Garvey, pictures by Gabe Josephson.

Mock Trial

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and they had the burden of proving 'beyond a reasonable doubt' that Martha Monroe had killed her husband 'with malice aforethought.'

The job of the New England Academy of Torah team was to successfully defend Martha.

The Defense 'lawyers,' Sigal Gottlieb and Dvora Segal both of Providence and Alison Daniels of Brooklyn were ready to challenge the State's witnesses and to call their own: Martha Monro, played by Amy Abramowitz of Buffalo, New York; Dr. Fran Silva, an emergency room physician played by Jona Szenes of Providence; and Pat Bergen, Ph.D., expert witness on battered woman syndrome, played by Leat Holtzman of Providence.

Assisting the Defense team and prepared to assume their own roles when the NEAT team will take on the role of the Prosecution, are Devorah Strajcher of Providence, Michal Yissacher of Israel and Abby Borisute of Thailand. Their coach is Attorney Joshua Pearlman of Providence.

The Mock Trial Tournament Program, now in its fifth year, is sponsored by the Rhode Island Legal/Educational Partnership and co-sponsored by the Rhode Island Bar Association and the Rhode Island Department of Education.

The NEAT team entered the competition for the first time this

NEAT Students Find Mock Trial Program Very Valuable Experience

"A wonderful experience!" Leat Holtzman
 "Very worthwhile!" Devorah Strajcher
 "Scary but very exciting." Amy Abramowitz
 These are just some of the comments by the young women who comprise the New England Academy of Torah's first Mock Trial Team.

Although when they signed up for the elective entitled "Mock Trial," they had no idea of the amount of work and time that would ultimately be required of them, none of the team members is sorry that she is part of the team. "It is a once in a lifetime experience," notes Abby Borisute who is new to this country and new to NEAT this year. "When would we ever have a chance to actually be lawyers and try a case in a real courtroom before a real judge."

"It provides a real insight into the legal system," says NEAT senior Alison Daniels of Brooklyn, New York. "It is very scary to see firsthand, since we have played both the prosecution and the defense, that just because of the skill of the lawyers a person can be found guilty or innocent." Sigal Gottlieb adds, "We have gotten a real insight into the law and into justice and it is frightening that the two may not be the same."

The team has put in grueling hours of preparation, writing, refining and practicing. Before a trial the girls say that they "eat, sleep and dream Mock Trial." Dvora Segal, a native of Providence and a junior at NEAT, observes, "There is a lot of work, but you end up learning a lot — it is worth it to see how the legal system works."

Several of the judges before whom the teams have presented their cases have commented especially favorably on how well prepared the participants have been. "This is a tremendous compliment," notes senior Jona Szenes of Providence. "One judge said that we were better prepared than many lawyers — and we are only 'playing' roles." Abby adds, "It is a real honor to be congratulated by these important judges when we have won."

year when Mock Trial became one of the NEAT elective choices. Ms. Katherine Silva, high school social studies teacher, is the team faculty adviser.

The NEAT girls will go to trial

next on March 30, 1989 when they will prosecute the case and Cranston East High School will be the defense. This will be the Quarter Final Round of the statewide tournament.

Schechter Student Selected As Greenhalgh Scholar



The Ruth and Max Alperin Schechter School of Rhode Island is proud to recognize Hyla Kaplan, an eighth grade student, who has been selected by the Lincoln School as one of five Greenhalgh Scholars for 1989-90.

After a comprehensive competitive examination, Hyla was selected from over forty candidates. The Greenhalgh Scholarship carries with it a \$1,000 merit stipend.

Hyla will graduate from Alperin Schechter this June, and will attend high school at the Lincoln School.

The entire community joins in congratulating Hyla and in wishing her much success in the future.

Alperin-Schechter Salutes Honor Roll Students

The Ruth and Max Alperin Schechter Day School is proud to announce Middle School Honor roll students for the second term of this school year:

Honor Roll

Rachel Anter, Norah Borenstein, Scott Bromberg, Maurice Dressler, Daphna Gutman, Jeremy Isenberg, Sam Kaplan, Oren Kaunfer, Jeffrey Martin, Paul Ryan, Liat Savin, Jessica Schiffman, Danny Silverman.

High Honors

Zev Alexander, Deborah Bojar, Michael Gereboff, Hyla Kaplan, Ruth Kaplan, David Mangiantine, Alan Mizrahi, Erica Newman, Mimi Ryvicker.

URI Hillel Attends Retreat

The first annual Hillel Spring Retreat was held the weekend of March 3-5 at Camp Ramah, in Palmer, Mass. College students representing Rhode Island and Mass. schools were in attendance.

