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## Easter Offensive Launched Against Israel

by Elena Neuman

NEW YORK (JTA) — The holiest week of the year for Christians may this year become the setting for a unique offensive in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The Middle East Council of Churches, a consortium of 24 Middle Eastern churches, has launched a "prayer offensive" on behalf of the Palestinian people, to take place from Palm Sunday, April 8, to the Feast of Pentecost on June 3.

To be distributed to churches throughout the world, and in America by the National Council of Churches, the "Prayer from Jerusalem" seeks to "strengthen those who thirst for mercy and justice, but have been deprived of the right to live in dignity."

"We come to Jerusalem with you," the prayer reads, "and we see that there are those who live in fear. Grant them inner peace. Free them from the illusion that

depriving others of their rights, or even eliminating them, will provide security or reaffirm self-identity."

Jewish groups, including the American Jewish Committee and the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, as well as the National Council of Christians and Jews, have reacted to the prayer with alarm.

"We believe this prayer transmits a strong anti-Israel bias," said Rabbi A. James Rudin, AJCommittee's interreligious affairs director. It makes the "reckless and unjustified claim that Palestinian Arabs are being deprived of their 'very right to life' by Israel."

"Such language implies that the physical destruction of the Palestinian community is the goal and policy of Israel. This is malicious slander," he said in a statement.

Rudin asserted that the prayer

is a thinly veiled attack on the State of Israel in liturgical form. Its use during the Christian holy week would inject a divisive and polarizing element into such services, he said.

The National Conference of Christians and Jews fears that the prayer will sour Christian-Jewish relations. "I urge you to be alert in a proactive manner to tensions that may arise in your region over the 'Prayer from Jerusalem,'" Elliot Wright, NCCJ senior vice president of program development, said in a memorandum to NCCJ regional directors.

Arden Shenko, chairman of NCCRAC, went as far as to call the prayer a "theological screen for political extremism and distortion," filled with "mischievous innuendoes, sly insinuations and gross inaccuracies."

The prayer seeks to "divide, polarize and to inflame," he said.

But the National Council of Churches does not see what all the fuss is about.

"I think they've read a lot more into the prayer than is there," said Charles Kimbell, the council's Middle East director. "To call it anti-Israel is to read it with prejudice. I think there are many positive points in the prayer that are being overlooked."

The council, which serves as an umbrella organization for 32 church denominations and approximately 45 million constituents, insists that the prayer is not unfair or inappropriate.

"It's no great surprise that there are serious issues of lack of full rights on the part of the Palestinians," said Kimbell. "What you're hearing is the words of Palestinian Christians who are praying. This is the concern that they themselves have voiced."

"We are merely responding to

their request that it be distributed," he said. "Churches can use it or not use it as they see fit."

Some churches, in fact, have decided not to adopt the prayer. The Dutch Council of Churches and individual Protestant churches in West Germany have refused to use the prayer, calling it "one-sided."

The Middle East Council of Churches, which goes under the name Christians for Peace in the Holy Land, was initiated at an international meeting in Geneva in November 1989, but its origins date back at least two years.

In January 1988, the heads of Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Lutheran and Anglican churches in Jerusalem issued a joint statement calling upon churches throughout the world to join them in a search for a "real peace based on justice" for all the people of the region.

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## Diamonds are Forever — So Don't Blow it.

by Kathy Cohen  
Herald Assistant Editor

Shopping for diamonds can be a trying experience for couples searching for their first precious stone. After all, selecting a diamond ring is the first opportunity to buy a piece of fine jewelry, one that will last forever and one that can be passed from generation to generation as a keepsake.

There are many things to consider before actually buying a stone. First, how much should one spend? Everyone wants both quality and value when they purchase their individualized ring, but what can they afford? They can afford both if they go by the two-month salary guideline — not spending more than one sixth of one's annual salary. This way a couple can buy the best quality diamond and not break their budget.

Once the price range is settled, the shape of the stone and other factors like the four C's (cut, color, clarity and carat weight) will come into play.

The five most common shapes

according to Peter Pritsker, owner of the Providence Diamond Co. in Warwick are the round brilliant, oval, marquise, pear, and emerald cuts.

Pritsker, a twenty-year veteran of the diamond business, explains that 80 to 85 percent of diamonds cut in the world are round brilliant and 15 to 20 percent are oval, marquise and pear shapes.

"Most of the mines are filled with diamonds in the round brilliant shape," says Pritsker. "They cut the diamond into a rough form and the stones are then sent to a number of diamond cutters."

The most popular cut is the marquise. And because of the great consumer demand which is currently creating a shortage of that particular shape, its price is higher than the others says Pritsker. Consumers can expect to pay 20 to 25 percent more for the marquise diamond, versus the round brilliant.

When diamonds are mined they are usually in a rough octahedron (a solid stone bounded by

eight plane faces) form. The diamonds are sent to the Diamond Syndicate which sorts the different types, then distributed to various cutters. The stone is cut into shape by a professional cutter who follows the nature of the diamond. Any "waste" is then cut into stars of one to three point size and are placed in a pavé setting — a very popular style in the jewelry industry today. The cutting centers of the world are in Antwerp, Belgium; Bombay, India; Ramat, Israel and New York City, New York. After they're cut, the precious stones are distributed.

The consumer can be easily misled, says Pritsker, if they aren't familiar with the four C's. Diamonds can also play tricks to the human eye. Where two stones of the same size and shape may look similar, their price and quality can vary dramatically.

The best thing a consumer can do is become an educated buyer or they may wind up paying a sum for a stone that is considerably above its actual retail value. Again, the four C's are paramount.

Cut Remember, don't confuse cut with the shape of the stone — marquise, oval, pear, heart or emerald. Diamonds are cut into a number of different shapes, depending on the nature of the rough stone. An experienced cutter will cut the stone enabling it to best capture and reflect light creating more brilliance and sparkle, thereby looking great on the hand.

Color Diamonds are found in a range of colors but the best color

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Rabbi James Rosenberg lifts his cup for a kiddush during the children's seder at Temple Habonim in Barrington. Shown are Jason Owen, Carolyn Gouse, Emily Spura. See page 8. Photo by Dorothea Snyder.

### Whose Leaders?

## Partisan Brokers Exchange Punches

by Howard Rosenberg  
WASHINGTON (JTA) — A Jewish advocate of the Democratic Party accused a Republican counterpart recently for being an "apologist" for President Bush's recent statement on Jews seeking in East Jerusalem.

Hyman Bookbinder, consultant to the recently created Democratic Jewish Study Group, made the charge to Ben Waldman, executive director of the National Jewish Coalition.

The Jewish Study Group was founded earlier this year by prominent Jewish Democrats to provide a stronger Jewish voice in the Democratic Party from outside the party structure.

The NJC, which was founded "the start of the Reagan

administration, is the official Jewish voice of the Republican Party.

Bookbinder specifically attacked Waldman for refusing to comment publicly during the debate, before the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, on the administration's position on East Jerusalem.

"Frankly," Waldman replied, "the most important role of a group of supporters is to be there during the bad times."

Only privately would a senior Jewish Republican official say here that Bush "made a mistake on an issue that we all concerned about."

For his part, Waldman at (continued on page 7)



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## The New Soviet Aliyah:

## For Most Olim, Economic Needs Take Precedence Over Politics

(Part 2 of a Series)

by Allison Kaplan

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Recent Soviet Jewish immigrants aren't very eager to talk politics. Right now, they are interested mainly in the policies of the Israeli government that will help or hinder them in their quest for a successful life in Israel.

Former prisoner of Zion Natan Sharansky is a case in point. Since immigrating to Israel four years ago, he has chosen not to lend his prestige to any single political party. Instead, he cultivates relations with all parties in order to achieve the goals of his advocacy group, the Soviet Jewry Zionist Forum.

Like Sharansky before them, Soviet Jews settling in Israel today only talk about such things as the future of the administered territories and the "Who is a Jew" controversy to the extent that these issues directly affect their lives.

In one sense, the immigrants learning Hebrew at the Mevasseret Zion absorption center must literally face the situation on the West Bank every day. The windows of their classroom look right into hills that lie beyond Israel's 1967 border.

Felix Kramer and his wife, Natasha, who have been in Israel for six months, have considered living in the administered territories, situated just beyond their doorstep.

Despite his short time in Israel, Felix already has formed an opinion on the future of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"I think they are Israeli territory," he said. "There already is a Palestinian state — Jordan. How many Arab countries do they need to have?"

Frankly, Kramer said, he can't understand why Americans, particularly American Jews, are so interested in which side of the so-called Green Line he chooses to live on.

"It seems they are more worried about the Arabs than about us," said Kramer, a serious-looking, balding man whose young son clings to his trousers.

"It's a little dangerous to live in Hebron," Natasha admitted. "But there is a possibility of going to Kiryat Arba," the large Jewish settlement located adjacent to Hebron.

The source of some of the Kramers' political education was more readily visible when a Canadian friend, fellow immigrant Howard Grief, revealed that before immigrating, he was only protecting existing employees of the Tehiya party, which favors expansion of Jewish settlements in the territories.

Grief was excited to be undergoing the absorption process along with the new Soviet immigrants. "Yigal Allon once said, 'Give me 1 million Jews, and we can keep Judea and Samaria.'"

"The demographic argument against Israel keeping Judea and Samaria will now be destroyed," he said. "Even if the Soviet Jews don't go there immediately, the demographics will change."

Only a small percentage of Soviet Jews have chosen to settle in the West Bank until now. But how many will seek housing there in the long term is still an open question.

The mayor of the West Bank settlement of Ariel, Ron Nachman, loudly defying U.S. wishes, is aggressively trying to attract Soviets to his settlement. He has been bringing Soviet immigrants to his settlement with very limited success, far from the large numbers he would like.

"Our class took a trip to Ariel," said Galia Lando, who teaches Hebrew to Soviet immigrants in Rishon le-Zion. "They were polite, but when we came back home, nobody seemed interested in settling there. They said it looked like a lonely place."

"Anyone who wants can go there," said Leonid, a student in the ulpan class. "But nobody wants to go there."

Leonid, who asked that his last name not be used, explained that the West Bank settlements seem isolated to many Soviet newcomers. Moreover, he believes the immigrants' desire for a secure future cannot be satisfied



The family, which lived in Vilna, came to Israel as part of the UJA/Federation Operation Exodus Campaign, which is raising \$420 million for the resettlement and absorption of Soviet Jews in Israel. (UJA Press Service Photo by David Rubinger.)

in the face of Palestinian hostility.

