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## Jewish Students Stick to Safe Causes in the '90s

When Rev. Louis Farrakhan spoke last year at the University of Pennsylvania, about 1,000 Jewish students staged a vocal rally against the Nation of Islam leader and his message.

For weeks before the speech, educational literature about Farrakhan's much-publicized anti-Semitism and videotapes of his previous speeches were disseminated at Hillel and other places on the Philadelphia campus.

Yet most experts say there has been a decline in the level — or at least a muting in tone — of Jewish activism on campuses nationwide.

The Farrakhan protests at Penn. and a number of similar rallies on other campuses in recent years, seem to be the exception to the rule that the loud, visible, confrontational protests of the late 1960s and early 1970s are gone from the Jewish community.

"Activism is alive and well," says Rabbi Howard Alpert, who directs the Jewish Campus Activities Board, overseeing all Hillels in the Philadelphia area. "Activism has taken a different direction and focus."

Rabbi Alpert says Jewish students today tend to work through — rather than against — established organizations and institutions. Students in the '60s were anti-establishment, rallying for more money for Jewish education or working to create alternative institutions, like the Chavurah movement.

"Students today ask for permission to rebel," notes Rabbi Alpert, adding that the current style may be just as effective, only less confrontational.

Some Jewish campus professionals and student activists say that student interest in outside causes is declining, regardless of the cause. Others contend that community service and volun-

teer activism are on the rise, eclipsing political work.

Melissa Silverman, a senior at the University of Michigan, helped found the Mitzvah project, approaching issues that had been treated politically and transforming them into volunteer projects.

Silverman says her work grew out of the collaboration of several students who previously had been active in political causes, including Arab-Israeli relations and Soviet Jewry. Although her campus is highly politicized, she says her group takes pains to "try and stay out of the politics" and concentrate on action-oriented good deeds.

She cites an event last year in which students held a "meal sacrifice" for Ethiopian Jews, giving up a meal and contributing the money saved to a fund for Ethiopian Jews.

Rather than confronting the establishment, students today

are expressing themselves by working for establishment causes like helping Soviet Jewry and supporting Israel in addition to feeding and clothing the hungry and homeless.

Debbie Kaiz, a junior at Washington University, heads several Jewish community service groups at the St. Louis school, including the homeless committee and an adopt-a-grandparent program. She believes that attracting Jewish students to community projects is an important way of getting them involved in anything beyond their school work.

"You can see the result of what you're doing," says classmate Carrie Carter, who heads two community service groups at Washington University. "You can see the result of what you're doing. People like to see that."

Rabbi James Diamond, Hillel director at Washington University, says, "Most students today

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## Activism Still Alive on Local Campuses

by John Chadwick  
Herald Editor

Hillel officials at local campuses say they generally agree with a report that Jewish student activism has grown more conservative over the years. In a nationally syndicated article (see page one), a University of Pennsylvania senior reports that student groups are less confrontational, less rebellious than in previous years, and are more likely to work with establishment organizations and institutions.

The latter is evidenced at Brown University these days where different Jewish groups of-

ten work closely with local Federation organizations. Students have even emulated established Jewish communal structure by forming the first ever "Community Relations Committee," based directly on the Federation's own Community Relations Council.

However, Dan Aaronson, the assistant director of the Brown-RISD Hillel, says any conservative trend among current students has not diminished their involvement in a variety of social issues. Students working with communal organizations in the resettling of Soviet Jews are

also participating in causes on campus such as the pro-choice movement or environmental concerns.

"Activism isn't dead," Aaronson said last week. "There are students involved in a litany of social issues."

Also, he says, there are always individual students who see themselves as "change agents" and are often successful in changing the established policy on particular issues.

However, he concedes that many of those individual groups are now willing to use legitimate, established channels to carry out their particular agendas. Last semester, a group of students, aligned with the liberal, progressive *Tikkun* magazine, formed a group called Zionists Against the Occupation. The group, which was publicly critical of Israel, pushed to be accepted by the Jewish Student Union as a legitimate, full-fledged organization. They eventually were voted in and accepted.

Apparently absent from campuses are Jewish alternative groups seeking their own voice and willing to go out of the mainstream to do so.

Still, observers say the pulse of the Brown campus, including Jewish students, is comparatively liberal and perhaps progressive to absorb all points of view. According to Aaronson, students are still decidedly hesitant at formal campus affiliation with groups the likes of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, the influential lobbying organization. "There's no sort of AIPAC presence here, they're (AIPAC) probably too right (wing) for this campus," Aaronson said.

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Exhibitors and Earth Fair Committee members meet at the Jewish Community Center to plan Mother Earth's Medicine Show. Front row (left to right): Frank Stern, Earth Fair Comm.; Michael Crapa, Keep Providence Beautiful; Emily Mathis, South Side Land Trust; Louise Makepeace, 1st Unitarian Church; Cathy St. Laurent, Save the Bay; Michael Fiore, Save the Bay; Back Row (left to right): Molly Clark, R.I. Lung Association; Wendy Stern, Earth Fair Committee; Janice Fifer, JCC; Deborah Glavin, Brown University Planetary Data Center; Erica Guttman, R.I. Solid Waste Management Corp.; Cynthia Green, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; Vernonic Cedena, Narragansett Electric Co.; John Jennings, RISE; Ed Fink, Earth Fair Committee; Dick Vane, Appalachian Mountain Club; Judith Woods, Roger Williams Park Zoo.

## Earth Fair at Community Center

by John Chadwick

An ecology fair featuring environmental hints for the individual and an array of carnival attractions for the young, will take place April 1 at the Jewish Community Center.

Billed as the "Mother Earth's Medicine Show," the Fair has been organized by several religious groups including Temples Habonim, Beth-El and Emanuel. Also involved are the First Unitarian Church, the Episcopal Diocese of Providence and the Bell Street Chapel.

"We like to think of it as ecumenical," says Daniel Marwill, an East Side physician and one of the organizers. "Environmental problems cross religious, cultural

and ethnic boundaries." Marwill is a member of Temple Emanuel's Social Action Committee.

The Fair is part of a flurry of recent environmental activity. "Earth Day" is scheduled for April 22.

The thrust of the Fair will be informational — advice that can be utilized on a daily basis. "Mother Earth is ailing, the Fair will provide a prescription," Marwill said.

Local groups such as Save the Bay, Audubon Society, Narragansett Electric, the EPA and the state Department of Environmental Management will be on hand. There will be displays and lectures on water conserva-

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## Alperin Schechter Party Expo



Calligrapher Marcia Kaunfer shows one of her beautiful Ketubahs to Diane Newman and her son Ari at a Party Expo sponsored by the Alperin Schechter Day School Parents' Association last Sunday at the Jewish Community Center. See page 8. Photo by Dorothea Snyder.

# Inside the Ocean State

## Children's Exhibit at Providence Hebrew Day School

by Kathy Cohen  
Herald Assistant Editor

On March 21 and 22 the Providence Hebrew Day School conducted their fourth annual educational exhibit of Judaic and secular projects created by excited children from pre-kindergarten to eighth grade.

The projects were strictly independent — students devised their exhibits during class time only, says Maureen Sheehan, principal of secular studies. One large project, created by the seventh grade class, took several weeks to complete.

"The children had so much fun working on their projects," said Sheehan. "They really learned a lot."

"So, they may not do 7 pages in Math class, they learned things they normally wouldn't in class, like sharing ideas and materials, team work, how to be creative, as well as educational things as you'll see when they demonstrate their projects to you."

Some of the projects included the first grader's books on Purim, the kindergartners' hand painted quilt and the second graders' Torah Data Base project. Others included the mural of Passover made by the third grade.

Alizia Gutman, 9, and David Lipson, 9, of the fourth grade explained their projects of "What Makes a Sukkah Holy." "I made

mine out of chocolate and I put branches on top," Gutman said. "You can't have a real roof, you have to be able to see the stars."

One of the more ambitious projects was the reconstruction of a self-supportive medieval village by the seventh graders. Out of cardboard they built a castle,

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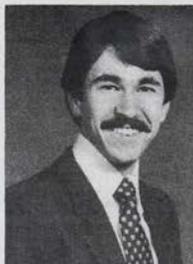
Front (L to R) are Leon Rosen and Simma Rosenstein, both dressed as serfs for their reconstruction of a medieval village. Back (L to R) are their king, Yoni Braude; queen, Joelle Levy; and princess, Tira Orenstein. They are standing in front of their seventh grade project, made for the Providence Hebrew Day School's educational fair.

## Women's Association Of The Jewish Home To Hold Open Board Meeting

The Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged is holding an Open Board Meeting on Wednesday, April 4, in the Martin Chase Auditorium. Desert will be served at 12:30 p.m., the meeting will begin at 1:15 p.m.