The theme of the retreat was "I don't give a DAMN-Jewish Apathy in the 80's." The keynote address was given Friday evening by Sam Mendales, Exec. Director of the Hillel Council of Boston. Mr. Mendales' talk was well-received by the students and led to an intense discussion as to how to get Jewish students more involved in Hillel activities.

On Saturday, three workshops were held. The leaders of the workshops were David Leichman, Shaliach for the Reform Movement, Kibbutz Aliyah Desk; Rabbi Sally Finestone, Associate Director, Harvard/Radcliffe Hillel and Rabbi Paul Levenson, Director, Northeastern Hillel. David led a heated discussion regarding Israel and American Jews reactions to recent events. Rabbi Finestone talked about how the women's role in Judaism has changed and led to more apathy among women. Rabbi Levenson, formerly a congregational rabbi before coming to Hillel, discussed the differences between apathy in the community and on college campuses.

The students came away from the retreat with a renewed commitment to Jewish programming on their campuses, and with new-found friendships.

The retreat was organized by the URI Hillel Foundation with the help of Brown/RISD Hillel. URI Hillel was able to develop this retreat through a generous grant from the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.

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Schechter Students Participate In N.E. Math League Competition



Turtle Races teach estimating and measuring to first grade students at Alperin Schechter. Teachers Nancy O'Hare and Catherine Bodner introduced turtle races at the end of a unit on water and sea creatures. Pictured racing their turtles are first graders Abigail Levine and Leonard Shemtub.

Students at the Ruth and Max Alperin Schechter Day School participated in the New England Mathematics League competition in February and March. Participants were required to take a test which consisted of 40 math problems to be solved.

Fifth grade competitors included: Nadav Mer, Benjamin Rappoport, and Melissa Mann. Ruth Kaplan was the sixth grade entrant.

The seventh grade team was composed of: Jeremy Isenberg, Rachel Roseman, Oren Kaunfer,

Paul Ryan, and Abrah Salk. Eight grade competitors included: Hyla Kaplan, Sam Kaplan, Jeffrey Martin, Alan Mizrahi, and Jonathan Sadler.

Jeremy Isenberg and Sam Kaplan, the top scorers from seventh and eighth grades respectively, each won a certificate. In addition, Sam Kaplan who scored a 36, will receive special recognition from the New England Mathematics League.

Congratulations and Mazal Tov to all who participated.

ZOA Sponsors Essay Contest For H.S. Freshmen, Sophomores

1st Prize: Summer in Israel

Attention high school freshmen and sophomores: give us 1,000 words and you may win a free summer in Israel.

Round-trip airfare and 5½ weeks of sun and fun in the Holy land — all expenses paid — will be the prize awarded to the winner of the essay contest being sponsored by the Jacob Goodman Institute of the Zionist Organization of America on the topic "Why I Stand Up for Israel." Students in grades 9 and 10 are eligible to participate.

Essays — 1,000 words, typed and double-spaced — must be submitted to Edna Dyme, director of educational resources at ZOA, 4 East 34th Street, New York 10016 by April 28.

The winner, whose name will be announced on May 21, will receive a full scholarship to the ZOA's 5½-week Masada Summer Program in Israel. In addition, the school that the winner attends will receive a set of the Encyclopedia Judaica. Masada's Summer Program in Israel covers the length and breadth of Israel, offering youngsters from 14-18 the opportunity of learning about Israel from Israelis while meeting contemporaries from all parts of the world.

Essay contest judges are: Bernard S. White, board chairman of the Goodman Institute; Dr. Donald Miller, educator and Zionist historian; Rabbi Joseph P. Sternstein, president of the Jewish National Fund and past president of the ZOA; Milton S. Shapiro, president of the ZOA, and Dina Bar-Zev Hochbaum, principal of the Midway Jewish Center, Syosset, N.Y.

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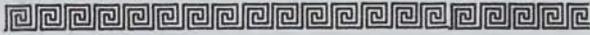
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Jewish Mothers And Daughters Of The Early 20th Century

Association Of Jewish Librarians

A little-known but very valuable organization is that of the Association of Jewish Librarians (AJL). It is an organization which supports the production, collection, organization and dissemination of Jewish resources and library/media services. Located in New York City, the AJL was created in 1965 as a result of the merger of two organizations, the Jewish Librarians' Association which concerned itself with collections of Judaica in academic, archival or research institutions and the Jewish Library Association which was involved with collections in the synagogue, school and community as well as other small libraries and media centers.

A group of librarians connected with the libraries of local synagogues, day schools, Bureau of Jewish education and the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association has been meeting for the past six years to exchange ideas. On May 18, 1988 they applied for chapter affiliation in the Association of Jewish Librarians. This application was approved at the AJL convention held in Kansas City, Missouri in June 1988.