If Soviet Jews move to the West Bank in significant numbers, it will not be because of a government initiative or their own ideological beliefs. More likely, it will be the same force that drives many Israelis to move there: sheer economic necessity.

But even the Soviets with no intention of moving to the West Bank highly resent the prospect of being restricted from living in any part of the country. As in every other aspect of life, they want the freedoms and privileges of any other Israeli.

It is for the same reason that an Interior Ministry requirement that immigrants must prove their Jewishness before being registered as Jews has become a sore point with the Soviet newcomers.

In mid-February, Sharansky's Soviet Jewry Zionist Forum

threatened demonstrations if clerks at the Interior Ministry continued to demand documented proof of the immigrants' Jewishness.

Mariana Zhoutyah, an English teacher from Kishinev, has been here a month. Because of her fluency in English, she is optimistic about landing a good job. The questioning of her Jewishness is a blot on her mainly optimistic feelings about life in Israel.

"I left my birth certificate in my office in the Soviet Union," she said. "I am afraid now to go to try to get an identity card for myself, my mother and my children."

Her fear stems from the experiences of a neighbor.

"He is a blind man, 61 or 62 years old. When he went to the Ministry of the Interior," she said, "he didn't have his own birth certificate, but he had his

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## The Histadrut at Seventy

by Simon Griver

(WZPS) — The Histadrut (General Federation of Labor), now celebrating its 70th anniversary, is much more than a trade union movement; it runs Israel's largest bank and controls 25% of the economy while its 1.4 million members comprise almost half of the total Israeli electorate. In addition the movement's Kupa Holim sick fund ministers to 80% of the population.

## Role

"The Histadrut is a unique mixture of socialism and capitalism," explains Professor Abraham Friedman of the Hebrew University's School of Business Administration. "The theory was always that the best way to protect employees' rights was to be their employer."

Moreover, in practice, the Histadrut's vital historical role in helping to found the Jewish state resulted in the development of a huge economic empire as well as an institutional influence which goes well beyond the bounds of labor and industrial relations. Founded in 1920 by a group of Zionist Labor leaders it was David Ben Gurion himself who led the Histadrut in its formative years, serving as general-secretary from 1921-1933.

The country's first prime minister, Ben Gurion visualized the Histadrut, from the outset, as the tool to shape the economic foundations on which the Jewish state would subsequently be built. He defined workers' interests as not only protecting existing employment but in initiating new enterprises. Thus the Histadrut complemented the Jewish Agency by creating jobs for new immigrants and employment for settlers. In this fashion the Trade Union Movement itself became an entrepreneur.

## Influence

In molding the Histadrut, Ben Gurion combined Eastern European central economic planning with Western European social democratic trade union rights. Admirers of the Histadrut claim he extracted the best of both worlds enabling the Israeli economy to grow steadily and strongly despite wars and massive immigration. Critics of the Histadrut feel Israel inherited the worst of both worlds with official bureaucracy and persistent strikes stifling economic potential.

Indeed it was Ben Gurion himself as prime minister who introduced legislation to curb trade union rights. "During the

British Mandate the Histadrut fulfilled government functions," he said in speech in 1956. "Since the founding of the state the continuation of these functions is a superfluous burden."

Nevertheless, the Histadrut's influence in formulating government economic policy remained formidable. On this score there were critics from all sides. The right considered Histadrut pressure kept wages too high, thus damaging overall economic performance, while the left claimed that the Histadrut's indivisibility from the ruling Mapai (Labor) establishment resulted in workers' demands being compromised too easily.

All the same the Histadrut remained in essence a democratic movement. Membership is open to both Jews and Arabs, including Arabs living in the administered territories. Elections are held every four years for both the national executive and workers' committees. Women members also vote for the Na'amot leadership, the women's division of the Histadrut, which

has traditionally championed the fight for women's rights.

## Change

The Likud has tried to exploit the democratic nature of the Histadrut. Following their electoral success in 1977, the Histadrut fiercely fought against Begin's economic liberalization policies. Unable to confine the Histadrut's role to industrial

relations the Likud adopted an 'if you can't beat them join them' strategy. Its declared aim is to take over the Histadrut through internal elections and then sell off its commercial interests, reallocate the health fund and restrict the Histadrut to employer/employee negotiations.

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# Editorial

## Narragansett Bay Watch: April

**Bay Dictionary**  
**Individual sewage disposal systems:** On-site systems that provide for the treatment and disposal of household wastes. A system usually consists of a septic tank, where organic solids settle out and are partially broken down, and a drainage bed or trench, where the remaining liquid wastewater is dispersed and treated by passage through the soil.

**Conservation Highlight**  
 Conserving water offers multiple benefits, including extending the life of your septic system, saving money, and protecting water resources from contamination and depletion. The following simple practices will help protect the Bay from the threat of sewage contamination.

- Fix plumbing leaks — a steady drip can waste up to 20 gallons of water a day.

- Install low-flow devices in showers and faucets, and place tank blocks in toilet tanks to save up to five gallons of water with every flush.

- Run dishwashers and washing machines with full loads.

- Don't run water continuously when washing dishes, brushing your teeth, shaving, or showering.

**Preventing Bay Pollution In Our Own Backyards**

Where public sewers are not available, private homes depend on on-site sewage disposal systems to provide for the treatment and disposal of household wastes. In Rhode Island, 40% of the population relies on individual sewage disposal systems.

Too often homeowners with private septic systems forget that whatever goes down the drain or toilet ultimately either finds its way into the soil or remains in

the septic tank until it is pumped. Substandard private septic systems, especially in older residential areas, have led to the contamination of groundwater resources and surface waters in Rhode Island (Middlebridge, Hope Valley, Portsmouth) and elsewhere.

Septic systems receive wastewater from our bathrooms, kitchens and laundry rooms. Household wastewater must be treated after it leaves the home because it contains chemicals, nutrients and disease-causing microorganisms — bacteria and viruses that cause a multitude of diseases including hepatitis, gastroenteritis (stomach aches, fever and diarrhea) and typhoid.

Many household products contain toxic chemicals, including general cleaners, drain and toilet cleaners, solvents, furniture polish, silver polish, bleach and

pesticides. These toxic contaminants are not removed during the normal purification processes that take place in a septic tank or in the soil, and these toxic chemicals may eventually contaminate both groundwater and surface water supplies.

Many simple practices can ensure a longer life for a private septic system and protect fragile water resources.

- Conserve water: it is the simplest way to maintain a functional septic system. Conserving water saves wear and tear on the system and prevents soil saturation (a major cause of system failure).

- Have your septic tank pumped on a regular basis (as often as every two years). Proper maintenance can extend the life of your system.

- Dispose of trash and household chemicals properly — don't use the toilet or the sink as a trash can.

- Use chemical-free cleaning

products that don't pollute.

- Don't use garbage disposals, they unnecessarily burden septic systems with solids and grease. Compost food scraps, or place them in curbside trash for disposal in a sanitary landfill.

Private actions, in our homes and our communities, can have a positive impact on the water quality of Narragansett Bay. Locating new housing in sensitive areas puts added pressure on critical water resources. State laws, city and town comprehensive plans, and local zoning ordinances must reflect the public support for protecting Bay waters.

Judith Korch, The Narragansett Bay Project

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## It's Never Too Late

The Exodus from Egypt, commemorated by the current festival of Pesach (Passover), was ordained by G-d to take place in the season of Spring. Moreover, the Torah has ordained that special care must be taken so that Pesach should always fall in the spring, as it is written: "Observe the month of Spring and keep the Passover unto G-d your G-d, for in the month of Spring G-d your G-d brought you out of Egypt." The fact that the Exodus from Egypt took place in the Spring is explained by our sages as indicative of a special Divine kindness, in taking the Jews out of Egypt during the most pleasant time of the year. As in all other matters of Torah, many significant aspects and lessons may be derived from this.

In nature, Spring reveals all the natural forces which were dormant and hidden during the Winter; the grass grows and the trees bring forth blossoms, which turn into ripe fruit later on.

The same idea may be applied to man, for there can be a state of "Winter," or apparent unproductivity, in the life of a person. But no Jew or Jewess should consider himself — and certainly should not consider another — as having terminated his usefulness, even though a long period of fruitlessness has elapsed. Given the proper inspiration and stimulus, the state of "Winter" can easily and suddenly be changed into "Spring" and blossom time, which eventually will ripen into good fruits for G-d and man.

The significance of "Springtime" in Jewish life is suggested by the festival of Passover as indicated in the Torah in the aforementioned verse: "... for in the month of Spring G-d your G-d took you out of Egypt, etc. ..." For two hundred and ten years, the children of Israel lived in Egypt, in physical and spiritual slavery, stagnating in the abominations of Egypt. It did not seem that there could be a revival of Jewish life. Yet, there occurred the Exodus in the middle of the month of Spring, and the children of Israel were completely free; so free, even spiritually, that in a very short time they became worthy of receiving the Torah — the zenith and fulfillment of the entire universe.

Submitted by Rabbi Y. Laufer.

## Chometz & Matzoh — Arrogance & Humility

Jews are strictly forbidden to eat any leavened foods on Passover. Bread is replaced by "Matzoh" — flat baked wafers made only of flour and water. Jews the world over take scrupulous care to avoid eating even the smallest particle of chometz.

The characteristic of leavened dough (chometz) is that it rises and swells, symbolizing pride and boastfulness. A Matzoh, on the other hand, is thin and flat, suggesting meekness and humility. Passover teaches us that "chometz" — arrogance — is the very antithesis of the ideal of Torah.

When an arrogant man is confronted with the obligation of performing a mitzvah that demands a measure of self-sacrifice (for example, Charity, which involves sharing his possessions

with his less fortunate fellow) he avoids fulfilling his obligation. He reasons: "I am wealthy because I deserve it. In fact I am entitled to more than I presently possess, so why should I give some of it away?" Moreover, the egotism of the arrogant person

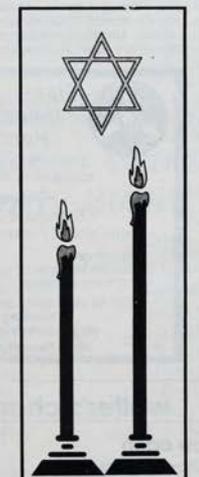
deprives him of the ability to do the worthiness of his neighbor and he smugly concludes that the other is truly far below

his level. According to his logic the cause of his neighbor's poverty is readily understood: "That pauper surely does not deserve any better!" "Now," he thinks to himself, "if G-d sees fit, and rightly so, that this man be poor, should I interfere and help him?"