Cantor Brian Mayer will present an "Afternoon of Song." The cantor is a 1988 graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary's Cantors Institute and is currently a member of the Institute's faculty. He is also pursuing a doctoral degree in sacred music at the seminary.

Beatrice Bojar is in charge of



Cantor Brian Mayer

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## Inside Israel's Civil War

### A Conversation with Meron Benvenisti

Meron Benvenisti, historian and former Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem, left city government after a break with Mayor Teddy Kolek and has since devoted himself to the study of the Palestinian-Israeli relationship. He is the author of several books, has lectured widely in the United States, and has written articles for The New York Review of Books and The New York Times. He lives in Jerusalem with his wife and children on the border between an Arab and an Israeli neighborhood. He was interviewed by Aron Hirsh-Mankheimer, editor of Reform Judaism.

Is the goal of the intifada to end the occupation of the West Bank and Gaza?

It is a struggle of the Palestinians to alter radically the status quo established on the seventh day of the Six-Day War. They can unite only by using a negative slogan to end the occupation, but they are not in agreement as to what will replace it.

In your research you have demonstrated that the West Bank has become so much a part of the infrastructure of Israel that it may be too late to separate the two.

I don't believe that the option of a surgical solution, of severing the territory from Israel, is viable anymore. The interdependence is so complete that, although theoretically it's possible to partition the land, realistically it won't happen.

Does this mean that the forces insisting on a Greater Israel have won?

In the short run, yes. What we did in 1967 was to internationalize the Palestinian question, making it a moral, political, social and cultural issue within Israel itself. The intifada is not an external war, it's a civil war. It is waged in every house, around each tree. That kind of conflict is without solution, because it's a social malaise, like a crime, cyclical and not linear. Zionism wanted a Jewish nation-state with Jewish institutions. Now, Israel governs a population that is 40 percent non-Jewish. Its political institutions, however, represent the wishes and aspirations of only

one segment of the society.

If the conflict is now an internal Israeli problem, what solutions are being offered by the major political parties?

Currently, none. There's no political discourse in Israel. The belief that there are two political cultures — Likud vs. Labor — is a myth. Both parties consider the status quo as viable. The Palestinian issue, in its current intifada phase, will have no impact on the center. The center, made up of Labor and Likud, will hold. But Labor claims it is willing to exchange territory for peace while Likud is not. Is that not a real distinction?

It is only a theoretical distinction. Labor has never seriously considered that as a political option. What they offered the Arabs was 50 percent of the West Bank, knowing full well that even the most moderate Arab couldn't accept that. So the theoretical possibility of land for peace was a shibboleth, a dividing line between those who say they are for a Greater Israel and those who say we are for peace. It is an ideological issue and not a political one. On the day-to-day management of the conflict, Labor and Likud are united, and they are represented by one person — Yitzhak Rabin. He represents the consensus.

Has there been any real movement on the part of the PLO toward a peaceful resolution?

Like Israel, the PLO can handle only the status quo. Ending the occupation of the West Bank and Gaza would confront them with impossible existential questions like the right of return. Both sides are waiting for external solutions. They know that the situation within will not change, so they are looking for either a Pax Americana — Americans will come and settle the problem — or the charge of the Arab cavalry, leading to another war. The laws of engagement of the intifada are very clear to both sides. Each knows that it shouldn't go beyond a certain limit of intensity, because to do so would harm all interests. The Palestinians will not use firearms, and the Israelis will not

use their superior firepower to crush it, promoting an international crisis that will force outside intervention.

What options remain for peace?

Basically, all internal feuds have two benign solutions: one is vertical partition, meaning partition of the land, and one is horizontal partition, meaning power sharing. There can be a combination of the two, like Belgium or Quebec. But the problem is not to come up with the theoretical solution, but to get the sides to choose between those two solutions. At present both view all possible solutions in partisan terms. The best solution would be partition, the problem is how.

You don't sound very optimistic.

In the short run, I'm not. First, everyone will have to realize that if they can't live together they will die together. Neither the Jews nor the Arabs will win because that kind of war is unwinnable, unless you resort to extreme measures like "transfer" (mass deportation), which I must rule out because this will destroy the Israeli center, which will not accept it. People still believe the whole thing is temporary. That is why they call it "occupation," which by definition is temporary. That means someday the tragedy will end with a catharsis, and that is what they are waiting for. I'm not against partition, I'm not against a bi-national state. These are the two theoretical solutions we must choose be-

tween. What we will choose I don't know. It will take at least 20-25 years for people to understand that they must look for a solution.

What effect do you think the end of the Cold War will have on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict? The coming decade will put

the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in the right perspective. In the future, world stability won't be threatened by the superpowers, but by ethnic groups — in Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Lithuania, Armenia. When empires disintegrate the imperial clashes reemerge.

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# Editorial

## After Thirty Years — The Failure Of Jewish Studies

by Jacob Neusner

Jewish studies on the campus in the USA have completed the first chapter in their history. The Association for Jewish Studies, which a dozen of us organized in 1968, is nearing its quarter-century mark. Mine is one of the earliest entirely normal, fully academic careers, since I never worked anywhere but for a university from the completion of my formal education to the present day, and I now celebrate my thirtieth anniversary of my doctorate and first job. So we may now ask, have Jewish studies on the campus kept their promise?

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Let others argue the affirmative. As an engaged party, my task is to point to the failures.

First, have Jewish studies on the campus materially changed the world of the Jewish community? Criteria would include a constant and fresh supply of ideas, intellectual challenges, to the Jewish community. Has the fact that professors give full time to Jewish learning and Jewish teaching in the privileged sanctuary of the university made much difference to the Jewish community at large?

In my view the three most interesting minds in organized Jewish life today are Irving Greenberg, who left the university, Harold Schulweis, who

never had a professorship, and Dennis Prager, who makes his living outside of academe. So the academy has not stimulated fresh and independent thinking about contemporary Jewish problems, so far as the organized community is concerned.

Second, have Jewish studies on the campus significantly solved pressing problems off-campus? Take the obvious example of teacher training. I have schools of education made themselves a source for Jewish teachers for the Jewish schools, under the leadership of academic professors of Jewish studies? No, they have not. The one important university base for educating Jewish teachers is Columbia University's Teachers College — and that school is important in the Jewish community because of its association with Jewish Theological Seminary of America, Yeshiva University, Graetz College, the Baltimore Hebrew University, the Hebrew College of Boston — these are principal points of origin for well-trained Jewish teachers. And the education of community professionals takes place under Jewish auspices — Brandeis, Yeshiva University, for instance — and not in the universities that collected millions from Jews for Jewish studies.

The Jewish community invested millions of dollars in Harvard's Jewish studies program. What has it gotten back? The Boston Jewish community is pretty much what it always was: proud of Harvard, an unreciprocated love. Yale collected millions more, but the New Haven Jewish community still is a stagnant and boring and unimportant place. University of Chicago and Northwestern Uni-

versity got millions more — and have yet to make distinguished appointments — appointments at the standard that applies to all other fields. And so it goes.

Third, what about libraries? The answer is no. Jewish life without books, and synagogue libraries rarely build collections worthy of the name (by the high standard, for example, of Providence's Braude Library at Temple Beth El, there is scarcely a Jewish library of any consequence in the whole country). But there are university libraries, and they get plenty of money for books, and the Universities get millions of dollars from Jews. So have the universities at least built collections that the Jewish community can use? Well, yes and no. The books are there. But outside of the state universities,

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the price of going to read them, the complications of getting permission, are such that the books might as well be on the moon. When I was at Brown I systematically arranged for local rabbis to use the Brown collection in Judaica, which is quite good; it involved knowing the right librarian. But here again, the libraries of the Hebrew colleges and the institutions supported by the Jewish community — synagogues, centers, Brandeis, Yeshiva University, JTS, — and tax-supported libraries do the job. University libraries don't.

It looks to me as though the Jews have bought their way into prestige universities, at the price of tens of millions of dollars, only to construct for themselves a golden ghetto: if you give the money, you can do your exotic Jewish thing. What triggered that awful recognition of reality? Well, not surprisingly, it was something that happened to me.

Last July the chairman of the Program in Judaic Studies at Brown University, Ernest S. Frerichs, went to the new president, Vartan Gregorian, and said, "We have done all the things departments do, and we have done them well. In 1985 an outside committee, appointed by the Provost, including the President of Emory University, recommended to Brown that you promote Judaic Studies from the status of Program to the status of Department. We hope that you will do so."