Sydney Stahl Weinberg, *The University of North Carolina Press, Chapel Hill, 1988.*

Reviewed by Eleanor Horvitz of the R.I. Jewish Historical Association.

World of Our Mothers is a study of the period 1890 through the depression years of 1920 and 1930, ending in 1940. The author, Sydney Stahl Weinberg, who uses oral history to explore the lives of 46 Jewish immigrant women from Eastern Europe, concludes that their role, on the whole, was a very difficult one. She demonstrates how they had to cope with the transition from one society to another.

Life in the shtetl was very hard for the mothers and their daughters. Boys and girls were treated differently from birth. "Pregnant women prayed for sons, but asked that, if the child had to be a daughter she be tidy and not impudent and accept reproof from all who instruct her." In addition girls were more costly for they had to be provided with a dowry. Girls were trained in a marketable skill, in the event they might have to support their family were the husband to be ill, unable to find work, or be a "scholar." This work they did in addition to taking care of every aspect of the needs of the home as well as bearing and raising the many children. The world of public leadership and religious learning was reserved for males alone. The ideal Jewish woman was "shy, submissive, docile, self-sacrificing and completely devoted to her family." However, her role in the home, the author maintains, provided her with a source of strength and self-respect.

Family relations, that is, mothers to daughters and fathers to daughters, varied. Poverty affected relationships since daughters were given heavy responsibilities in poor families, but in families of all classes, mothers often served as role models for their daughters. Order of birth was another factor, as the older daughters had greater responsibilities than their younger sisters. The women interviewed considered that, in general, the boys had an easier life.

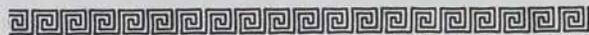
With society in Europe in rapid flux the urge to migrate to America

of Jewish housewives who mobilized to strike against rise in Kosher meat prices or in rent raises during the depression of 1907-08. Some encouraged their daughters' desires for education or career, but all seemed to have encouraged their daughters to be prepared to support themselves, if necessary. Often the daughters of these early immigrants had to wait another generation to see their ambitions fulfilled by their daughters. So many of them had to forego advanced education because of financial necessity. Although the immigrant mother might not be able to advise her daughter how to be an American in dress and behavior, what the daughter could learn from her mother was the basic values and attitudes which would affect her life. By example they learned what it took to manage a home properly, to care for children, to manage the family money (sometimes earning or helping to earn it). They learned how to cope with the psychological needs of husband and children. "Like most women, Jewish girls and older daughters in particular placed family obligations before personal gratification."

Life was often very difficult for the oldest daughter. She had to work long hours at a demanding and menial job. She found herself physically unable to attend evening classes for immigrants. If she lived with a relative, she might often be exploited by that relative. There were examples of working women who were harassed by the coarse sexual advances of co-workers and bosses. However, some of these girls did find a focus for their lives in union work.

The author explains that there were also advantages to working outside the home. Despite the long hours and poor working conditions most seemed to have found self-esteem and confidence. Others with more creative jobs (such as milliners) took pride in their work and creativity. This seemed to indicate that they might be unlikely to revert to the dependent role of their mothers when they decided to marry.

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The Rhode Island Jewish Librarians' Association has the following goals: to encourage the growth and development of Jewish libraries in the Rhode Island area; to exchange ideas on ways and means of solving specific library problems, to share programming ideas, to encourage cooperation between member libraries, to avoid duplication of specialized library materials, and to encourage professional standards in the field of Judaica.

The following librarians comprise the present membership:

Carol Ingall and Toby Rossner, Bureau of Jewish Education; Frieda Finkelstein, Cong. Adas Israel, Fall River, Mass.; Rabbi Yechiel Pinsky, Providence Hebrew Day School; Eleanor F. Horvitz, R.I. Jewish Historical Association; Florette Brill, Solomon Schechter Day School; Reinhild Silverman, Temple Beth-El; Lillian Schwartz, Temple Emanu-El; Joyce Zern, Temple Habonim; Edith E. Grant, Temple Sinai; Hana Berman, Temple Torat Yisrael.

An example of a typical semi-annual meeting of the Rhode Island Jewish Librarians' Association is that which was held on March 15, 1989 in the Temple Emanu-El library.

A topic is chosen at the conclusion of the session. Assigned for the March 15 meeting was the subject, Jewish Women. It is always interesting to note the diversity of choices. Illustrating the novel, *World of Our Mothers* by Sydney Stahl Weinberg are these accompanying photographs. Carol Ingall and Eleanor Horvitz each commented on this book, reviewing it from her own perspective. Toby Rossner used examples of video presentations to illustrate remarkable Jewish women. Chana Berman chose a contemporary novel, *The Grandmothers' Club* by Alan Scheus. Edith Grant reviewed *A Woman's Way* by Flora Solomon and Barnett Litvinoff, an autobiography of a wealthy Russian Jewish lady. Florette Brill compared two short biographies suitable for children in the upper class levels, *Clara's Story* and *Judy Blume's Story*. Lillian Schwartz admired the author, Riki Levenson who writes about family. She chose Levenson's book, *Watch the Stars Come Out* about a little girl and her older brother who came to America in the early 1900's.