Such egotistical reasoning leads the haughty individual to do more and more evil. Yet, he will never perceive the evil of his actions and repent of them. For, even when he is forced to concede that his actions are improper, he finds various causes "beyond his control" that prevailed upon him to act as he did. Moreover, even when he cannot find any excuses to satisfy his conscience, nevertheless, "Self-love covers all transgressions." He may be a spiteful evil-doer who cannot invent, through any stretch of the imagination, any level of reasoning to justify his behavior, yet self-love blinds his eyes and covers his evil.

The humble man, on the other hand, has quite the reverse attitude, both with regard to his fulfilling the Mitzvos as well as

deprives him of the ability to do the worthiness of his neighbor and he smugly concludes that the other is truly far below



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## College Chat: Oppressed Jews Are Not A Thing Of The Past

by T. J. Feldman

While immigration restrictions on Soviet Jews are just now being loosened, there are still Jews living under oppression throughout the world.

This column begins the first installment of my series on oppressed Jewry. We will begin with Ethiopia. By the time you read this I will have lobbied on Capitol Hill for the release of Jews from Ethiopia. The problems Ethiopian Jews face are complex and many — but the urgency of their situation cannot be overemphasized.

Currently, Ethiopia is under the rule of Colonel Mengrota, a hard-line Marxist who took brutal control in 1974. He rules with an "iron fist" and is considered to be highly unpredictable. However, he is currently embroiled in a civil war as well as a war with neighboring Tigrans. He has sustained considerable losses. Without diplomatic ties to the United States, and without full-fledged support from the Soviet Union, the Colonel needs new allies.

In November, Ethiopia re-established diplomatic ties with

Israel — yet very few Jews are being allowed to leave monthly.

In the early 1980s when both Operations Moses and Joshua took place, only those who were strong enough to survive the treacherous route to Sudan were airlifted to Israel. Over 15,000 Jews, including women, very young children and the elderly were often left behind. Thus, families have been snapped — mother separated from daughter, father from son — the emotional strain on these people is considerable. The basic human right of family reunification has been denied by the government.

Ethiopia face serious problems to say the least. A civil war rages close to the villages. Because of a lack of preventative medicine and curative facilities, polio and malaria are quite common. Water supplies are contaminated and carry disease. A simple cut may prove fatal or crippling. Vitamin deficiencies cause blindness and thyroid problems.

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## Time Out

## Beauty and the East

## Perfumes and Cosmetics in the Ancient World

by Ava Carmel

(JZPS) — After visiting the "Perfumes and Cosmetics in the Ancient World" exhibition at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem, one can conclude that women in ancient times were just as beauty conscious as they are today.

One thousand items, from a gigantic 15-ton alabaster bath from Herod's time, to ancient perfume bottles and tweezers, hairpins and combs, are on display — all strikingly similar to their modern counterparts.

A 2,000-year-old pottery flask with a thick, musty liquid oozing out. Could this be balsam oil, the major ingredient of ancient perfumes, often used by Cleopatra?

Recently found wrapped in palm leaves in a Judean Desert cave, this flask inspired curator Michal Dayagi-Mendels, to assemble a thousand-piece exhibition called "Perfumes and Cosmetics in the Ancient World," at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem. The period represented is from 3,000 BCE to 500 CE and most

of the articles on display are from the collections of the Israel Department of Antiquities.

What makes the show so universally appealing is the fact that the objects were not chosen for their beauty, nor are they arranged by culture or in chronological order. These are everyday toiletries, grouped according to function.

## Making Bathing a Delight

The fastidious ancient Egyptians bathed at least once daily and to keep their skin from drying out, they anointed their bodies with fragrant oils, which were kept in marble, stone or alabaster pots.

Going to the public bath and sauna was a social occasion for the Romans. Men would spend many hours there, bathing, exercising and having their bodies massaged with various ointments. Emperor Nero's wife bathed daily in perfumed asses' milk, while other pampered Roman women made do with creams and unguents applied

after bathing. A massive alabaster bathtub, weighing a ton and a half, hails from Herod's palace near Jericho. It has room enough for two, but lacks a drain.

The Greeks associated cleanliness with sports. The body was oiled before a game. Afterwards, excess oil was removed with an L-shaped scraper called a strigil and poured back into an aryballos, a bottle of pottery or stone, decorated with graceful drawings. Whimsical aryballoi in the shape of a duck, an owl and a porcupine are also on display.

## Beauty Aids

Then, as now, women took great care in applying their makeup. Egyptians rouged their lips and cheeks, darkening their faces with red ochre. Sumerians applied yellow ochre and the Babylonians, white lead powder, even though they knew it was dangerous. Roman women used crocodile excrement to lighten their skin — beauty above all... Detailed recipes for ointments to remove blemishes and wrinkles



FOR SUPPORTING CANTORS — At a reception in his home in Miami, Haim Wiener (left), president of the American Society for the Advancement of Cantorial Arts and the Gila and Haim Wiener Foundation, presents a kiddush cup to Rabbi Adolph Shayevich of Moscow's Choral Synagogue for his assistance to the cantorial festivals in the Soviet Union that have been sponsored by the Wiener foundations in recent years to promote a resurgence of Jewish life in countries where the art of hazzanut formerly flourished. At Rabbi Shayevich's right are Cantor Daniel Gildar of Philadelphia, accompanist on the cantorial festivals, and Cantor Gregory Groysman, a native of the U.S.S.R.

are outlined in a 16th century BCE papyrus.

Eye makeup (kohl), was first used in Egypt, as a protection against eye diseases, repelling the little flies that transmit eye infection and shielding the eyes from the sun's glare. The upper eyelids and eyebrows were blackened and a line of powdered green malachite applied to the lower lid. Fanciful animal-shaped bronze Kohl containers from Afghanistan and delicate multi-colored glass tubes from Eretz Israel are also on display. According to Jewish sources, Kohl "stops the tears and promotes

the growth of eyelashes."

Cutting and styling hair and beards became fashionable about the 3rd millennium BCE. Tweezers, scissors, hairpins, and combs were strikingly similar to those in use today. One Egyptian hand mirror bears the touching hieroglyphic inscription, "A mirror which Hega made for his daughter, his beloved It-Katy."

## Hair

Ointments to prevent hair loss — "fat of lion, hippopotamus, crocodile, cat, snake and ibex" — were used in ancient Egypt.

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## Asset Allocation:

## Look Before you Leap

by Jeffrey &amp; Milton Brier

Asset allocation has been a buzz word in personal finance for several years now. At times it's been used by some as a marketing ploy to attract reluctant investors still frightened by Black Monday in 1987, and more recently, by Friday 13 in 1989.

But is asset allocation really a novel investment strategy, or is it just a fancy name for "diversifying your investments?"

Whether you've already jumped on the bandwagon or are still waiting on the sidelines, here is the bottomline on what asset allocation is, and what it's not.

Asset allocation is nothing more than a systematic approach to diversification, and comes in two versions: tactical and strategic.

Tactical asset allocators are market-timers in disguise. They base investment decisions on economic and political forecasts, which can be much like looking into a crystal ball. A manager who uses tactical asset allocation typically turns over investments more frequently, which often leads to higher expenses. In turn, the result can be increased volatility — clearly inconsistent with the smoothing effect of portfolio diversification.

Perhaps most importantly, there are no long-term studies which indicate that market timing is worthwhile. In fact, you have to be right at least 75 percent of the time just to break even, after accounting for mistakes and transaction costs.

Strategic asset allocators, on the other hand, place specific percentages in various investment classes, and leave them relatively unchanged. These percentages are chosen based on the investor's long-term needs and risk tolerance. As you approach retirement, for example, you might prefer to minimize your risk and shift from growth to income and/or cash equivalents.

Strategic asset allocation is the age-old concept of sensible diversification, where you gain

with minimal pain. The goal is to reduce risk more than you reduce investment return. By spreading your money over a wide range of investments, such as stocks, bonds, real estate and cash, you maximize return for the least risk. That is, losses in one area are often offset by gains in another.

As the chart indicates, for the 10-year period ending December 31, 1989, a diversified portfolio provided investors with a return second only to stocks, with a standard deviation (risk factor) only slightly higher than that of a money market fund. The standard deviation is the degree of volatility one could normally expect from a given asset class. For example, for the ten-year period ending December 31, 1989, money market returns have averaged 9.58%; but in any given year, one could normally expect this rate of return to vary up or down by as much as 3.25%.

## Your Options

If you've got the aptitude and time, you can do your own asset allocation. In today's world, there is no shortage of financial

publications to assist you, including the *Wall Street Journal* and the many newsletters that are full of hands-on advice. The real benefit to this approach is that you can tailor a program to your specific financial needs.

If you elect this method, you must decide whether to place your money in individual stocks or to diversify through a mutual fund. The answer in most cases depends on how much money you plan to invest. If you opt for individual securities, the general rule of thumb is that you should hold a minimum of 15 stocks in at least eight different industries to achieve proper diversification. Assuming round lot purchases (100 shares) at an average share price of \$40, an investor would need \$60,000 to create a diversified stock portfolio alone!

As a result, many investors have turned to mutual funds for liquidity, diversification, and professional management. Employing this approach, an investor can diversify across various asset classes with as little as \$10,000.

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# World and National News

## Dinkins Raps Israel, Praises Jackson and Tutu

by Elena Neuman

NEW YORK (JTA) — New York Mayor David Dinkins defended Jesse Jackson, Nelson Mandela and Bishop Desmond Tutu, while at the same time criticizing Israel for its relations with South Africa, in a speech he delivered on black-Jewish relations last week.

"In truth, there has never been an absolute consensus between our two communities," Dinkins said. "What we have had is a remarkable degree of agreement on the ends we seek, if not always the means by which we would arrive at those ends."

The mayor was addressing a select crowd of prominent Jewish and black community leaders, who were assembled at Hebrew Union College to view a new photo documentary exhibit, "Blacks and Jews: The American Experience, 1654-1989."