According to Professor Frerichs' memo on the meeting, the President simply agreed: "of course." But the letter that came two months later said, "If you go out and raise \$10 million, I will make you a department." President Gregorian further listed the names of ten Jewish multimillionaires, such as the Swig family of California and the Klutznicks of Illinois, to be asked to give \$1 M. each. In other words, Gregorian's message to the Jews is simple: if you rich Jews want the honor of a department of Judaic studies at Brown University, go and buy it for yourselves. Otherwise drop dead.

Brown has a department of French, Italian, Spanish, but the French Canadians of Woonsocket, the Italians of Federal Hill, the Puerto Ricans of South

Providence did not endow it, and the Christians did not endow the Department of Religious Studies, which should be called, "the department of mostly Christian studies." Six out of eight of the professors are in the study of Christianity (M. Haven, Harvey, Stowers, Dietrich, Twiss, Reeder). But when it comes to the Jews, we buy our way in or we don't get in. So what we've done on the campus is what we did when we built Jewish hospitals and organized Jewish country clubs: we did what we had to do and called it good. But on the campus, after thirty years of Jewish studies: where's the beef?

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Jacob Neusner, a Member of the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, N.J., has just been appointed Graduate Research Professor of Humanities and Religious Studies at University of South Florida, Tampa, and also Martin Buber Professor of Judaic Studies at University of Frankfurt, Germany.

### Designer Judaism

"Do you wanna buy a Rolex? I'll give it to you cheap, only \$9 bucks." This query most certainly would not be overheard in a reputable jewelry store, but rather on a downtown street corner. If you take the bait, and buy the watch, you probably know it's not the real thing. But a) none of your friends will know and b) maybe, just maybe, you hope, it is real.

Almost everything these days seems to be designer. From head to toe, you can find something for every part of your body which brazenly brandishes a "name." But, for most, it's not good enough just to have the insignia or logo. You want to know that it's authentic.

To assure yourself that you're purchasing the genuine article, most people realize that they have to go to a reputable establishment. Depending on what you were purchasing and how much you were spending, you might even want a certificate or the likes declaring the item's authenticity.

In keeping with the designer trend, more and more Jews have begun their sincere search for "designer Judaism." We're not talking here about black hats with "Borsalino" written on the band or wigs, coiffed in the latest styles. After all, these are just externals, not the real thing at all.

For this indicates its true purpose. While the Jews are in exile, a spiritual darkness prevails in the world. One might think that, with G-d seemingly so far away, it is not the most opportune time to try and bring G-dliness into the world. And yet, it is precisely now when we must try harder. In the same way that the departure of the cloud was the sign that the Jews should go forward with their journey, so too, should the spiritual exile spur us on to fulfill our G-dly mission.

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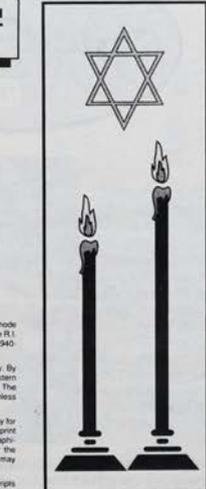
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### When The Cloud Was Taken

This Shabbat we read two Torah portions, *Vayakel* and *Pekudei*. *Pekudei* is the last portion in the Book of Exodus. It contains a description of the Sanctuary, the Torah notes that when the Sanctuary was erected "a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the Lord filled the Sanctuary."

The Torah continues, "And when the cloud was taken up from over the Sanctuary, the Jews went onward in all their journeys." The purpose of the Sanctuary, and indeed that of the entire Creation, is tied to the fact that the Jews only "traveled" when the cloud departed. In understanding this, we must keep in mind that G-d's glory filled the Sanctuary specifically when the cloud was present.

It is not difficult to do G-d's will when G-dliness is revealed in front of us, like the cloud. However, our whole purpose is to reach a level of holiness when G-dliness is hidden and concealed as well; when it seems that the cloud has ascended back "up."

According to the midrash, G-d created this world because He desired a dwelling place below. "Below" is not used here in terms of place, but rather, it implies a place where holiness is not openly apparent.

The goal of Creation is that our "lower" world in which the Divine Presence is not openly revealed should be transformed into a dwelling place for G-d.

This is accomplished through observing mitzvot.

Accordingly, when the cloud of G-d is "down" here and the presence of G-d is felt, this world cannot at all be considered lower. Thus, the purpose of Creation is not realized.



This was to be done precisely when the cloud ascended. And this is why, after describing the details pertaining to the erection of the Sanctuary, the Torah ends by telling us that the cloud went up. For this indicates its true purpose.

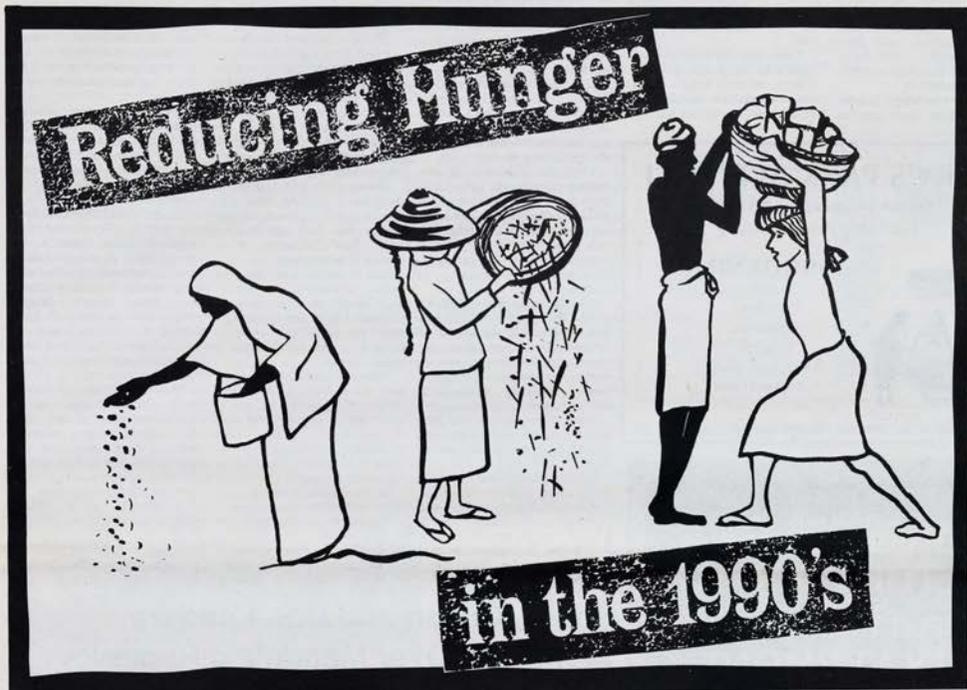
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# World and National News

## Israel Favors Censorship

by Gil Sedan and Hugh Orgel  
**JERUSALEM (JTA)** — The decision to apply military censorship to news stories about Soviet aliyah has focused attention on the widespread suppression of news and opinion, especially in the East Jerusalem Arabic press.

The most vigorous protests against censorship come from the news media, civil rights groups, and from liberal and leftist Knesset members.

But they are bucking a popular trend. The most recent opinion

poll shows substantial majorities favor censorship for reasons of security and image preservation.

Israelis are demonstrating a discernible trend away from democratic norms, according to a new poll conducted among 1,006 Israeli adults last month for the Israel-Diaspora Institute.

This propensity includes a willingness to accept censorship, in order to preserve Israel's image, and readiness to accept discriminatory practices against Arabs in

the West Bank and Gaza Strip, the poll indicates.

Polster Mina Zemach, director of the Dabai Research Institute, said, "The results are an expression of the growing sense of insecurity among Israelis, who are willing to sacrifice some of the basics of democracy in order to achieve what they perceive as security in the period of the intifada."

But the announcement on March 2 that stories on Soviet aliyah would henceforth have to be submitted to the military censor has raised a hue and cry in the media and Knesset.

Until the imposition of censorship recently, the subject had been freely reported, even courted. The authorities are now arguing, however, that the censorship is a protective measure enacted in response to an Arab campaign to curtail the immigration of Soviet Jews.

Likud Minister Ronni Milo defended the censorship in Knesset last week, raising the specter of terrorist attacks on olim. He maintained that the censored reports touched on "sensitive issues," such as immigration routes, their protection, the number of immigrants and projected numbers, and the agencies involved in the aliyah operation.

Milo was responding to Knesset member Yossi Sarid of the Citizens Rights Movement who attacked censorship. Sarid argued that it would neither "lower the profile nor protect aliyah."

Sarid warned further that cen-

sorship of aliyah stories created the impression that Israel had something to hide, such as the settlement of immigrants in the administered territories.

Censorship of military matters came under fire recently from B'tselem, the Jerusalem-based center for human rights.