For the next meeting of the librarian group the members decided to conduct a workshop in which they could exchange ideas for promoting Jewish Book Month, which is held in the late fall. They will be fulfilling two of their goals — "to share programming ideas" and "to avoid duplication of specialized library materials."



A Woman's Way

Flora Solomon & Barnett Litvinoff, Simon & Schuster, 1984. Reviewed by Edith E. Grant of the Temple Sinai Library.

Many personal memoirs of the famous recount in much detail the trials and tribulations of the man or woman and how they achieved social and economic success.

Flora Solomon's autobiography describes life in the upper strata of Imperial Russia before the revolution, England prior to and during World War I and World War II and Palestine in its earnest reachings for future statehood.

Her life as a girl and young

woman was unusual. Her mother preferred her younger sister, Lira, and a life of social vacuity in St. Petersburg. Her father, Gregori Benenson was a multi-millionaire with oil fields in Baku, where Flora's early years were spent. Her older brother, Yasha, was an absent, unknown quantity. Closeness seemed not to exist amongst this family, and yet when the need arose for the family to escape danger, Gregori Benenson accomplished the seemingly impossible for a Jew in Tsarist Russia. The 1905 revolts were responsible for a most sudden move to Wiesbaden, Germany, or as Flora put it,

"Sparta on the Rhine." "Fenya," her Russian diminutive, was left with the Frauleins Wolff at the Academy for Young Girls for five years. When she was 15 her father literally retrieved her for the return to St. Petersburg. Those five years in Germany without parents, sister, or even awareness of a new sister, Manya, laid the groundwork for the future Flora Solomon, strong and self-sufficient.

The largest section of the book after description of her meeting the English officer Harold Solomon, their marriage and subsequent residence in Palestine, is devoted to her work for Marks & Spencer, the large retail chain in England where the family moved to at the onset of World War I.

She was a woman ahead of her time in terms of management labor relations. Her initiative with the support of Simon Marks, to improve working conditions for women in retail stores preceded by many years like development in the United States. Communal kitchens, which she organized, anticipated their need in World War II.

Her friends were the Weizmanns, Golda Meir, Kerensky and scores more in English society. A Zionist, an emigre from Russia, an English wife, she was a woman of great social conscience.

There was a stigma to a married woman working. Especially vulnerable was the husband's ego. Many women hoped never to work outside the home after marriage. The exception seemed to be when the wife worked as part of a family business. With business reversals or unemployment of the husband, the daughter, like the mother, had to work to hold the family together.

In summary, the author maintained that these immigrant women placed relationships first and derived great satisfaction from success in caring for others. They did what had to be done and took pride and comfort in this knowledge.

Mrs. Weinberg has succeeded in demonstrating that the daughters' behavior was shaped by relations within the family, and that her value system interacted with her experience. In addition to the sources derived from oral history, the author has done a tremendous amount of research which has resulted in this scholarly work.

He has coauthored a number of books associated with his consulting activities including: *A Framework for Swedish Industrial Policy* (Liberforelag Stockholm 1979); *Japanese Industrial Policy* (Policy Studies Institute, London 1980 and University of California Berkeley Press 1981); *A Review of Irish Industrial Policy* (NESC, Dublin 1982); and, *Minding America's Business: The Decline and Rise of the American Economy* (Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich, New York 1982 and Vintage Press, New York 1983); and *Silent War: Inside the Global Business Battles Shaping America's Future* (Random House, New York, 1989).

He is a member of the boards of several Rhode Island organizations including Rhode Island Group Health Association, Save the Bay, Providence Public Library, Jewish Federation, Community Preparatory School, International Institute, School One and Spirit Program. He is also on the board of the National Center for Education and the Economy and Tougaloo College. Additionally, he is a visiting professor at the University of Rhode Island, a visiting scholar at Bryant College and is on the Editorial Advisory Board of the Sloan School Management Review at MIT.

Mr. Magaziner graduated as Valedictorian from Brown University in 1969 and has served on its Board of Trustees. He also attended Balliol College Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar. He, his wife, Suzanne, and children, Seth Jonathan, and Sarah, reside in Bristol, Rhode Island.