While Dinkins made references to the "historic alliance" between black and Jewish Americans — including the 1909 formation of the NAACP, the civil rights cases of the 1940s and '50s, the '60s marches and the deaths of Schwerner, Chaney and Goodman — he also addressed some of the black positions and issues that have been sore points in the black-Jewish relationship.

The issue of Jesse Jackson's attitudes and various public statements about Jews has been of particular concern to Jews nationwide, as well as in New York.

While Dinkins admitted that Jewish apprehension over Jackson's "Hymietown" remarks "is understandable," he said that the black politician had "humbled himself" at the 1984 Democratic

National Convention.

"It is not productive to continue to raise issues for which Rev. Jackson has apologized," the mayor said.

Dinkins also defended South African black leaders Nelson Mandela and Bishop Desmond Tutu, both of whom recently upset the American Jewish community by equating the struggles of the Palestinians and black South Africans.

Mandela, shortly after his release from prison, made a public appearance with Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasir Arafat.

"It is legitimate for Jews to be concerned about those comments, and to seek a dialogue on this and other issues," Dinkins said. "But displeasure with the comments can be expressed in a way that will not lead to any interpretation that the Jewish community is displeased with the anti-apartheid struggle."

Dinkins noted African-American dismay over Israel's past relations with South Africa, saying Israel cut its military ties to the apartheid regime only after objections were raised in the United States.

"Israel can be a true 'light unto the nations' and lead the fight against apartheid by imposing full sanctions and divestment," Dinkins said.

At this point in the program, a note was passed to Paul Steinberg, HUC vice president and dean of faculty, from HUC President Dr. Alfred Gottschalk. It was announced afterward that the college would be awarding Mandela an honorary degree and would like Dinkins to sponsor it.

According to Dinkins aide

Herb Block, the honoring of Mandela was unexpected. "I don't know for sure whether they decided on the spur of the moment or not, but it was definitely a surprise."

The rest of the mayor's speech was without surprises, however. Dinkins called for a renewal of the inter-ethnic alliance of yore but with a new agenda: combating social ills.

"For our enemy is not each other. Our enemy is hunger and homelessness and despair; the scourge of AIDS and the same of drug abuse; our enemy is the sense of futility, the feeling that nothing can be done," said Dinkins.

"Here are the real issues, the true challenges. Let us renew the strength of the bonds that unite us. Let us march together always as the foot soldiers of freedom."



Former Soviet prisoner of conscience Yosef Begun (second from right) recently visited Jewish National Fund leaders at the agency's headquarters in New York City, where he was greeted by Dr. Samuel I. Cohen, JNF executive vice president (left); Charlotte Jacobson, JNF past president and member of the International Steering Committee for Soviet Jewry and the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, and Zevi Kahanov, JNF director of projects.

## Ethiopian Jewry Threatened By Civil War

by David Friedman

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The 15,000 to 20,000 Jews still left in Ethiopia are in grave danger because of the ongoing civil war raging in the northern part of the country, activists for Ethiopian Jewry warned recently.

"The Jewish community has never been in worse condition," said Barbara Ribakove Gordon, executive director of the North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry.

"Thousands are trapped in Gondar, where civil war has been intense," she said. Gondar, the province where most Jews live, has been cut off from outside relief workers because of the intensity of rebel activity there. Concerned that the civil war and an impending famine may kill as many as 5 million people

in the provinces of Eritrea, Tigre, Welo and Gondar, 86 members of the Congressional Caucus for Ethiopian Jewry have signed a letter to Secretary of State James Baker urging diplomatic action to prevent millions dying from starvation, and to help bring about an end to the civil war.

**"... The Jewish community has never been in worse condition ..."**

William Recant, executive director of the American Association for Ethiopian Jews, said that government troops and rebel forces "hopscootch through the Jewish villages and as a result, there is no firm authority structure in place."

This has allowed non-Jews to rampage through the Jewish villages, Recant said. "There have been reports of 25 murders this past year, and reports of looting and crops being stolen."

But it is not only Jews that are in danger — a drought in northern Ethiopia could bring about the worse famine since 1984-85.

While most Jews live in Gondar, there are some Jewish villages in Welo.

The plight of Ethiopian Jewry can only be solved when there is a cease-fire and a political settlement of the various conflicts in Ethiopia, said Rep. Stephen Solz (D-N.Y.), a co-chairman of the Congressional Caucus and the author of the letter sent to Baker recently.

"Only then will conditions be established that will enable Ethiopia's proud Jewish community to be reunited with their families in Israel," Solz said.

"At a time when we are witnessing a dramatic allyah of Soviet Jews to Israel, it is incumbent upon us not to forget the forgotten Jews of Ethiopia."

The letter, signed by 16 senators and 70 members of the House, said that "it is clear that this situation requires immediate attention at the highest diplomatic levels to keep millions of Ethiopians from dying."

The congressmen urged the administration "to press the United Nations to become actively involved in establishing urgently needed corridors of safe passage for food and supplies between government and rebel-controlled areas."

Baker was also asked "to engage the Soviet government in efforts to influence" the regime of Mengistu Haile Mariam to begin negotiations with the rebels. "Only a cease-fire and a comprehensive peace plan will end this 28-year-old conflict," the letter said.

Even if the war ends, Recant believes this will be the last generation of Jews in Ethiopia. The Jewish community is no longer "a viable community" since it is made up now mostly of women, children and the elderly, he said.

Gordon noted the Jewish communities are also disappearing because "a tremendous number of Jews had to flee their villages from attacks." They have left what was a closely-knit Jewish community centered on their religious leader and synagogue.

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## Third Seder Celebrated Zionist Dream



Alter Boyman, one of the founders of the "Third Seder."

by Eleanor F. Horvitz

This year the first night of Passover was observed on April 9 and some families held a second seder on April 10. However, in Rhode Island there was a tradition of a third seder.\* The originators of this third seder were Alter Boyman, Henry Burt and Morris Beeber. The first gathering was held in 1926 in Zinn's Restaurant, located in downtown Providence. With the growing popularity and large attendance of the third seder, the event was shifted to the ballroom of the Narragansett Hotel. Eventually it was held in the meeting hall of Temple Emanu-El.

The third seder was a cultural and friendly gathering of people with similar ideas. Mr. Segal explained the popularity of the third seder, "Zionists came because everything they heard about Histadruth (a federation of trade unions in Palestine) was like hearing good news from distant relatives. People in general came because the stories told about Jews working on farms, Jews building the land, children speaking Hebrew in the streets, at play and in the home sounded like a miracle. And so they came and filled the great hall to capac-

ity year after year." This was also an occasion at which aims and programs of the Histadruth were set forth, and the annual campaign drive for it was begun.

In conjunction with the third seder was the distribution of a magazine entitled, *Providence Passover Journal*. It was published from 1926 to 1964. The Journal contained articles which reflected the activities of Jewish organizations in Providence and in Palestine, and after it became the State of Israel. On file in the archives of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association are several issues of this Journal which contain many interesting articles and poems by local rabbis and other distinguished writers in the community during those years.

This group of Labor Zionists were proud of the fact that they had originated the Third Seder in Providence and even proud of the fact that many other communities in the United States had emulated this custom of holding a third seder.

\*Beryl Segal author of "The Third Seder and the Passover Journals" which appeared in *Rhode Island Jewish Historical Notes*, Volume 8, No. 1, November 1979.

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## Diamonds

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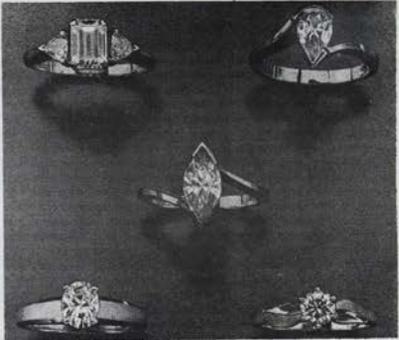
**Clarity** Most diamonds contain very tiny natural blemishes known as inclusions which can be viewed through 10-power magnification by a trained eye. The fewer and smaller the inclusions are, the less likely that they will interfere with the passage of light. The G.I.A. also sets the standards for clarity from Flawless (F), Internally Flawless — minor surface blemishes (IF), very, very small inclusions (VVS1 — VVS2), very small inclusions (VS1 — VS2), small inclusions — eye-visible inclusions (I1 — I3). The fewer the blemishes, the more valuable the stone.

**Carat Weight** Of the four C's, carat is the easiest to determine, but don't be fooled by the size of a diamond. A large stone doesn't necessarily mean a better quality stone — quality depends on its cut, color and clarity. A diamond is measured in carats. One carat is divided into 100 "points," so that a stone weighing 25 points actually weighs .25. Buying a smaller diamond with more points of quality may cost more, but they'll appreciate more in the long run.

For example, a one carat diamond with Imperfect blemishes will cost from \$800 to \$900; a VVS1 one carat diamond with top color will cost about \$1,800 and a one carat diamond with Flawless clarity, and H color will cost \$3,000 to \$4,000.

All of these guidelines will help one make a decision when one is faced with a vast array of rings from which to choose. The best advice, though, is to seek the expert advice of a retail jeweler who can explain the four C's in more detail and show the difference between a high and low quality diamond.

For more information on diamonds, call The Providence Diamond Co. at 823-1555 or visit them at the Highland Plaza, 1000 Bald Hill Road, Warwick, R.I. 02886.



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## Partisan Brokers

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tacked the American Jewish Committee for making the claim that "the Jewish interests in America are pro-choice, pro Equal Rights amendment" and in favor of a version of child-care legislation that would bar aid to sectarian-based programs.

Bookbinder had been the AJCommittee's Washington representative and still serves as a consultant.

"There should be a truth in packaging law that says that Jewish groups can't go out and say, 'this is the Jewish position,'" said Waldman. "There is only one Jewish position on issues — and that's halacha," he argued.

Waldman said the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith "certainly has fought against that kind of pigeonholing that all Jews are the same, that you can throw them a bone on a certain issue and they'll all walk in line like lemmings to the polls and vote for your party."

But Bookbinder noted that Jews have traditionally supported Democratic Party positions.

"Jews in this country who understand what their interests are, make a judgment that the Democratic Party is the right party," said Bookbinder.

Waldman tried to deflect criticism of Senate Minority Leader Robert Dole (R-Kan.), who earlier this year proposed a 5 percent cut in U.S. foreign aid to Israel and the other top recipients.