B'tselem revealed that the censor had deleted in full or in part more than a third of the material submitted by two East Jerusalem Arabic dailies, *Al-Shahab* and *Al-Baiter* (*Al-Sayid*).

The censored material included dozens of stories already published in the Hebrew press and translated verbatim.

Among them were statements by Israeli politicians, reports by human rights organizations and stories that had appeared in other East Jerusalem newspapers, B'tselem said.

East Jerusalem newspapers are subject to much stricter censorship than the rest of the country, although legally they should not, since the same laws apply to them as to the Israeli Hebrew press.

B'tselem described two items kept out of the East Jerusalem Arabic newspapers. One was an interview in the Hebrew daily *HaHemesh* with Amir Abramson, who was severely injured in a terrorist attack on an Egged bus last year.

He was quoted as urging Israelis to "talk to the Palestinians."

The other item was a cartoon in the *Jerusalem Post*, showing Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir removing an Arab from a bench to make room for a Russian

immigrant.

Military censorship in Israel is a holdover from the Emergency Regulations promulgated by the British Mandate authorities in 1945.

According to a military spokesperson, "It is the practice of censorship not to approve publications which amount to initiating or encouraging civil disobedience, resistance to government and order, or incite or express solidarity with terrorist activity, as well as publications which can cause real damage to the state's security."

The spokesperson admitted that the ban often extended to material already published "either because of different versions, different circumstances or a mere human error by the censorship officials."

In the Israel-Diaspora Institute poll, fully 63 percent of the respondents agreed that "reports or pictures depicting soldiers mistreating residents of the territories should be banned because they harm Israel's image." Thirty-four percent of those polled favored publication of such photos and accounts, and 3 percent did not answer that question.

Over half of those questioned, or 51 percent, thought that the internal security service, Shin Bet, should employ different interrogation methods for Jews and Arabs. Forty-five percent opposed the dual standard, and 4 percent offered no opinion.

A plurality of 49 percent favored the demolition of Arab homes as a form of punishment. Forty-seven percent were opposed to such penalties; 4 percent gave no answer.

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## South African and U.S. Leaders Dismayed Over Mandela's Remarks

by William Saphire

**NEW YORK (JTA)** — Leaders of American and South African Jewry who have been in the forefront of the anti-apartheid movement are urging Nelson Mandela to reconsider his recent remarks equating the Palestinian-Israeli conflict with the struggle of South African blacks.

Those who hailed the African National Congress leader's re-

lease after 27 years in South African prisons were taken aback by the embraces he exchanged with Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasar Arafat in Lusaka, Zambia.

More disturbing were his remarks in a speech at Lusaka airport.

Like foes of apartheid, Mandela said that Arafat "is fighting against a unique form of coloni-

alism, and we wish him success in his struggle," Mandela was quoted as saying.

At a news conference, he reiterated his support of the PLO.

Asked whether such remarks might alienate South Africa's 100,000 Jews, who are prominent in that nation's business elite and in the anti-apartheid Liberal Party, Mandela retorted, "If the truth alienates the powerful Jewish community in South Africa, that's too bad."

He added, "We expect everybody who is exploring the possibility of lasting solutions to be able to face the truth squarely. I believe that there are many similarities between our struggle and that of the PLO."

"We live under a unique form of colonialism in South Africa, as well as in Israel, and a lot flows from that."

The South African Jewish Board of Deputies said that it wanted to meet with Mandela to explain why it was wrong to compare the Palestinian struggle with the black liberation movement.

Israel is a non-racist country and its politics have no relevance to conditions in South Africa, a statement issued by the board said.

Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the union of American Hebrew Congregations and a leader of American Reform Judaism, said he was dismayed and angered by "the deplorable statement by Nelson Mandela to Yasar Arafat."

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## Jewish Students Stick to Safe Causes

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that most of the 26 interns at the group's Washington office last summer had been active in community causes, including black-Jewish dialogues, soup kitchens and projects for the homeless.

From a parochial point of view, there is a downside to the volunteerism trend, say Jewish professionals. With more students involved in general community projects there are fewer students taking part in strictly Jewish causes.

Elie Wurtman, a student at Columbia University and the Jewish Theological Seminary, says this decline is "dangerous to the Jewish community." An activist leader of causes ranging from Hilliel to Soviet Jewry, Wurtman sees a correlation between students' lack of involvement and lack of strong Jewish identity.

Jennifer Bayer, a University of Pennsylvania senior active in campus and national efforts on behalf of Soviet Jewry, says many students see secular causes as an expression of their Jewish cultural identity. "The causes that always brought Jews out into the streets may be changing now," she says.

And Jewish professionals are struggling to rethink their strategies to attract students. "I have to remember that the language I speak is not going to be understood the same way it was by students in the 1960s," says Jeremy Brochin, Hilliel director at the University of Pennsylvania.

He once assumed that all students he dealt with were liberals.

Now, "the tone of the era is much more conservative," Brochin says. "What students want to do now with their summer vacations is get internships."

At the same time, activism on behalf of Israel has suffered as the Jewish state has fallen from the moral high ground, Brochin says. For the most part, Jewish students now come to activities for social reasons.

"The Jewish men want to meet Jewish women," says Nancy Berlin, director of 10 Hillies in South Florida's Broward and Palm Beach counties. "And Jewish women want to meet Jewish men. First you fill their social needs. The causes — like Soviet Jewry or Israel — come later."

Fewer Jewish students are active in Jewish political issues, according to Glenn Richter, national director of the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry. "We don't see the large-scale Jewish activism of the past," says the 25-year veteran. "Every Jewish activist today has to be thanked and appreciated, because it is harder now."

David Lasko is a senior at the University of Pennsylvania and a former managing editor of The Daily Pennsylvanian. This article was made possible by a grant from The Fund for Journalism on Jewish Life, a project of the CRB Foundation of Montreal, Canada. Any views expressed are solely those of the author.

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Traditional Jewish scholars announce the formation of new rabbinical school. A coalition of traditional rabbis, lay leaders and Jewish scholars from universities in the United States, Canada and Israel, headed by the internationally renowned Talmudist Rabbi David Weiss Halivni, announced the formation on February 28, 1990, of the first non-denominational rabbinical school for the study of traditional Judaism, to be known as the Institute of Traditional Judaism. Shown signing the papers of incorporation are Board members (front, from left to right): Douglas Aronin; Horace Bier, Chairman of the Board; Prof. David Weiss Halivni, *Reish Metivta* (Rector); Rabbi Ronald D. Price, Dean. Rear: Dr. Miriam Klein Shapiro, Burton Greenblatt, Steven Honig, Rabbi Bruce Ginsburg, Don Motzkin.

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## Activism Still Alive

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**URI — Reaching out to a large Catholic population**

URI Hilliel Director, Rina Sky-Wolfgang describes the current student body there (around 1600 Jewish students out of a total of 13,000) as "ambivalent" to many overtly political or social causes except when they affect the student directly. On those occasions they are not hesitant to speak out, she says, citing the recent student demonstration outside of a college official's home.

The cost of college, among other things, has been a decisive factor in current student attitudes towards political causes, she says. "We see students coming in and working two or three jobs while enrolled," leaving barely enough time for study, she says.

At the same time, she finds students to be more politically aware and knowledgeable than students eight to ten years ago. Jewish volunteerism among students is at a high level, she says, and recent activities have benefited the South County Homeless Shelter. Jewish causes of concern among students include the plight of Soviet Jews and the new wave of anti-Semitism.

While the URI Hilliel has also been involved in Jewish communal volunteerism for the UJA campaign and Operation Exodus, the group has concentrated on developing their own program designed to meet the demog-

graphics of the campus. "You're with a student population that is 80 percent Catholic," Sky-Wolfgang says. "What we have set out to do is educate the non-Jewish students about Judaism."

The students have developed a number of their own inter-faith programs including Jewish-Catholic holiday observances. Other programs involve working directly with the Catholic Center on campus or with other groups on joint projects. Frequent guest speakers and workshops are also featured.

Sky-Wolfgang says the approach has heightened Jewish

awareness on campus and has bolstered the chapter's presence among the other groups. "URI has definitely been very supportive of minorities, they've really helped a lot," she says.

Next week, URI will host Rabbi Harry S. Sky who will discuss "Bridging the Gap Between Christians and Jews: Where We Can Come Together and Where We Must Part." The lecture will be held Tuesday April 3 at 7:00 p.m. in White 113 on the Kingston campus.

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## Around Town

by Dorothea Snyder

There were kosher caterers and calligraphers, entertainers and florists, party planners and photographers who combined their expertise at a first-time Party Expo at the Jewish Community Center last Sunday afternoon.