The World Of Our Mothers

The daughters who came to America, unlike their parents, chose their own mates. Many still sought the approval of their parents, however. Often relatives would arrange for "meetings" of prospective mates. The reasons for a girl to marry still reflected the conditions under which she lived. In addition to love, the fact that she might want to gain the freedom she lacked in her parents' home might be a factor. Others wanted to escape the factory and improve their status. Becoming a bride gave a woman status in her family's eyes.

The impression from those interviewed was that for the daughters relations with their husbands were most harmonious when they valued their wives' point of view. Family matters were decided jointly. Because of birth control they kept their families to a manageable size. They gave their daughters the education and advantages that they had been denied by poverty.

Ira Magaziner To Speak At Barrington Public Library

Ira C. Magaziner, international business consultant and co-author with Mark Patinkin of the recently published book, *The Silent War: Inside the Global Business Battles Shaping America's Future*, will speak at the Annual program of the Friends of the Barrington Public Library on Sunday, April 2, at 1:30 p.m. in the 2nd floor auditorium of the Library, 281 County Road. Mr. Magaziner will speak about his book. The program is free and open to the public.

Ira C. Magaziner
Ira C. Magaziner is currently President of Telesis, Inc., an international consulting firm specializing in corporate strategy for companies and economic development policy for governments, industry associations and unions. The Telesis group of companies employs over 200 professionals in offices in Providence, Paris, Tokyo, Melbourne and Munich. Telesis is now a subsidiary of Cresap, a Towers Perrin Company. Previous to founding Telesis in 1979, Mr. Magaziner worked for the Boston Consulting Group in Boston and London and Tokyo.

During the past fourteen years he has managed corporate strategy studies for companies based in the United States, Germany, Japan, Sweden, England, Mexico, France and Australia. Clients have included General Electric, Corning Glass Works, Volvo, and Black & Decker.

He has also led studies for the Prime Minister of Ireland, the Minister of Industry of Sweden and the Minister of Industry of Great Britain, the Government of Israel, and participated in work for the Minister of Economic Affairs in Belgium, and the Premier of Ontario.



"Judaica," Works Of Joe Schwartz In Gallery 401

Joseph Schwartz's knowledge of Judaism and talent as an artist combine in his beautiful mixed media representations, simply called "Judaica." The delicate yet powerful works will be exhibited in Gallery 401 of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence, with an opening reception Sunday, April 2 from 2 to 4:30 p.m.

Mr. Schwartz's love of things Jewish, his Rabbinic family and his yeshiva education in pre-war Hungary are evident in his work.

In ink and pastel, oil or acrylics, he captures the essence of the lighting of the Shabbat candles, Moses receiving the commandments, a Torah scroll and the burning bush.

Joe and his wife, Helen, came to Providence thirty-eight years ago, both survivors of the Holocaust. His work, "Yizkor," will be donated to the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum at the time of his exhibit.

"Judaica" will remain open through May 11. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 (or 5) p.m. and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The gallery is closed on Saturdays.

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Obituaries

MILDRED N. CIKINS

PROVIDENCE — Mildred N. Cikins, 79, of 500 Angell St., died March 23, 1989, at home. She was the widow of Samuel Cikins.

Born in Boston, she was a daughter of the late Solomon and Annie H. (Price) Nisson. Mrs. Cikins lived in Providence for 26 years after moving from the Brookline-Newton area of Massachusetts.

She was a member of the National Council of Jewish Women, Rhode Island section; the Providence Chapter of Hadassah, Temple Beth-El and its sisterhood, the Miriam Hospital Women's Association and the Jewish Home for the Aged Women's Association. She was a life member of the Hebrew Rehabilitation Center in Boston and she was a member of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Society. Mrs. Cikins also taught at Temple Israel, Boston.

She leaves a son, Arthur Cikins of Sudbury, Mass.; a daughter, Phyllis Tumaroff Fern of Warwick; a sister, Bonnie Goldowsky of Providence; and five grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at

the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St. Burial was in Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon, Mass.

CHARLOTTE M. GOLDITCH

CRANSTON — Charlotte M. Golditch, 68, of 103 Waterman Ave., a luggage buyer for James Kaplan Jewelers, Garden City, for eight years before retiring five years ago, died March 18, 1989, at Rhode Island Hospital. She was the wife of Joseph Golditch.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Louis and Ida (Zura) Nochemsohn, she lived in Cranston for five years. She also previously lived in West Warwick.

Mrs. Golditch was associated with her husband in the operation of the former Louis and Co., a retail luggage and gift store on Weybosset Street, Providence, for 25 years until 1975. She was a member of the Cranston Senior Guild and the Lt. Leonard Bloom, Jewish War Veterans, Auxiliary.

Besides her husband she leaves a daughter, Linda Webber of Lake Oswego, Ore., and three grandchildren.