"It was Senator (Robert) Byrd (D-W.V.) on the Democratic side who said, 'No, Senator Dole, a 5 percent cut in foreign aid for Israel would be bad. Twenty percent would be better,'" Waldman argued.

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Ian Hancock is the UNICEF Representative to the United Nations for the World Romani Union and has been active in the Romani civil rights movement since the mid-1960's. A Board Member of the Austin Chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, he has spoken widely on the Romani Holocaust. Professor of English and Linguistics at the University of Texas at Austin since 1972, Ian Hancock also reads and writes Yiddish and serves on the Jewish Studies Program faculty. It gives Temple Beth-El great pleasure to welcome this distinguished scholar into our midst. Members of the community are welcome to attend. Call 331-6070 for further information.



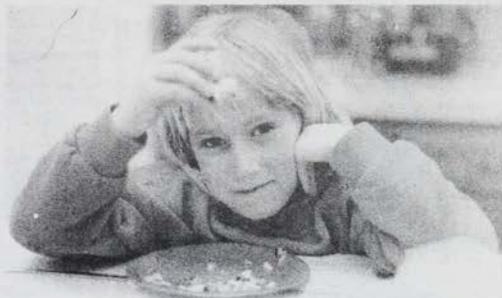
## Around Town

by Dorothea Snyder

## Children Celebrate Passover At Temple Habonim



Reacting to a witty moment are David Hirsch, Rebecca Kemp, Heather Homonoff, and Rachel Stein.



Pre-schooler Arielle Zern enjoys a macaroon cookie made by Helena Friedmann's second grade class.



Dr. Ellen Loeb spoons charoset on the plates of students Ben Karten, Jeremy Fisher, and Ashley Kaplan.



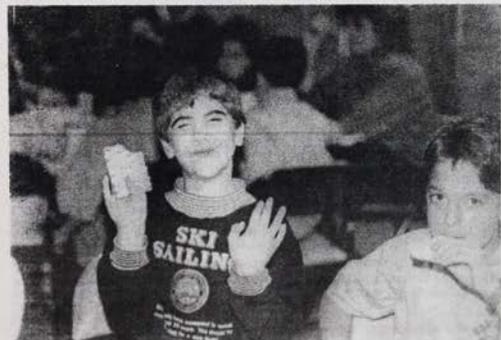
Max Feil-Seifer watches the children's seder from the lap of his mom, Leslie Feil, who chairs the education committee for Temple Habonim's religious school.



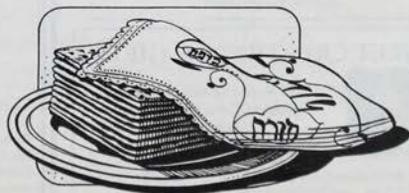
Fifth and sixth graders prepared their own seder. Shown are Sandra Little, Wendy Shand, Susan Berman, Hank Kurtzman, Andrew Fisher, David Rosenberg.



Among the fifth and sixth graders creating their own seder were, from left, Molly Lacher Katz, Anya Manes, Rachel Korber, Andrew Fisher, Ben Kaplan, Benjamin Goldman, David Rosenberg, Jesse Adelson, Hank Kurtzman. Behind are Greg Krauss, Matthew Homonoff, and Daniel Burstein.



Munching into matzoh during the seder are Dan Siegel and Benjamin Manes.



Photos by Dorothea Snyder

## Arts and Entertainment

## Festival Ballet Presents "A Midsummer Night's Dream"

Festival Ballet will present one of the great works of ballet, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, on Saturday, May 12 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 13 at 2:30 p.m. at the Providence Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$16.50 to \$23.50, with discounts for children and seniors and are available by calling 353-1129 or 421-ARTS. Tickets are also available at all Ticketron outlets or by calling Teletron. These performances are sponsored by Mass Mutual Life Insurance Company, Grimes Box Company and M&F Case Company.

*A Midsummer Night's Dream* is a ballet in one act, inspired by a play by William Shakespeare, with music by Felix Mendelssohn and choreographed by Christine Hennessy. Also on the program will be a new, world premiere work by Kevin Milam, entitled *Dickenson*, inspired by the poetry of Emily Dickinson and music of Aaron Copeland. When Emily Dickinson died at the age of 23, he had published

only seven of her grand opus of 900 poems. After her death, scholars, family and lovers of great poetry made certain that her once unknown poems became known to the wider world. Emily's great skill as a poet and her extraordinary insight into the complex predicament of human beings appealed to Kevin Milam, choreographer of *Dickenson*. When speaking of Emily's poetry, Kevin says that it is her quest to discover the mysteries of life which he finds so very moving and appealing. Kevin has listened to Emily's words as put to music by Aaron Copeland, a composer extraordinaire, and has "felt" the very spirit of the poet. This spirit, a spirit of a woman intrigued by the mystery and beauty of life, be it with the extreme joy or the impossible sadness, and also a fascination with the inevitability of death, has served as the artistic inspiration for the creation of *Dickenson*.

Kevin warns, however, that in

spite of the clear and precise imagery of Emily's poetry, his choreography is not meant to be a literal translation of words or the music, nor is it intended to be a work centering on one single theme. The poems, as dance pieces, ought to be viewed as 11 separate compositions which reflect the images and feelings Emily's words had given to the choreographer. Joining Kevin Milam and dancers will be mezzo soprano Beth Kershaw and pianist James Busby in presenting the 11 songs of Emily Dickinson as set to music by Aaron Copeland. Miss Kershaw is a Providence based singer who has performed with the Providence Singers, the New Music Ensemble and is currently a soloist at the Central Congregational Church.

Also on the program is Frederick Ashton's *Monotones II*. For more information please call 353-1129.

## Legends In Concert Extended

*Legends In Concert*, a musical tribute to the superstars of yesterday, has been extended four more weeks through Saturday, May 12, 1990.

The show, completely live with no lip-synching, brings the likes of "Elvis Presley," "Marilyn Monroe," "Buddy Holly," "Nat King Cole," "Ray Orbison," and more to the stage. These performers bring to life the true timeless star quality of the legends they portray. The new World Trade Center has been converted "into an exact replica of the Vegas theatre," said John Drew, the Center's president.

*Legends* opened at the Imperial Palace Hotel in Las Vegas in 1983 and has won the "Show of the Year" award every year since its debut in Las Vegas, as well as the International Press Association's 1988 "Show of Shows" award.

Boston television producer Jack Roberts has combined the excitement and energy of John Stuart's original Las Vegas cast with the impact of high tech video and a live orchestra under the direction of T.K. Kellman, former music arranger with Bobby Darin, Paul Anka, and Tony Orlando.

Performances are Wednesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.; Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30.00, including free parking at the World Trade Center. For tickets and information, call the box office at (617) 439-5777; for group sales, call (617) 738-7011 or (617) 426-6444. Ticketron at 1-800-382-8080.

performance at Sanders are \$8.00 (\$5.00 for students) and may be purchased at the door or by mail. Send checks payable to The Wang Center to Griffin Concert, The Wang Center, 270 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02116. The May 1 performance at Holy Cross is free. For further information, contact Vera Gold, (617) 482-9393.

## New Stage For Alias Stage

Polish playwright Janusz Glowacki's *Hunting Cuckoos*, will be presented by Alias Stage at their new space at the Atlantic Mills, 120 Mantom Avenue, Olneyville, April 26 through May 20.

This off-the-tenement-wall comedy was a hit with the New York critics when it premiered at the Manhattan Theatre Club in 1987.

Janusz Glowacki came to the United States for a visit in 1982 just before the clamp-down on the Solidarity movement and decided to stay. His novel about Solidarity, *Give Us This Day*, was banned in Poland and published here. Joseph Papp gave him his first break into the American theatre scene in 1984 when he produced his play *Cinders* at the Public Theatre to great success.

Translated by Jadwiga Kosicka, *Hunting Cuckoos* is directed by Steven Soobikian, assisted by Baha Sadr.

The performance schedule is: Thursday, Friday, Saturday evenings at 8 p.m.; Sunday matinees on May 6, 13, 20 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$8.00. Special group rates available. Call 521-2312 for reservations.

## Comedy At Trinity Rep

Rhode Island playwright Tom Griffin's *Amateurs* opens April 25 and runs through June 3 in the Downstair Theatre at Trinity Rep.

Previously performed at The Alley Theater in Houston in 1984, the Trinity Rep production is a radical reworking of the original script. Tom Griffin also wrote last year's smash hit performed at Trinity Rep, *The Boys Next Door*.

The cast includes Timothy Crow, Janice Duclos, Jonathan Fried, Peter Gerety, Ed Hall, Barbara Meek, Nicolas Mirz, Cynthia Strickland, and Dee Pelletier.

Performances are Sundays and Tuesdays at 7 p.m.; Wednesday through Saturday at 8 p.m.; and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. One Wednesday matinee on May 9 and two Saturday matinees on May 19 and 26 are scheduled at 2 p.m. Call 351-4242.

## National Theatre Workshop For The Handicapped

Providence College will host the National Theatre Workshop of the Handicapped, whose disabled members will visit the college on Saturday evening, April 21, to present a festival of short works.

The short works were written for the workshop by playwrights from across the country, and depict disabled persons as ordinary human beings.

The workshop was founded in 1977 by Rick Curry, S.J., a Jesuit brother who is missing his right forearm.

The public is invited to attend the event, which begins at 8 p.m. and will be held in Blackfriars Theatre. General Admission is \$5. Admission for students, senior citizens, and faculty is \$3.

Tickets will go on sale April 17. Reservations may be made by calling the Blackfriars Theatre Box Office at (401) 865-2218. For more information, contact the Providence College Theatre Arts Department at (401) 865-2327.

## College Chat: (continued from page 4)

is only one doctor. The average life expectancy is 39 years. The infant mortality rate is 15.5 percent.

Poverty, of course, is pervasive. Nearly 90 percent of Ethiopians make less than \$150 a year, one-third of which goes to the government. With a war going on, planting crops is difficult at best. Empty bottles and used paper are sold in the market place. To the children, the most precious commodity is a pen and paper to do their schoolwork. Often boys no older than 13 are conscripted into the army.

Furthermore, the consolidation of smaller villages into larger ones at random is putting Ethiopian Jews in danger. This process will doubtless cut off their roots and further assimilation. In many sections, the practice and study of Judaism is

already forbidden. Violators can be thrown in jail and tortured. Violent attacks on Jews by government sponsored forces are not uncommon.