This unique and upbeat event was sponsored by the Alperin Schechter Day School Parents Association.

*Photos by Dorothea Snyder*



Plan a Bar or Bat Mitzvah in Israel with Dorothy Wiener, center. With her are Party Expo co-coordinator Cindy Kaplan and Arthur Novsam. Not pictured is Karen Weintraub, who co-chaired the event with Cindy.



Among Mr. Moon's (Bob Burns) many feats are his balloon sculptures, which he made for Benjamin and Seth Clark. Mr. Moon hails from a constellation in Beverly, Mass.



Steve Siagel records Melissa Mann, Abby Berenson, Wendy Brown and Adam Kaplan. Steve's entertainment company in Newton, Mass., specializes in Bar/Bat Mitzvah disc jockey entertainment and he says he just recently added his Chartbuster Mobile Recording Studio.

## Party Expo 1990



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Stopping to talk with Jay Rossi and Sena Yamuder of Izzy's Caterers are Judy Weil and Cory Fink, all from left.



Exhibitors Jeanne Stein and Sharon Hodge of The Party Warehouse.

# Arts and Entertainment

## Huck Finn Revisited

### A Review Of T-Bone And Weasel At Second Story Theatre

by V. B. Halpert

Second Story Theatre has just added a second stage to its properties so that it can offer more than one production concurrently. The first of two plays, *T-Bone and Weasel* has just opened at Stage One. It is the story of two friends who rattle in and out of misadventure in South Carolina. Jon Klein is the playwright who has created this incongruous Damon and Pythias. From the moment that the two appear on stage, they captivate the audience who roots for them, laughs sympathetically at them, and even—in a kind of psychedelic way identifies with them. The play itself is a little gem, but it is brought to life by the phenomenal talent of Ed Shea who plays Weasel, the good humored insouciance of Rachel Coleman who plays T-Bone; and the remarkable versatility of Damon Hartley who portrays nine different characters, all of them consigned to involve Nemesis on the heads of the luckless pair.

T-Bone is never far from executing plays that will prey for the two vagrants a car, a meal, or a beer. With each attempt he strikes out. Weasel is willing to

reach for respectability in poverty-paying jobs. Trying to inter-cept T-Bone in his exploits continually frustrates him. Behind the shenanigans, social issues are lightly limned. T-Bone is black and knows of the hurts and injuries that a black man suffers in white South Carolina. Weasel, his friend, understands T-Bone's situation, but cannot discuss it with him because it becomes one more frustrating irritant. As he explains it to T-Bone: "I am your friend, but maybe not always a good one."

Pat Hegnauer's direction is, as usual, brilliant. What seems to come most to mind as one watches is the relationship of Huck Finn and Jim. Here, too, are two against the world.

There are no props, no lighting gimmickry, and no distractions from the action and the characters. Hegnauer has made use only of gentle sound effects: the sound of a car motor when the friends are driving along, the sound of the sea when they sleep one night on the beach.

*T-Bone and Weasel*, in this production, is the very best that theatre can offer. Everyone should see it. It is a happy play, it is a poignant play, and it is a funny play.

## Neither Moral Nor Personal

### A Review Of Baal At Trinity Rep

by V. B. Halpert

My scholarly friends tell me that Bertold Brecht's *Baal*, I am told represents the forces of nature and generative power, as such he is neither moral nor personal. He is amoral. A poet, his verse always extends nature and its components. At the beginning of the script of the play there is a poem — by Baal — that explains his relation to the universe. It further illuminates his poetic preoccupation with the life force, symbolically expressed in the wind, the stars, and the sky.

Unfortunately, in the current production of the play at Trinity Rep that initial poem is omitted. Without it the interpretation becomes the saga of a bestial man who injures women, impregnates and pitilessly abandons one of them, and indulges in activities that most of us would regard as among the seven deadly sins. There is a homosexual attachment, excessive drinking, excessive fornication and total disregard for amenities or civilities of any kind.

Supported by people from the world around him (the cast is large) Baal delights in shocking, titillating, and offending those whom he encounters. The frenzied action is highlighted by a variety of flashing colored lights, loud noises, and some music.

Although the production confuses observers, it also mesmerizes them. The reason is that despite a production that tampers with the original text, the quality of the acting is very good. Robert Woodruff directed the play, and Mario Arrambide played Baal. He gave a mind-shattering performance. So convincing was he that the audience

hated him for his coarseness and his vulgarity. On the other hand, he was able to move his audience when he lauded the world of nature — one that was aesthetic.

There were other memorable performances. At one point Ed Hall plays Baal's landlady (yes *landlady*) and is hilarious in his/her attempts to evict Baal. Most of the actors played more than one part. Rafael Baez played Ekart, Baal's poet friend. Where Baal was insensitive and contemptuous of others, Ekart was empathetic and humane. There is, in one scene an attack on organized religion. In that scene William Damkoehler plays a poor, unattractive, effete, and bemused. Timothy Crowe made a marvelous tramp. Josie Chavez gave a creditable performance as Johanna, the girl whom Baal steals from her lover and drives to suicide. Cynthia Strickland, Brian McElaney, and others were praiseworthy in their performances.

Set was designed by Douglas Stein, sound by Stephen Santo and Costumes by Susan Hilfferty. Douglas Wieselman's original music was powerfully effective.

And so to decision: to see *Baal* or not to see *Baal*. If you are bothered by a protagonist who, in this version, is a pretty base individual, stay away. If you appreciate excellent acting, no matter what the work may be, by all means go to see it.

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*Into The Woods* has won many awards including 1988 Tonys for Mr. Sondheim's score and Mr. Lapine's book, the 1988 New York Drama Critics Circle Award for Best Musical, and the 1988 Drama Desk Award for Best Musical.

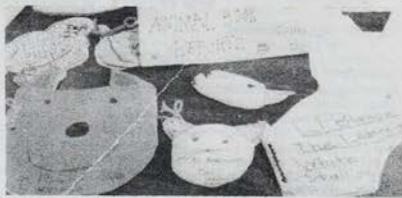
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Joseph Silverstein, music director of the Utah Symphony and former concertmaster of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, will perform at Sanders Theatre on Monday, April 2 at 7:30 p.m. He will be joined by pianist Sandra Rivers, who was awarded first prize for best accompanist in the International Tchaikovsky Violin Competition in Moscow.

The program will include Schubert's Rondo brilliant in b minor; Strauss' Sonata in E Flat Major for violin and piano; Leclair's Sonata No. 5 in e minor for two violins; Bach's Sonata No. 1 in g minor; Chopin-Silverstein's Nocturne in D flat Major; and Wieniawski's Polonaise in D Major.



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## Local News

## Jewish Community Center Of Rhode Island

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For further information please call Patty Gold at 861-8800.

## JCRCI Senior Programs For April

The Kosher Mealiste at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence, offers seniors activities at 11 a.m. daily Sunday through Friday followed by a hot kosher meal at noon. The meal is sponsored by Project

## Hope

For the month of April, the following special activities are planned:

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**Thursday, April 26, Ruth and Myer Arnold, "Sing-along Songs" and Jewish music, 12:15 to 1:15 p.m.**

The following activities are regularly scheduled:

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Every Monday at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence, Anne Steingold teaches Clinic and Duplicate Bridge at 12:30 p.m.

Call Lisa Goodman at 861-8800 for further information.

## Children's Theatre Production

## Cinderella Married

**April 4**  
The Children's Dept. of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence, will be presenting a Children's Theatre Production of *Cinderella Married* for the community on Wednesday, April 4, at 7 p.m. The play will be held in the Social Hall of the Center.

*Cinderella Married* was written by Rachel Field. The script indicates that Cinderella has been married for two years and she finds out life is not really "happily ever after."

Tony Annicone, Producer and Director, has been acting and directing plays in Rhode Island's Community Theatres for the past 12 years. Currently Tony

teaches drama at the Warwick Museum and with the East Greenwich Recreation Department. Recently Tony has appeared in productions presented by Newport Playhouse, Pawtucket Players, Top Hat Productions, Shakespeare Theatre and Matunuck Theatre-by-the-Sea. This show marks the 41st production Tony has directed.

Dean Jeegan, pianist, has been playing piano for theatre productions for the past nine years. She has played for Academy and Warwick Players as well as Newport Playhouse. She currently is one of the resident pianists for the Cabarets at Newport Playhouse.

Dan Kirby, singer, has been a professional singer for five years. He has performed on the Cape and in various clubs throughout Rhode Island. Dan, who also acts and dances, has played leading roles of *They're Playing a Song*, *A Chorus Line* and *Oliver*. He recently finished two cabarets at Newport Playhouse and appeared in Pawtucket Players ACTRI competition play, *I Bring You Flowers*.