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

PAMELA T. LOFT

BARRINGTON — Pamela Toni Loft, 49, of 8 Westwood Lane, a registered dietitian for the Marriott Corp. at St. Luke's Hospital, New Bedford, for six years until illness last year, died March 21, 1989, at home. She was the wife of Irwin H. Loft.

Born in Bay Shore, N.Y., a daughter of Henrietta (Urlich) Swire of Sherman Oaks, Calif., and the late Dr. Howard Swire, she lived in Barrington for 17 years. She previously lived in Los Angeles, Calif.

Mrs. Loft was previously a home economics teacher in the Los Angeles school system for five years. She was a graduate of the University of California, Los Angeles, and received a master's degree from California State University, San Fernando. She was a licensed aircraft pilot. She was a member of Temple Hahonim.

Besides her husband and mother

she leaves two sons, Alexander W. and Kenneth J. Loft, both of Barrington, and a sister, Patricia Mizrahi of Los Angeles.

The funeral was held at Temple Hahonim, New Meadow Road. Arrangements by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

IRVIN MELLION

HALLANDALE, Fla. — Irvin Mellion, 88, of 1817 S. Ocean Drive, founder and president of the former Melbet Jewelry Co. formerly of Providence, for 30 years before retiring in 1970, died March 17, 1989, at Humana Biscayne Hospital. He was the husband of the late Betty (Heller) Mellion.

Born in Russia, a son of the late Joseph and Rose Mellion, he lived in Hallandale for the past 18 years, previously living in Somerset, Mass., and Providence.

Mr. Mellion attended Brown University.

He leaves two daughters, Roberta London of Boca Raton and Marilyn Kaye of Tampa; a sister, Frances Cerel of Cranston; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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

MYER PEARL

PROVIDENCE — Myer "Johnny" Pearl, 89, of 693 Hope St., owner of former Pearl Ignition Co. for 38 years before retiring in 1984, died March 21, 1989, at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of the late Ida (Smith) Pearl.

Born in Russia, he was a son of the late Max and Eva Pearlmutter. He lived in Providence most of his life.

Mr. Pearl was a member of Temple Beth El and the Majestic Senior Guild.

He leaves a son, Jack Pearl of Delray Beach, Fla.; two daughters, Barbara Pearl and Shirley Rodman, both of Providence; a sister, Rae Caplan of Brookline, Mass.; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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

BETTY SHAPIRO

Betty K. Shapiro, a national and international leader in the Jewish and women's communities, died of cancer in Washington, D.C. on March 18, 1989.

From 1968 to 1971, Mrs. Shapiro was international president of B'nai B'rith Women. She is credited with creating the organization's public affairs program, which is concerned with women and family issues as well as advocacy for Israel and separation of church and state. She was also the convener of the Women's Plea for Soviet Jewry.

At the time of her death, Mrs. Shapiro was chair of the Jewish Women's Caucus, which she helped found in 1977; a member of the B'nai B'rith Board of Governors and the BBW Executive Board; and an honorary life member of the Anti-Defamation League's National Commission.

A native Washingtonian and board member of a score of Jewish and non-Jewish organizations in the nation's capital, she served as chairman of many of them. She was selected last year as one of eight women out of a field of 100 to be inducted into the District of Columbia Women's Hall of Fame, the only woman selected for both her work in the Jewish community and her contribution to the city. Familiar to leaders and activists in women's organizations from Capitol Hill to Nairobi, she often played a leadership role in coalitions.

"Betty Shapiro has made a permanent mark on B'nai B'rith Women," said BBW National President Hyla Lipsky. "At the time of her death she was still serving as a role model to some of our youngest members, who saw in her an example of what Jewish women can do through organization and dedication to a cause."

Contributions in Betty Shapiro's memory can be sent to the Betty Shapiro Memorial Fund, B'nai B'rith Women, 1640 Rhode Island Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. The money will be used for a special project bearing her name.

BESSIE B. SILVERSTEIN

PROVIDENCE — Bessie B. Silverstein, 94, formerly of Woodbury Street, died March 22, 1989, at the Oak Hill Nursing Center, Pawtucket. She was the widow of the late Harry Silverstein.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., she lived in Providence for 60 years.

Mrs. Silverstein was a member of Temple Emanu-El and its Sisterhood, the Miriam Hospital Women's Association and the Jewish Home for the Aged.

She leaves a son, Irwin Silverstein of Warwick; five grandchildren and two

great-grandchildren.

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

CORRECTION

The obituary of Joseph M. Finkle, which appeared in the March 23, 1989, issue mistakenly omitted some information. Mr. Finkle was the co-founder of the R.I. Jewish Herald, along with Myer M. Cooper. The Herald apologizes for this error.