These problems are only the tip of the iceberg but the urgency is obviously undeniable. Experts say that if the remaining Jews are not permitted to leave for Israel, within 20 years they will perish. They will be the last generation unless we help them.

We must pressure our legislators to work for the release of our Ethiopian brothers and sisters—we just can't forget them. Those of us living in the American Jewish community need to use our freedom to speak out and to act to help those who cannot help themselves.

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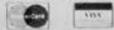
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# Local News

## Temple Emanu-El News

### Joseph Teverov Memorial Lecture

The Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island invites the community to attend a lecture by Dr. Benjamin Chinitz, in memory of Joseph Teverov, on Sunday evening, April 29, at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Avenue, Providence. Dr. Chinitz will speak on "A Layman Interprets the Bible."

Joseph Teverov, a past president of the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island, was deeply involved in many aspects of Jewish communal life in Rhode Island. Through this annual lecture, his family and friends hope to keep alive his love for his Jewish heritage, his devotion to Israel, and his commitment to adult Jewish education.

Ben Chinitz was born in New York City shortly after his parents arrived there from Russia. His father was an Orthodox Rabbi and a teacher of Talmud. He was, therefore, as one might expect, educated from childhood through adolescence at Jewish schools, culminating with his B.A. from Yeshiva University.

After completing his doctoral studies in Economics at Harvard University in 1956, Ben embarked on a very diversified career as author, professor, academic administrator, government bureaucrat, and consultant, specializing in the fields of Urban and Regional economics. His work, which centered on the

factors which make for economic growth or decline in specific areas, brought him into contact with federal, state, and local governments. He served in the Johnson Administration as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development prior to his coming to Brown as Professor of Economics in the fall of 1966. While at Brown he was an advisor to the late Governor Licht.

He was privileged to meet with three Presidents in the White House: with John F. Kennedy just 10 days before his assassination, with Lyndon Johnson in the summer of 1964, and with Richard Nixon in the spring of 1970. He also participated in a White House Conference during the Carter administration.

Since fall 1987, Ben has served as Director of Research at the Lincoln Institute in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The Institute's focus is on the challenge of harmonizing private and public interests in land development.

Throughout his career, Ben has maintained a strong interest in Jewish life, in the Jewish community, and in Jewish Education, his own as well as that of others. He is a former president of both the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island (1975-76) and the Boston BJE (1985-88). His special interest has been adult education.

His favorite texts, both for learning and teaching, are the Bible, the Talmud, the Midrash,

and Maimonides' Mishneh Torah.

Since 1976 Ben has been a member of a small corps of Torah Interpreters at the Saturday morning services at Temple Emanu-El in Newton, Massachusetts, where the Chinitz's now reside. Over the years he has repeatedly dealt with Moses as his subject and he has, as a result developed a profile of Moses as leader and role model which he wants to share with his friends in Providence on the occasion of the Annual Joseph Teverov Memorial Lecture.

Millie and Sam Eisenstadt, co-chairs of the Adult Education Committee which coordinates this program, would like to welcome the community to this special Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island Lecture and reception which will follow.

### Religious School News

On Sunday, March 11, the Prosodur class of Temple Emanu-El's Religious School delivered collected food to the Rhode Island Community Food Bank in West Warwick. The class was met by Tom Javor, assistant director of the Food Bank. Tom took us on a tour and explained in detail how food is collected, stored and distributed. The Rhode Island Community Food Bank is a member of Second Harvest, a coalition of 200 food banks around the country. Efficient communication between food banks and food producers helps to rectify the great contra-

diction of surplus food and hungry people in our nation.

Todah rabah to all those who contributed to the Purim Food Drive. Rosemary Brier's Bet class won the contest by bringing in the most weight. Each Bet student will be treated to a gift certificate at Maximilian's. A special thanks to Marilyn Klein, our parent volunteer, for helping us all get to West Warwick for an interesting, exciting, mitzvahdik morning.

### Temple Emanu-El's Sister Congregation to Bar Mitzvah Congregation Eshel Avraham,

our sister synagogue in Beer Sheva, Israel is celebrating its Bar Mitzvah year. Though the congregation has been in its own building, the Goldsmith Educational Center (named in honor of Beth and Harold Goldsmith of Baltimore), for only three years, the congregation has existed for thirteen years.

As part of the Bar Mitzvah celebration, the congregation recently sponsored a party during which many of the congregational highlights were recalled in pictures and words. Beginning with only a handful of members over a decade ago, today Eshel Avraham boasts some 85 families including both Sabras and immigrants from numerous countries including Russia, Argentina, Romania, Scotland, France and the United States. Another activity of the Bar Mitzvah year has been an art competition for Beer Sheva high school

students. Art students were asked to submit works on the verse from Sayings of Fathers "Where there are no responsible people, try to be one." This is the first time that a synagogue in Beer Sheva sponsored an art competition.

The photo shows the Goldsmith Educational Center with a banner proclaiming "Congregation Eshel Avraham - Bar Mitzvah Year."

### Jewish War Veterans Post #23

The Jewish War Veterans Post #23 will be holding a dinner meeting Wednesday, April 18, at 7 p.m. at Eileen Darling's Restaurant in Seekonk, Mass. We will be offering three dinner selections which are fish, breast of chicken and Yankee pot roast. All dinner reservations must be made by calling Commander Charles Abrams at 941-6841 no later than Friday, April 13. The cost of this dinner will be \$5.00 per person. Also, we will be holding bingo at the Jewish Home for the Aged on Thursday, April 19, and are in need of comrades to assist in bringing the patients down from their rooms and also to assist during the bingo in the social hall, please contact Sam Eisenstadt at 941-1819 for details.

I would like to wish each comrade, their wives and families a HEALTHY AND HAPPY PASSOVER.

### Dvorah-Dayan Na'Amat/USA

The next meeting of the Dvorah-Dayan Chapter of Na'Amat/USA will meet at the home of Jackie Teverov, 400 Narragansett Parkway, Warwick on Monday evening, April 23, at 7:45 p.m. Our meeting will feature guest speaker Abbott Lieberman whose topic will be "Adventure in Retirement."

A portion of our business meeting will be devoted to discussion of our next fund-raising event, A Yard Sale on Sunday, June 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the home of Seymour and Ceil Krieger, 381 Cole Avenue.

We are turning to our members and friends and asking for new and used saleable merchandise. Our committee will be more than eager to pick up whatever you have collected from friends or merchants. We must decline used adult clothing.

Chairperson for this event is Ruth Garber. Please offer your help or merchandise by calling her at 725-3728 or the Kriegers at 351-2139.

Proceeds from this project will be used for the Na'Amat fund which helps cover absorption

expenses for Soviet Jews who choose to live in Israel. Monies received help provide day care, high school scholarships, seminars on Judaism, holiday celebrations at Israel community centers and special guided tours to acquaint the new arrivals with life in Israel. All contributions are tax deductible.

### Annual Yard Sale

As we make plans to have our Annual Yard Sale on Sunday, June 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., we must turn to all our friends and members to ask for your help in collecting saleable items to be sold and used. If you have knowledge of individuals who would be willing to contribute a variety of saleable goods, please contact them to ask for their assistance. Our committee will be more than eager to pick up any merchandise... other than adult clothing.

Chairperson for this event is Ruth Garber. The sale will be held in the yard of Seymour and Ceil Krieger, 381 Cole Avenue, Providence. Please offer your help or merchandise by calling Ruth Garber at 725-3728 or the Kriegers at 351-2139.

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Again, we ask all our friends to make these tax deductible contributions to help make our Sale a success. We are grateful for your assistance.

### "In Silence" Speaks About The Holocaust

As part of Holocaust Memorial Week, the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum is sponsoring the play, *In Silence*, on Tuesday, April 24 at 7:30 p.m. The play, which is free and open to the community, will be performed by Theatre Works, Inc. at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence.

*In Silence* is set in a holding cell in Warsaw, Nazi-occupied Poland in 1943. The cast of characters includes five women who are awaiting sentencing by the German militia and two German soldiers who guard them. The play raises questions about issues of responsibility and examines the roles people played during the Holocaust. There will be a discussion after the play, with the actors answering questions from the audience, which will include Holocaust survivors.

John A. Kelly is directing the Woonsocket-based Theatre Works group in its dramatization of Kenneth Robbins' play, *Carl Johnson*, who plays the part of the Nazi major says, "This story needs to be told. It's not a happy play but it is electric and strong. I loathe the character I play, but find him interesting. We all feel strongly about this production — it is not just another play to us."

Theatre Works, Inc. has about 30 members and performs throughout the state. Its purpose is to bring works that are not otherwise being done to the general public.

For further information, contact Beth Cohen, Curator of the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum at 861-8800.

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## PHDS — To The Jewish Home



Student Council president, Adina Szendro, other officers and representatives made cards for Passover to share with the elderly at the Jewish Home for the Aged.

On Thursday, April 5, officers and representatives went to the Home to deliver the cards made by all the children in the school.

## April Brings Support Groups For Mothers

New mothers and mothers of young children will be able to share experiences and ideas during two six-session workshops offered by The Parent Exchange at Jewish Family Service, 229 Waterman Street, Providence. The workshops, "Mothers and Infants" and "Moms and Young Kids," will begin the week of April 23; the fee for each six-week workshop is \$50.

"Mothers and Infants" offers a forum for new mothers to discuss and share about the growth and development of their babies themselves and their family life. Mothers are encouraged to bring their infants up to eight months old.

Mothers of toddlers and young children can find answers to issues of letting go, setting limits, child development and parent development in "Moms and Young Kids." Specific topics like sibling rivalry, integrating a new baby into the family and only children may be discussed.

The Parent Exchange at Jewish Family Service is a non-secular resource for parents, providing workshops on a wide range of parenting issues, professional guidance for everyday problems on the WARMLINE, 331-KIDS and a non-circulating resource library of educational materials on parenting skills and child development.

Call The Parent Exchange at 331-1244 for dates, times and registration information. The Parent Exchange workshops at Jewish Family Service are open to all who wish to attend.