The players for *Cinderella Married* are Erin Barry, Joshua Beraha, Katie Cohn, Tiffany

Compton, Amanda Fogle-Donmoyer, Veronica Gounaris, Ami Herish, Whitney Horton, Judd Schiffman, Alex Schoenfeld and Manuella Silverstein-Zonenstein. The songs that will be performed will be *The Best of Times*, *My Favorite Things*, *No Way to Stop It* and *Freedom*.

Tickets are \$1.50 each and are available in the Children's Department, at the reception desk or at the door. For additional information call Ruby Shalansky at 861-8800.

## Reserve Early for Community Seder

**April 10**  
Celebrate the second night of Passover in the Social Hall of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence, at 6 p.m.

The rituals and ceremonies will be conducted in English and Hebrew with Russian translation available. There will be a full roast chicken dinner; the cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. Reservations must be made by Tuesday, April 3.

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## Temple Emanu-El News

This month at Temple Emanu-El will be filled with musical highlights. The Passover festival is replete with Seder melodies, tunes for Hallel, and special Nusach (liturgical chant). On the first day of Pesach the Musaf service includes an extended prayer for Tal (dew). This poem, which is chanted with a haunting tune, heightens our awareness of the delicate nature of Israel's agricultural system. On the seventh day of Pesach, we read in the Torah about the crossing of the Sea of Reeds. Again, the chant is striking, for it reflects the triumphant tone of the Biblical poem, Moses' Song of the Sea.

Beyond the Passover holiday, we will be treated to a Shabbat of cantorial study and choral music. On Friday night, April 20, members of the Temple Emanu-El choir will perform pieces from the classical repertoire of the synagogue. At Saturday morning services, the Congregational Choral Club will augment our congregational singing. Along with leading our standard melodies in Shaharit, the Choral Club will present some new tunes for the Torah and Musaf services.

These pieces are selections from Max Wohlberg's "Chemed Shabbat," a musical service designed for encouraging congregational participation. Cantor Wohlberg, who will be our scholar in residence for the weekend, is the Nathan Cummings Professor of Liturgical Music at the Jewish Theological Seminary. We are fortunate to have him as our guest speaker and to have a dedicated group of musical congregants who will lead us in prayer with his music. Cantor Wohlberg's melodies offer a refreshing interpretation of our liturgy with music that is easy to learn and a delight to sing.

**Social Action**  
Mazon: A Jewish Response to Hunger was established four years ago. The idea of connecting every simcha with contributions for the hungry has since its inception earned approximately \$2,000,000 in grants to food banks and soup kitchens across America. Many synagogues in the United States have joined Mazon in its efforts to eradicate hunger. In order to become a Mazon partner, a formal board resolution of Temple Emanu-El has to declare its intention to

encourage its members to participate in the quest for social justice for those who daily suffer the pain of hunger.

Social Action's involvement with the Traveler's Aid Society program during March helped to alleviate hunger among the homeless in Providence. Each Sunday 120 sandwiches were prepared by students of the Midrasha and members of the Social Action Committee. Many thanks to: Ray and Alice Eichenbaum, Larry Singband, Norma Mushnick, Hadassah Davis, Liz Goldberg, Doris and Bob McGarry, Milton Scribner, Cele and Joe Katz and Herta Hoffman for purchasing the food, preparing and delivering the sandwiches to Traveler's Aid in downtown Providence. During the icy cold weather, many people waited in line to receive the food.

Todah Rabah to all the participants — especially the Midrasha students who arrive every Sunday morning to complete the sandwich making prior to classes.

**Passover Workshop**  
Let your feet do the walking through the pages of the *haggadah!* Working in teams, parents and children will experience the order of the Passover seder, learn specific prayers, munch the delicacies of the holiday and create tunes, cheers and ideas to enhance your home celebrations. Put on your sneakers and come prepared to learn and have fun on Sunday, April 1 at 9:00 a.m. in the Foyer of the Alperin Meeting House. It is important for parents to attend so children can obtain the maximum benefit from their experience. Come, learn and play together as we prepare for the Passover holiday.

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## Sons of Jacob Synagogue

**Friday, March 30** — Four days in the new month of Nisan. Candelighting at 5:48 p.m. Minchah at 6:58 p.m.

**Saturday, March 31** — Five days in Nisan. The Torah reading today is P'Vayikva. Next shabbos is Sabbath Hogodol. Morning services at 8:30 a.m. followed by the shabbos kiddush. Minchah is at 5:45 p.m. with Se'udah shelishis and Z'miroi. Maariv will be at 6:48 p.m. followed by the Havdalah service at 6:56 p.m.

**Sunday, April 1** — Morning services are at 7:45 a.m. followed as usual with coffee and refreshments. Minchah for the entire week will be 5:55 p.m. Morning services for Monday and Tuesday are at 6:30 a.m., and for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at 6:45 a.m.

### What is Passover

Passover is many things. It is a Festival of Freedom, when we recall how the A-mighty released our forefathers from slavery in Egypt, and helped a free people come into existence.

Passover is an agricultural festival, reminding us of the Land of Israel in the time of the First and Second Temples. In those days, our ancestors were farmers, tilling the soil for a livelihood. Passover marked the beginning of the grain harvest.

Passover is also a Pilgrim Festival. Three times during the year, the Israelites, according to the Laws of the Torah, went in joyous procession to Jerusalem, there to celebrate the Festivals of Passover, Shavuot, and Sukkot.

Passover is all of these things, but it is especially for children. Our ancestors were instructed: "You shall tell it to your son." The Seder serves the reading of the Haggadah, the Four Questions, the "stealing of the afikomen" — all these are meant to boys and girls, to teach them the

### Touro Fraternal News

Touro members, make sure you mark your calendar for the following events:

**April 25** - A full deli dinner, our new quarterly initiation and a great speaker about the Holocaust.

**May 6** - Family bowling. Touro will have a great time and this is a family affair. It will be held at Legion Bowl and is for just having a good time. No cut throat bowling. A great chance to get out with your family and see other Touro families. Sure, bring the kids, the bowling balls are the small ones. Prizes will be given out.

**May 9** - Election of officers and members of the board will be held at Touro Hall at 45 Rolfe Sq., Cranston.

**May 23** - Installation of officers at Touro Hall, a full catered kosher dinner will be served.

**June 16** - Touro will hold its annual Venus de Milo dinner dance.

On March 28 Touro had its Purim meeting and if you missed it you missed out on a great meeting. Nomination of officers and board of directors was held and a great kosher American chop suey dinner with hamantaschen for dessert.

On Sunday, March 18, Touro held its Twofor brunch at L.L. Evans and it was packed. Former mayor of Providence "Buddy" Cianci was the speaker and talked on everything from the Queen coming to R.I. to the state of R.I. and the political scene. The food was good and plenty.

If you are not a member of Touro Fraternal and would like to have good times and also make Jewish friends, join us at Touro by calling 785-0066 or drop us a line to Touro Fraternal

importance of this great holiday in the history of the Jewish people.

### Some Faraway Customs

There is the interesting ritual of the Caucasian Jews of Southern Russia. They greet the Passover seated on the earth, dressed in their best clothes, with a spear. This is their way of portraying the dangers that beset Israelites in the hurried exodus of Egypt.

In the eastern provinces of Portugal, near the Spanish border, you can find this custom among several communities of Jews, descendants of the Marranos, who escaped Portugal when the Spanish Inquisition hounded them. Since the finding of a single matzah could mean death to the entire family, the only reminder of the Seder among these people was a picnic held in the country. Inquisitive strangers would think it only a Spring outing.

The Yeminite Jews, and descendants of Bagdad families have their own way of performing the Seder. A child holds the roasted bone in one hand and an egg in the other. Then he asks the four questions, answering each one himself.

Customs vary, but the Seder is observed wherever there are Jews, and for all of us the Haggadah is a universal guidebook.

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## March of Dimes Sets WalkAmerica '90 Schedule

WalkAmerica for the March of Dimes, the first and largest walk-a-thon in the country will take place in eight locations throughout Rhode Island.

This year 16-kilometer walks will take place Saturday, April 28 at the State House in Providence and the Town Hall in Gloucester. On Sunday, April 29, walkers will take off from Colt State Park in Bristol, Goddard State Park in Warwick, and the Marquette Credit Union in Woonsocket.

Fall walks are set for Sunday, September 30 in Cranston, North Kingstown and Westerly.

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### Roitman to Close

**PROVIDENCE** — After 74 years of serving the home furnishing needs of generations of area families, Roitman & Son, Inc., the downtown furniture and interior design firm, is closing its doors.