Who Speaks For The Jews

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has chosen the Likud to lead the nation. In fact, the recent municipal elections indicate that the Likud has even broader support in the country than previously thought. Any American has the right to criticize the Israeli government, but it is a distortion for such individuals to portray themselves as more representative of Israeli opinion than the voters of that nation.

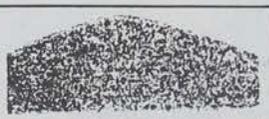
As Morris Abram, immediate past president of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, told the *Washington Post*, "Nobody elected Michael Lerner to anything." He might have said the same thing about a number of individuals who claim to be spokesmen for the American Jewish community.

We continue to believe that no good is served by trying to provoke a confrontation between Israel and either American Jews or the U.S. Government. We want to reduce any tension that might exist and work to make U.S.-Israel relations closer. Foreign Minister Moshe Arens recently completed a trip to Washington during which everyone worked together to minimize differences and find common ground. That effort was successful and, we are confident, had the support of the majority of not only American Jews, but the entire American public.

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Jewish Television Magazine-April

Please disregard the schedule printed last week which featured an interview with the well-known actress, Liv Ullman. This program is being rescheduled for showing later on this year.

The following is this revised program schedule.

NEW YORK, N.Y. — "Geniza," a traditional burial service in which sacred Jewish ritual objects are preserved, is one of several topics featured in the April edition of *Jewish Television Magazine*, the monthly magazine-format program produced by the Council of Jewish Federations.

In the segment, children from a Chicago community learn about the significance of the geniza service and why it is forbidden to throw away or burn prayer books, torah scrolls, ark covers and other religious objects when they can no longer be used. Over 100 people from neighboring communities are

seen gathered at Shalom Memorial Park to participate in an actual geniza ceremony.

The April program also examines the growing popularity of tennis among Israeli youth today and reveals how Israel's outstanding Tennis Centers have not only created a healthy pastime for children from all socio-economic levels, but have also resulted in developing a significant number of future world-class competitors.

In its third segment, *Jewish Television Magazine* visits the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center in Los Angeles, where doctors are making progress in seeking a cure for Tay-Sachs and other critical genetic diseases afflicting Jews throughout North America.

The program's final segment focuses on tubophonics, an Israeli inventor's "miraculous" method of making plants thrive in the desert.

The monthly programs which make up the *Jewish Television Magazine* series, now in its fourth year, are made available to Jewish Federations affiliated with the Council of Jewish Federations, which then obtain air time on their local television stations.

The host of *Jewish Television Magazine* is film and television actor Stephen Macht, best known to viewers for his portrayal of David Keeler on the CBS-TV show, *Cagney and Lacey*.

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The New Crisis Of Soviet Jewry

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centers in Vienna, Ladispoli, and another five hundred in San Martinelli," a concerned Elliot Cohan explained.

"The American budget was cut," he continued, "and it was determined that they would pay only up to thirty days of the care. The JDC is required to pay all remaining costs, which can run up to another thirty-five days (at \$8 a day, times 7500 refugees, the costs quickly climb into the millions).

"The JDC has already had to borrow 13 million dollars. They must depend upon American and Canadian Jewish communities for almost their total budget."

After March 31, 1989, they will run out of operating funds. The JDC helps Jews in 33 other countries, and the budget for these nations has already been cut 15-18%. HIAS, which aids refugees from Rome to America and coordinates resettlement, is currently receiving assistance from many corners. According to Elliot Cohan, approximately 5% of the Soviet Jews are resettled in New York City by NYANA, the New York Association for New Americans, 30% are resettled by seven other Federations, including Boston, North Shore, Chicago, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. Twenty-five other Federations resettle 20%.

"This has had an enormous impact on the seven major resettlement communities, and all the other Federations have been asked to help relieve the pressure because they are being bankrupted by the costs," explained Elliot Cohan.

"There aren't enough INS offices in Vienna, Rome, [and] Moscow," he continued, "and these organizations have had to increase their staff in those areas to help the Soviet Jews prepare for INS.

"They will need eight to nine

times as much as last year in allocations. For Rhode Island, this means raising \$99,000 as opposed to \$12,000. It is important that this goal be reached, because without a major infusion of funds by April 1, 1989, JDC and HIAS will no longer be able to operate."

Due to this situation, the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and all other major communities have been asked by the UJA and CJF to mount a special campaign, with a national goal of \$75 million. The local goal for Rhode Island is \$450,000. This is in addition to the 1989 campaign.

"Locally," Elliot points out, "the problem is that we haven't completed the 1989 campaign. There are still \$400,000 in gifts that are outstanding. Even so, the Board of Directors has voted to go ahead with the new campaign.

"We feel that this is a great opportunity for us to help. On December 6, 1987, about 400 Rhode Islanders attended "Let my people go," a rally in Washington that took place during Gorbachev's visit.