## Plantations/Roger Williams B'nai B'rith To Honor Fischmans

Professor and Mrs. Burton Fischman will be honored at this year's Youth Service Award Breakfast sponsored by Plantations/Roger Williams Unit #5339 B'nai B'rith. Burton and Rhoda have served the youth of this area selflessly for the better part of the last twenty-five years. Burton, a professor at Bryant College, established and nurtured the Hill on the Bryant College campus. He and Rhoda have devoted all the years to helping students meet the needs of a Jewish Life away from home. They have also been active in youth affiliated organi-

zations at the Jewish Community Center and Temple Emanuel. The Fischmans exemplify the meaning of the Youth Service Award.

The breakfast will be held at the Days Hotel, 220 India Street, Providence, R.I. on Sunday, April 22, at 10:00 a.m.

Committee workers are Carole and Harvey Millman, Co-Chairpersons; Adrienne Uffer, Ad Book Chairperson; Sheila Mittelman, Decorations; Lois Hopfenberg, Invitations. Others on the committee are Burt and Rhoda Fischman, Martin Uffer, Howard and Ivy Rabinowitz, and Ann Gaffin, Ex-Officio.

For further information or reservations, please call Carole Millman at 831-6220.

## Jewish History Course Offered

A six-week course entitled "Eyewitness to American Jewish History" will begin on Thursday, April 19 and run consecutive Thursdays through May 24 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island. A complement to a first semester course on Jewish history under Tsars and Soviets, these classes are made possible by an Endowment Grant from the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. Using primary source documents and films, the course will focus on the themes of acculturation and assimilation, hope and despair in American Jewish history from the Colonial Period to the present time.

While aiming to familiarize recently arrived Soviet emigres to the Jewish history of their new

Southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island Cantors Assembly colleagues will join in concert on Sunday evening, May 13 at 7:30 p.m., at Temple Beth-El, 385 High St., Fall River, Mass. Free bus transportation will be provided from participating cantors synagogues. Cantors Buckner (Congregation Tifereth Israel, New Bedford, Mass.), Dress (Temple Am David, Warwick, R.I.), Gewirtz (Temple Torat Yisrael, Cranston, R.I.), Mayer (Temple Emanu-El, Providence, R.I.), and Wolberg (Temple Beth-El, Fall River, Mass.) will be donating their time and talent to offer the community an enjoyable evening of Jewish music and to benefit the Cantors Assembly recruitment campaign. Mr. Steven Martorella, an accomplished concert artist will be the accompanist.

The cantoriae is facing a serious shortage of members. The attrition rate of Cantors Assembly members is unfortunately exceeding the rate of new men and women entering the ranks. Even large, prestigious congregations have had a limited number of

country, the course is free of charge and open to the public. A translator will be available during classes and all source material will be translated into Russian. The classes will be taught by Evelyn F. Brier, Educational Director of the Harry Elkin Midrasha of the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island and Temple Emanu-El Religious School. Please call the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island, (401) 331-0956 to register.

## 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 Mishkon Tfiloh Passover Services

Last Days Tom Tov Sunday, April 15, Mincha 7:10 p.m. followed by Maariv.

Monday, April 16, morning services 9 a.m., Mincha 7:10 p.m., followed by Maariv. Tuesday, April 17, morning services 9 a.m., Yizkor approximately 10:45 a.m., Mincha 7:10 p.m., Maariv 8 p.m., Havdalah 8:15 p.m.

## Community-Wide Cantors Assembly Concert

applicants for vacant positions and have had to manage without full time cantors for periods of time. Families, businesses, and organizations can surely manage without full resources for short durations of time. However, the viability of an organization must have its vital organs in order to sustain itself in the long run. What would synagogue life be without the dignified voice and music of the Hazzan? Without properly trained b'nai mitzvah and baalei Tfilah? A Passover seder without Dayenu singers? Some have suggested that the rabbi represents the head of a congregation and the cantor, its heart. How can the synagogue and its reliant sister Jewish organizations anticipate any future without the pulse of the hazzan?

It is the Cantors Assembly's hope and prayer that the laity recognizes the problem outlined above and helps contribute to its resolution. Currently, the Cantors Assembly is involved in an ambitious and vitally necessary \$1,000,000 fundraising effort to recruit and train new hazzanim.

## Youth Activities For April

### Club 456

Club 456 has planned a roller skating party on Thursday, April 19 (during school vacation), from 6:30 to 9 p.m. for children in grades 4-6. Admission Club 456 members is \$8, non-members \$16.

### Outdoor Club

On Sunday, April 29, grades 9-12 are invited to a game between the Boston Red Sox and Oakland "A's." Participants will leave the Center at 11:30 a.m.; return at approximately 5:30 p.m. Admission is \$15 for Outdoor Club members and \$20 for non-members.

For information on either activity call Michele Bram at 861-8800.

## Pawtucket - Central Falls Hadassah Donor Dinner

In honor of the 65th birthday of the Pawtucket-Central Falls Chapter, Hadassah will hold its annual Donor Dinner at the newly decorated Providence Marriott Hotel on May 14, 1990, at 6:30 p.m. Proceeds from this Donor Dinner will benefit the Hadassah Medical Organization which started more than seven decades ago bringing the latest medical technology to the people

Many individuals throughout New England and the nation have become "Friends of the Cantors Assembly" by donating \$250-\$1000 annually to help insure the presence of a new generation of cantors as shilhay tsibbur, teachers, pastors, chaplains, composers, concert artists and community leaders.

On Sunday evening, May 13, at 7:30 p.m., all that wish to, can help! Attend and enjoy the New England Region Cantors Assembly Concert at Temple Beth-El, 385 High St., Fall River, Mass. Individual tickets are on sale for \$7.50. Patrons (\$50) and Sponsors (\$36) will provide two preferred seats and names printed in the program. You may call the participating cantors and synagogues to buy your tickets and reserve your seat on the bus, or you may contact another local Cantors Assembly member who will be happy to make the ticket arrangements for you.

of Israel. This medical program is Hadassah's commitment to the people of Israel regardless of race or creed.

New officers for the 1990-91 term will be installed. Entertainment will be provided by Bob Smith, Aurelia "Fifi" Davis, vocalists accompanied by Al Sims.

The committee for this gala event consists of the following: Co-Chair, Ruth Blustein, Barbara Block; Decorations, Etta Jane Schaeffer, Sara Cokin; Entertainment, Dorothy K. Bernstein, Eve Zucker; Publicity, Paula Waldman; Treasurer, Dorothy Rosen; Ex-Officio, Jan Ziegler.

For information call Ruth Blustein at 331-3270.

## Events At Brown

### Earth Day: The Defense Budget and the Environment

Tuesday, April 17, noon. As part of the statewide Earth Day 1990 events, the Brown Nuclear Education Project is sponsoring a lecture by Kevin Brubaker of Save the Bay, titled "The Defense Budget and Its Cost to the Environment," at noon on Tuesday, April 17, at the Urban Environmental Laboratory, 136 Angell St. The lecture is free and the public is welcome. Home-made soup and bread are available for \$1.50. For more information call (401) 863-2476.

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**Friday, April 13** — The Second Intermediate Day of Passover. Eighteen days in Nisan. Candlelighting 7:06 p.m. Mincha 7:10 p.m. Maariv 8 p.m.

**Saturday, April 14** — The Third Intermediate Day of Passover. Nineteen days in Nisan. Shacharis 8:30 a.m. followed by Kiddush. Mincha 7:10 p.m. Maariv 8 p.m.

**Sunday, April 15** — The Fourth Intermediate Day of Passover. Shacharis 7:30 a.m. Candlelighting 7:08 p.m. Mincha 7:10 p.m. Maariv 8 p.m.

**Monday, April 16** — Seventh Day of Pesach. Shacharis 8:30 a.m. Candlelighting 8:12 p.m. Mincha 7:10 p.m. Maariv 8 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 17** — Eighth Day of Pesach. Shacharis 8:30 a.m. Yiskor 10 a.m. Mincha 7:10 p.m. Maariv 8 p.m.

Pesach ends at 8:15 p.m. Do not use chometz products or utensils until 9:30 p.m.

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Although some of us cannot see open miracles, we know that the A-mighty continues to act for us in hidden ways — for no power on earth could ever de-

stroy the entire Jewish People. This is the reason we must have a traditional Seder the first two nights of Passover, to relearn its great lesson: that the G-d who promised yet in Egypt to protect us, ultimately keeps his word.

The Israelites wandered for 40 years until they reached Canaan, the Promised Land beyond the River Jordan. In Canaan, with the Ten Commandments which G-d had given them through Moses on Mount Sinai, they began a new life. They built homes and planted vineyards and celebrated their harvest festivals.

Since those days, we have celebrated Pesach beginning with the eve of the 15th day of Nisan. During the eight days we eat unleavened bread to remind us of the bread our fathers baked in haste when they left the land of Pharaoh.

What about going to services at a Temple or synagogue? In this way, one can surely give thanks. Visit G-d's house, he will visit your house.

Tradition teaches that as the Jewish people were rescued from Egypt on Passover Eve, so will the Messiah come on a Passover Eve, to bring final spiritual redemption for Jew and lasting peace for all mankind! And Elijah will be the herald to announce the Messiah.

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## Rhode Island Hospital Cardiologist Named Heart Association Physician of the Year

Henry Gewirtz, M.D., a leader in investigating the circulation of blood within the heart, has been named Physician of the Year by the American Heart Association - Rhode Island Affiliate.

Gewirtz is director of the cardiovascular research laboratory at Rhode Island Hospital and is an associate professor of medicine at Brown University Medical School.

Designation of Gewirtz as Physician of the Year by the Heart Association is in recognition of sustained and significant volunteer contributions to the work of the Heart Association within the state. The award was announced during the Rhode Island affiliate's annual meeting on April 4.

Richard Carleton, M.D., president of the Rhode Island affiliate, noted that "Dr. Gewirtz has made a tremendous contribution to the goals of the Heart Association through his volunteer services, as well as through his outstanding work in the field of cardiovascular research."

Gewirtz is one of 31 scheduled throughout the nation this spring to explore contemporary issues which impact upon Hadassah's work in the United States and Israel, and upon Jewish life worldwide. Mrs. Mayes noted.

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## Hadassah Spring Conference Offers Look at Israel "Behind the Headlines"

Karen Venezy, a member of the National Board of Hadassah, will provide a "behind-the-headlines" look at Israel today during the Spring Conference of Hadassah's Western New England Region. The event will be held Sunday, May 6 and 7, in the Holiday Inn at the Crossings, Warwick.