Aaron H. Roitman, the "son" in the company's name, said continued increases in the cost of doing business have made the company unprofitable and forced this decision. He emphasized that the financial condition of the company is excellent. "We have no long term liabilities and our total available cash is more than adequate to cover all current and anticipated obligations," he said.

Roitman's will begin a Going Out of Business Sale soon and will remain open until all in-stock merchandise has been sold. "We intend to conduct this sale with the same high standards of integrity and fair dealing that have characterized our business these past 74 years," Roitman said.

The firm was founded in 1916 by Barnett Roitman. In addition to its main store on South Main Street, it operates Cash & Carry stores at the corner of South Main and Planet Streets here and in Marshall's Plaza, Route 5, at the Cranston-Warwick line.

teams formed by their company, school or club. Walkers recruit family, friends and business associates to sponsor them by making a donation. Last year, 1,021 Rhode Island walkers raised \$91,000.

Funds raised support the March of Dimes Campaign for Healthier Babies, a comprehensive program which involves genetic counseling, prenatal care, diagnosis and treatment of babies, and research into the causes of birth defects in Rhode Island and nationwide.

For more information contact the local Chapter at 781-1611.

## NCJW Open Meeting

The National Council of Jewish Women will hold an open meeting on Tuesday, April 3, 1990 at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence. Coffee will be served at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting will start at 10 a.m.

Guest speakers are Mr. Harry Kizirian and Rev. Dr. Richard Brown, two members of the community who attended the seminar in Israel sponsored by the Jewish Federation of R.I.

## Prominent Rabbi To Speak on Jewish-Christian Relations

Rabbi Harry Z. Sky, a pulpit rabbi for 40 years before retiring last year, will speak on "Bridging the Gap Between Christians and Jews: Where We Can Come Together and Where We Must Part" on Tuesday, April 3 at 7 p.m. in White 113, Kingston Campus. He is the third speaker in the URI Chaplain's Association speaker series this year.

Rabbi Sky has been a major figure in Conservative Judaism and Interfaith issues for many years. As a past president of the Maine Ministerial Association, he was very active in civil rights in the 60's, marched in Selma, Ala., with Martin Luther King. He has been in the forefront of pastoral counseling, presently serving on a committee appointed by the Governor of Maine to develop guidelines for counselors statewide. Rabbi Sky is a frequent guest to South County and the Kingston Campus as his daughter, Rina Sky Wolfgang, is the director of the Hillier Foundation at URI and Jewish Chaplain.

For more information, contact Rev. William Bartells, Protestant Chaplain, at 792-4784.

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### 1990 Holocaust Observance Program To Be Held At U.R.I.

The 1990 U.R.I. Holocaust Observance Program will be held on Sunday evening, April 15, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Union Ballroom, Kingston Campus and will continue on Wed. April 18, 7 p.m. with a candlelight memorial service on the Quad.

The program, which is organized by the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at the University of Rhode Island and co-sponsored by many other University organizations, is held annually in an effort to remember the six million Jews and other victims of Nazism who were killed in the Holocaust.

This year, the All-Children's Theatre Ensemble from Providence will perform the Holocaust play about children. /

*Never Saw Another Butterfly.* The cast includes ten actors ranging in age from 10 to 15. The performance will begin at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, April 15 in the Memorial Union Ballroom. Admission is free.

On Wednesday, April 18, at 7 p.m. on the Quad, an Ecumenical candlelight memorial service will be held. Representatives from all the co-sponsoring organizations will hold candles in a show of unity and humanity against the atrocities committed towards all of humankind during the Holocaust. The public is welcome to attend.

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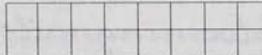
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The first meeting of the season for the Cranston Senior Guild will be held on Wednesday, April 4, at Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Avenue, Cranston, R.I. at 12:30 p.m.

Our guest will be Debra Wein, of the Rhode Island Blue Cross, who will speak on and answer all questions pertaining to Medicare, Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

At this meeting, plans and activities for the forthcoming exciting season will be announced. Refreshments and a social hour will follow.

Reservations for the installation/paid-up membership luncheon to be held at the Venus de Milo, Swansea, Mass. on Wednesday, June 6, will be accepted at this meeting. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this delightful event which as always includes a specially selected menu and excellent entertainment.

Your 1990-91 dues must be paid by June 1. Send dues to: Helen Forman, Financial/Membership Secretary, 145 Metropolitan Road, Providence 02908. Telephone: 521-0455.

Reservations for our annual "kick-off to summer" vacation at the Nevele Country Club, June 17 to 22 continues to grow. Don't be left out. Join us! Leonard and Louise Lyons, chairmen, still have several openings, but don't wait. Call them at 438-2634.

Happy Passover to all our members and friends.

### B'nai B'rith Youth Organization Breakfast

The second annual Friends of B'BYO Breakfast will be held on Sunday, May 20, 1990 at 9 a.m. at the Hilton at Dedham Place, Dedham, Mass. Honorees that morning will include Anne Gold of Brookline, Ben Summers of Scituate, Lee Marcus of Randolph, Anita Wassersug of Randolph and William Peirez, Special Guest Honoree from New York.

Special media guest personalities to be honored at the breakfast are Harvey Leonard, Meteorologist from Channel 7 TV, Mark Rosenthal, Meteorologist from Channel 5 TV, and Matt Segel from KISS 108 radio.

Breakfast Chairwoman is Seima Engler of Needham, and Chairman of the New England Region B'BYO Adult Board is Roger Baskin of Framingham. The New England Regional Director of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization is Dr. Ted Jacobs of Everett.

All proceeds of the breakfast will benefit B'BYO and checks and donations for the breakfast may be sent to the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, 1280 Centre St., Suite 230, Newton Centre, Mass. 02459-1544. Tel: (617) 969-8455.



### Labush-Rasnick

Dr. and Mrs. Leonard W. Labush of Pawtucket, R.I., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Karen Gail Labush, to Martin Kenneth Rasnick, of Boston, Mass. He is the son of Mrs. Elaine Rasnick and Mr. Arthur Rasnick, both of Worcester, Massachusetts.

Karen's maternal grandparents are the late Anna Feiler Labush and Max Feiler of Pawtucket. Her paternal grandparents are the late Sonia and Abraham Labush of Providence.

Martin's maternal grandparents are Fannie Rosenberg and the late Phillip (Pinchas) Rosenberg. His paternal grandparents are Mae Rasnick and the late Sy Rasnick, founder of S. Rasnick Company of Worcester, Mass.

Miss Labush graduated from the Providence Hebrew Day School, the Wheeler School, and Simmons College, where she received a B.A. in graphic design and art history and a Master's degree in elementary education. She is currently teaching in the Providence school system.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of the University of Mass., Amherst, and Suffolk University, where he received his M.B.A. He is associated with Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company in Boston.

A fall wedding is planned.

### Temple Emanu-El Leisre Club

Temple Emanu-El Leisre Club will hold their Sunday meeting on April 1, 1990 at 2 p.m. in the Bohnen Vestry of the Temple.

We have rescheduled the program — Barry Fain presents "A Russian Adventure" which was cancelled due to inclement weather.

The special guest will be Dr. Alexander (Sasha) Stonov, a former Refusenik, who was recently allowed to leave the USSR and settle in the United States. Several Temple Emanu-El members met him and his parents in Moscow last year. His parents continue to be refused permission to emigrate.

This will be an excellent opportunity to learn firsthand the status of Jews in Russia today.

Leisre Club extends an invitation to the Community to attend this special program.

Special hour will follow and refreshments will be served.

### Events At Brown

**Douing Lunch and Global Security: "The Future of Arms Control"**

Tuesday, April 3, 12 p.m. — As part of a semester-long series of luncheon talks on global security, the Brown Nuclear Education Project is presenting a talk on "The Future of Arms Control" at noon Tuesday, April 3, at the Urban Environmental Lab, 135 Angell St. Bring a lunch.

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### Gottlieb-Riter

Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Gottlieb take great pleasure in announcing the marriage of their daughter, Deborah Rae, to David James Riter, son of Charles B. Riter and Vicki Riter. The double-ring ceremony took place on Saturday, October 14, 1989, at the Bonnie View Country Club with Rabbi Murray Saltzman and Cantor Samuel Berman officiating.

The bride was escorted to the chuppah by her father, and was attended by her sister, Amy Lyn Gottlieb, as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Betsy Greenbaum, Lisa Gottlieb, Beth Fribush Mayers, and Melissa Mendelsohn Keiser, all childhood friends of the bride. Allison Kobin, cousin of the bride, was the flower girl.