"Clearly, they are letting them go," he continued, "and now we have a great opportunity to help them in their passage to freedom. We have decided to call the campaign 'Passage to Freedom'."

The campaign will begin on Thursday, April 4, 1989 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of the General Campaign Chairman, David M. Hirsch, for the pacesetter and pacesetter circle divisions.

Richard Licht has accepted the Chairmanship of the campaign. Mandell Israel Kaplan, a South African industrialist who, as the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency for Israel, holds the most important volunteer job in the world today, will be the guest speaker that evening.

Movies

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we're very professional. That's why they come to us...I can't think of a recent movie that was made without the help of at least one film commission."

It Ain't Over 'til It's Over

Even after a production company has decided to film here, RIFC's job is far from finished. The staff remains readily available to help with details. Shapiro says she likes to have at least one staff member on the set every day of filming.

RIFC also furnishes a guide that lists individuals and companies who can provide various services — putting everything from technical help to caterers right at the filmmakers' fingertips. Convenience and ease are a priority for any production company, and RIFC does its best to assure these things.

"A lot of times," says Shapiro, "it involves finding out if [the filmmakers] have had a bad experience somewhere else, then finding out why it was a bad experience for them and fixing it."

This attention to detail by RIFC is often what causes a filmmaker to return to a particular area in the future. For example, though the movie *Shakedown* was filmed almost entirely in New York, the production company could not attain the necessary permits to film one final scene involving a stunt at an airport. RIFC stepped in and, with the cooperation of other state agencies, offered the use of Quonset Point Naval Air Station. As a result, says Shapiro, a positive image of RI was established for the filmmaker, greatly increasing the chance the company will work here again.

In fact, continues Shapiro, she has encountered nothing but support from other state agencies since she joined the Commission in 1987: "Governor DiPrete, his staff,

the state agencies, and this legislature have all been fantastic. I can't say enough good things about them. We've been given a decent budget to work with, they issue the permits that are needed very quickly — that's crucial. In filming, if you can't get the permit you need in 24 hours, you can just forget it. They'll go somewhere else."

The people of RI also deserve some of the credit: "The reaction of people has generally been very positive. When *Mystic Pizza* decided to film a few scenes around Watch Hill, they were so pleased with the atmosphere and the reception they got that they ended up filming 45% of the movie in RI. They even held their rap party here."

The Green Stuff

The bottom line, of course, is always money.

Simply put, promoting filmmaking in RI just makes good business sense.

In fiscal 1988, RIFC had an operating budget of \$108,000. As a direct result of their work, more than \$5 million worth of business was brought into the state.

"And that," says Shapiro, "doesn't even include a lot of the additional spending — like when a crew member decides to fly his family in and rents an apartment for a few months, or what they spend on food...A lot of film commissions use a multiple of 3 to more accurately determine the amount of money that comes into a state with a film — they just triple the official expenses. I just don't feel comfortable doing that...That \$5 million is only what was documented as being spent by the production company..."

Most Like It Hot

While the real activity in filming in New England comes in the summer months ("Winter is dead in New England. Can you imagine trying to shoot in RI from midnight to 4am on a cold night in February?"), Shapiro and her staff are busy with promotional activi-

ties and planning.

"We also have a speakers' bureau made up of volunteers," says Shapiro, "and we'll talk to anybody who'll listen — garden clubs, church groups — you name it. We try to let them know the good and bad points about having a film made in your community. I really think community education is very important."

And the outlook for 1989?

Before she can answer, the phone rings on the Amy Shapiro's desk. She glances down at it, then flashes a confident smile and says, "We're going to have our best year ever."

JCCRI Participating In "Alcohol Free Weekend"

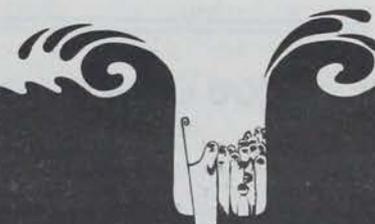
The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence is one of the participating sites around Rhode Island during "Alcohol-free Weekend" sponsored by the Rhode Island Council on Alcoholism April 6 through 9.

The JCCRI will be selling tee-shirts and buttons with the slogan "I'm free for the weekend!" in the H&PE wing of the Center. The purchase entitles the bearer to free admission for recreation events in the community during the weekend. Free recreation during open gym and swim time at the Center is one of the activities offered.

The message the Rhode Island Council on Alcoholism hopes to convey is that there are many activities in the state which are alcohol-free and that alcohol is not essential to having fun.

Note: Items will not be for sale on Saturday, April 8 although there will be open gym and swim from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

For additional information about the weekend or the schedule for open gym and swim, please call 861-8800.



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