The groom was escorted to the chuppah by his parents and was attended by his friend, Jimmy Kasoff, as best man. Ushers were Robert Elin, Danny Link, Rance Stoner, and Jimmy Reid, uncle of the groom. Michael Reid, cousin of the groom, served as the ring-bearer.

Also honored in the procession were the bride's grandmothers, Freda Frank and Anna Gottlieb, and the groom's grandparents, Max and Jeanette Riter and Clarence Reid. A cocktail hour, dinner reception and dancing followed the ceremony. After a honeymoon in Greece, Debbie and David are residing in their new home in Columbia, Maryland.

### Dressler-Fownes

Mr. and Mrs. Max Dressler of Warwick, R.I., and Palm Beach, Fla., announce the engagement of their daughter, Jodi Lynn, to Mr. Ian Fownes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Fownes of Tipton, England.

Miss Dressler is a graduate of Tollgate High School and Boston University. She is a special education teacher in the Wrentham Public Schools.

Miss Dressler is the granddaughter of Mollie Snyder, Pompano Beach, Fla.

Mr. Fownes is a graduate of Portsmouth Polytech and Bournemouth College of Higher Education, Reading, England.

A July 29 wedding is planned.

### Snows Announces Birth

Dr. and Mrs. Joel Snow announce the birth of their son, Ari Zack Snow, born on February 3, 1990, at Mercy Center Hospital, Aurora, Ill.

The maternal grandparents are Mrs. Ruth Bleau of Warwick and the late Mr. Leo Bleau. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Abe Snow of Cranston.

### Free Handbooks

Chabad Lubavitch has made available a number of pamphlets and handbooks on the Passover holiday. The pamphlets cover the basic laws of Passover, as well as the blessings and time for candlelighting. The Passover Handbook contains a digest of cosmetics, drugs and other items that may contain chometz (leaven) and therefore should not be used on Passover.

This material is free and available while the supply lasts by calling Chabad at 273-7238.

### Congregation Ohave Sholam

Services Friday night at this Young Israel congregation begin at 5:55 p.m. Shabbat morning a Kiddush will follow services which begin at 9 a.m. Shabbat afternoon Rabbi Jacobs will give his class at 5:10 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 morning, Rosh Hodesh Nisan, we stop saying Tachanun. Services begin 6:30 a.m. on Rosh Chodesh. From Tuesday morning, March 27, until Sunday evening, April 8, Rabbi Jacobs will act as an agent to sell your chametz after morning services on Sunday, April 1 and Sunday, April 8 after Ma-ariv or by appointment. He will also be available to sell your chametz.

Any questions about preparing your home for Pesach, products, sederin, etc., will be answered if you call 724-3552 day and evening until 11:00 p.m. except for Shabbat.

Rabbi Jacobs will give a Pesach seminar April 1 and April 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the shul.

### Singles Dance — Sunday, April 1

On Sunday evening, April 1, The Adult Singles Group and Suburban Jewish Singles Group of Temple Emanuel, Newton will jointly sponsor The Big April Dance. The Dance will be held in the Community Hall of Temple Emanuel, 385 Ward St., Newton and will begin at 7:45 p.m.

The Dance will feature the music of the Tony Bruno, Jr. Orchestra. There will be a cash bar, door prizes, and coffee and pastry.

All singles 30 and over are invited to attend the Dance. Admission is \$7 per person.

For further information on the Dance, call Chester Rubin, Director of Youth & Adult Activities at Temple Emanuel, 332-5770.

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Thursday, April 5, 8:00 p.m. - Elie Wiesel will be receiving the World Hunger Award from Center for the Study of World Hunger.

Friday, April 6, 5:30 p.m. "Soviet Social" - Local Soviet young adults will gather for a reception with Brown & RISD students at Hillel. This is part of a continuing effort on behalf of Brown and RISD students to aid in the settlement of new Americans.

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# Israeli Arabs Seek To Establish New Fundamentalist Political Party

by Gil Sedan  
 JERUSALEM (JTA) — The growing influence of Islamic fundamentalism among Israeli Arabs may soon be reflected in the Knesset.

A key fundamentalist leader, Sheik Abdullah Nimer Darwish, announced that he favored the establishment of a new Arab party which would have the Islamic movement at its core, but would close ranks with secular forces "to rally the Arab voters behind us."

"We must establish a unified Arab force which would unify the peace camp in the Arab sector, and would cooperate with the peace forces in the Jewish sector," Darwish told the Jewish

Telegraphic Agency. One of Darwish's first meetings following his declaration was with Arab Knesset Member Abdel Wahab Darousha, leader of the Arab Democratic Party, who had already welcomed the initiative.

The new list would be made up of the Islamic Movement, Darousha's Arab Democratic Party, the Progressive Party headed by Knesset member Mohammed Miani, and a number of young, independent — and secular — Arab mayors.

Darwish's move signals that the savvy Arab leader has realized that Israel's Arabs could achieve many more goals from within the political establish-

ment than by confronting it. Darwish took a step toward political activism during the last elections, when he called on his followers to endorse "any of the peace camp parties," thus expanding his support to the Citizens Rights Movement and Mapam parties as well as the Arab lists.

Darwish, who lives in the village of Kafr Kasim near Petach Tikva, has tremendous influence over his followers.

Observers said the move was inspired partially by the success of Moslem candidates in the municipal elections last November, when they took over five local councils, most important among them the Arab town of

Umm-el-Fahm, after years of Communist rule.

A growing rift between the Moslem fundamentalists and the Communist Party also spurred its creation.

At a meeting of the Arab Steering Committee, the leading body of Israel's Arabs, Darwish clashed with Nazareth mayor and Communist leader Tawfik Zayyad.

When Darwish challenged Zayyad's following among the masses of Israeli Arabs, Zayyad shot back that Darwish should start his own political movement

if he was so confident of his influence.

Darwish responded that "we, too, know the way to Jerusalem," and the next morning announced his initiative to set up the new list.

Darousha has estimated that the new list could receive anywhere between six and 10 Knesset seats in the next elections. The timing of Darwish's announcement was significant, as the present coalition crisis has indicated that new elections may be imminent.

## Golfers' Expo '90

Bob Toski, recognized as the country's top golf teacher, headlines the first annual Golfers' Expo '90 scheduled for Boston's Bayside Exposition Center March 30-31 and April 1. Toski will be at the show on Saturday conducting clinics and sharing many of his secrets and tips on how to play golf with winter weary New Englanders who are looking forward to an early Spring to play their favorite sport outdoors.

Also on hand throughout the show will be trick shot artist Paul Hahn, who will entertain both

golfers and non-golfers with his amazing and entertaining exhibition of trick golf shots and educational golf clinic.

Bruce Coltin of National Productions, Salem, Mass., producer of the show stated that Expo '90 was designed to accommodate golfers who have been eagerly looking forward to the outdoor golf season to get underway.

The show will feature the newest in golf equipment, free golf instruction, putting and driving contests and \$100,000 in prizes and giveaways, including a golf trip for two.

Golfers' Expo '90 is easily accessible by car or MBTA. Bay-

side Exposition Center is located just off Exit 15 off the Southeast Expressway near the MBTA's Red Line JFK/UMass stop, where north and south bound passengers on the Braintree and Ashmont lines can disembark. Show hours are 4-10 p.m., Friday, March 30; 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday, March 31; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, April 1. General Admission is \$6 for adults; \$2 for children under 12.

## Events At Brown

**Lecture: Judaism and Ecology**  
**Wednesday, April 4, 7:30 p.m.**  
 The Brown-RISD Hillel organizations are sponsoring a lecture by Ellen Bernstein, founder and director of Shomrei Adamah, a Jewish ecological stewardship center in Philadelphia. Her talk, entitled "Judaism and Ecology," will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 4, at Hillel House, 80 Brown St. The event is free and open to the public.

## Earth Fair at Community Center

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tion devices, energy reduction, gardening and recycling. Drivers can have their emission levels checked and receive seedlings from the National Arbor Day.

The setting will be upbeat and lively and will include folk singers, clowns and a magic show. "This will not be a heavy, depressing thing," Marwill said.

The Fair, however, will not include any detailed criticism of or information on corporate and government polluters — which many consider the source of the most planet-threatening pollution. Since the recent elevation of environmental problems to a "cause celebre," many environmentalists have stressed that continued focus on the individual polluter amounts to a band-

aid remedy and leaves out larger, more serious issues.

"My feeling is that we're all part of the problem," Marwill said. "Certainly large scale pollution from corporations is a big part also, but that doesn't free us from our responsibility to act. Each of us has an impact, if we act together we can have a huge impact."

Noting the number of environmental groups there, Marwill said any person wishing to become involved further in environmental concerns will be able to do so.

The Fair will take place April 1 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center on 401 Elmgrove Avenue.

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