According to Sue Mayes, Conference Chair Person, from the Newport Chapter of Hadassah, "We know the Israel behind the daily headlines of conflict and crisis. Hadassah literally touches the lives of thousands of our people there everyday. And what we see is a vital people overcoming enormous obstacles to build a strong and secure nation founded on justice and peace. We think it is important that all American Jews — and the American public — also come to know the Israel of human aspirations and achievements that we do."

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## AMC's Earth Day Celebration

Mark your calendars. Earth Day 1990 kicks off on April 22 at the Spring Town Meeting in Pennsylvania for the Appalachian Mountain Club. The Narragansett Chapter has set aside Saturday, April 28 for each member to get involved in the activities planned for this important event.

Earth Day 1990 activities include the following:

**Tree Planting** — Participants will help the Trail and Conservation Committee plant seedlings in our state's woodlands. For particulars call Ed Steward 789-1592 or Ann Perkins 789-6618.

**Day Hike** — Big River Mgmt Area. See this valuable wildlife area and what beauty it has to offer. Hike will be 8-10 miles with moderate terrain starting at 9 a.m. Please call to register and for meeting place. Leaders: Bill Kilecup 294-3531 and Eric Sjoblom 762-1694.

**Canoes Trip** — Big River. Discover and learn about this controversial river and become



Karen Venezy

of the Kent County Chapter.

As the largest Jewish volunteer group in the nation and the largest Zionist organization in the world, Hadassah has come to symbolize the vital role played by women in American Jewish life. In recent years, Hadassah increasingly has been recognized as an important voice from the mainstream of the American Jewish community on issues affecting women and their families, and on U.S.-Israel relations.

Here in the United States, Hadassah provides its 385,000 members with programs in Jewish education, Zionist and American affairs and leadership development. The organization is also widely recognized as a leader in programming for career women, Jewish singles and Zionist youth.

In Israel, Hadassah established and maintains the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center, the only facility of its kind in the Middle East and the pacesetter for health care in Israel. The organization also supports a network of projects in career education, youth welfare and land reclamation throughout the country.

For additional information about the conference, call Sue Mayes 849-2980.

aware of why we must preserve this natural resource. For time and meeting place call leaders Jeannette Fontaine 942-3971 or John Botelho (508) 824-6354.

**Dining** — End the day's celebration by gathering at the Woodridge Congregational Church, Garden City, Cranston for a global theme menu of ston soup, earthy homemade breads and heavenly desserts. Plan come for Social Hour 5:30-6:30 followed by main meal. This function has been planned and coordinated by the Membership and the Social Committees. If you are interested in helping call: Dick Yew 423-1029 or Maggie Downes 781-1249.

**Music** — Music will play a important part in Earth Day 1990 and we will help to make this happen. The South County Rounders, a Bluegrass group will provide music for a cont dance immediately following tl supper. Everyone is invited join this funtime event. Cost individuals is \$3. This special event has been planned by Conservation Committee. For further information call A Perkins 789-6618.

## Pawtucket-Central Falls Hadassah

The Pawtucket-Central Falls Hadassah will hold a Bo Meeting on Wednesday, April 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the home Sandra Africk, 84 Marbury A Pawtucket.

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# Milestones

## Rabbi Gutterman To Be Honored

Rabbi Leslie Y. Gutterman, Senior Rabbi of Temple Beth-El in Providence, will be honored for 20 years of devoted service at Sabbath evening services on Friday, April 20 at 8:15 p.m. Rabbi Samuel E. Karf, President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the international professional association of Reform rabbis, will be the guest speaker. Rabbi Karf officiated at the marriage of Rabbi and Mrs. Gutterman and was last in Providence for the Rabbi's installation as Senior Rabbi in 1974.

An Oneg Shabbat in honor of the Guttermans will follow the service. Members of the community are welcome to attend. For more information, call 331-6070.

## Newport Art Exhibition

William Vareika Fine Arts, 212 Bellevue Avenue, Newport, R.I. (401) 849-6149. One of the largest galleries in New England, featuring museum quality American paintings, drawings, prints and sculpture, covering the 18th, 19th and early 20th centuries. Current exhibition - through July 8: "American Art of Three Centuries," featuring important works by Sargent, La Farge, Kensett, Richards, Buttersworth, Birchfield and others, dating from 1785 to 1952. Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sundays by appointment.

## Senior Adult Film Discussion Series

The spring program of the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island Film Discussion Series will begin after Passover. The sessions will focus on the theme of "the Jewish Family," a topic under much discussion in recent years. Believed by many to be the conduit of Jewish values, the Jewish family stands as a sacred symbol, the last line of defense against a "corrosive" modernity that would destroy the essence of Jewish life.

Values are changing. The roles of men and women are in flux. Consequently, we must begin to understand the newly emerging lifestyles found in Jewish life. The films selected for the series may be helpful in discussions on the wide range of issues related to the Jewish family. These films are one way of addressing concerns that affect Jewish life. They do not necessarily provide answers, but they do raise the right questions.

The locations of the films, their dates, and times are as follows:

Charlegate North Apartments, Providence, Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. April 24, May 1, 8, 15 and 22.

Jewish Community Center, Providence, Tuesdays at 12:30 a.m. April 24, May 1, 8, 15 and 22.

Jewish Home for the Aged, Providence, Thursday, May 3 at 10:30 a.m. and Tuesdays, May 8 and 15 at 2:00 p.m.

Jewish Family Service Meeting, Temple Torat Yisrael, Cranston, Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. April 18, 25; May 2, 9 & 16.

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## Goldens Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Golden of Cranston proudly announce the birth of their son, Mitchell Robert, on January 31. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Anin of Cranston. Paternal grandparents are Mrs. Gloria Golden of Cranston and Mr. Harvey Golden of Phoenix, Ariz.

## Kaplowitz-Lury

Dr. and Mrs. Bernard M. Kaplowitz of Linwood, N.J., announce the engagement of their daughter, Andrea Kaplowitz of Brookline, Mass., to Alan David Lury, son of Harris L. Lury of Warwick, R.I., and the late Beatrice Lury. Andrea is the granddaughter of Mrs. Dorothy Kaplowitz of North Miami Beach, Fla., formerly of Spring Valley, N.Y.

Andrea, a Case Manager with TILL, Inc. of Dedham, Mass., received a B.S. Degree in Social Work from Boston University. Alan, is the Director of Treasury Operations for Telco Systems, Inc., in Norwood, Mass. Alan, a CPA, received a B.S. Degree in Accountancy, from Bentley College, in Waltham, Mass., and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Rhode Island.

The couple will wed in the Spring of 1991.

## "One God — Many Religions"

Professor John Hick, Distinguished professor and chair, department of religion, Claremont Graduate School, will speak at Brown University on Thursday, April 19, 8 p.m., Salomon Hall 001.

Professor Hick is the author of many works in philosophy of religion and theology. He has considered many of the basic problems in Western religious thought, for example, religious knowledge (*Faith and Knowledge*) and the problem of evil (*Evil and the God of Love*). In recent years, he has devoted himself to the issue of religious pluralism and has argued for a notion of religion which embraces Western and Eastern traditions. His proposal, set forth in his Gifford Lectures and published as *An Interpretation of Religion* (Yale, 1989), has received international attention.

## Hope High Reunion

The 45th class reunion for the class of June 1945 of Hope High School will be held on June 9, 1990 at the Providence Marriott Hotel. Tickets are \$30 per person.

For reservations or more information, please call Annette Landy Halpern, 942-0385; Elaine Yosinoff Levy, 831-3083 or Paul Bigney, 725-7067.



Misha Raitzin, the legendary singer/performer, will perform at Temple Emanu-El on Sunday, May 20, at 7:30 p.m.

## Events At Brown

North-South-East-West Conference: The American View Wednesday, April 18, noon. Brown University faculty, along with policy experts from the United States, the Soviet Union and the Third World, will meet at Brown for two days of talks aimed at setting the agenda for research into global issues. The consultations will establish a research program on the following topics: striking bargains for the global environment; population, nationalism and ethnic conflict; regional security; the public sector and the market in development; and fighting disease and hunger. The public is invited to three lectures and a panel discussion during the two-day conference. The first lecture, which will examine the American view on these issues, will be given by Harry G. Barnes Jr., the former U.S. ambassador to Romania, India and Chile. Barnes is also the former director general of the Foreign Service. His lecture is at noon on Wednesday, April 18, in Sayles Hall. The conference is sponsored by the Institute for International Studies.

## Interfaith Commemoration Of Yom Hashoah

Rhode Islanders of many faiths will gather at Temple Emanu-El on Sunday, April 22 at 7:30 p.m. for the annual Interfaith Commemoration of the Holocaust. This solemn service will conclude with a candlelight march from the Temple to the Garden of the Holocaust Memorial Museum at the Jewish Community Center, which enables Holocaust Survivors in our midst the opportunity to mourn their relatives who perished.

As in past years, Jews and Christians will worship together

and reaffirm our common commitment that anti-Semitism, racism, brutality and genocide be eliminated from the human experience forever. It was unheard of for Jews and Christians to worship together in a synagogue in Europe earlier in this century. Our ability to do so is a sign of progress and growing understanding that we should cherish.

Everyone is invited to participate in this service and remember the Six Million of our people, whose legacy we must maintain.

## PHDS Seventh Graders Visit Holocaust Museum

On April 4, the seventh graders at the Providence Hebrew Day School visited the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum. The students had been reading a book about two twins who survived the Holocaust. Mrs. Birch, the seventh grade teacher, decided it was the right time for the class to visit the museum.

The rain came down as they crossed the street, entered the Jewish Community Center and came to the museum.

The class glanced around the room with the exhibits and then sat down in their seats. A speaker told the class about all the children - Jewish and non-Jewish - who had come to pay tribute to all those Jews lost in the Holocaust.

Afterwards, the students watched a movie about the life of Anne Frank, the girl we learned about through her diary.

A speaker then came to the podium, a man who had struggled in the streets of Berlin, fleeing the Nazis. His story was deeply interesting and touching.

The class then had a chance to go through the museum and study the exhibit. The exhibit showed how the wretched Nazis selected Jews to go to concentration camps and what happened there.

The class was silent through the whole visit. The museum was a place of remembrance and mourning for the Jews lost in the Holocaust.

## Visitors from the GDR: Women and the New Germany

Wednesday, April 18, 4 p.m. Brown University is hosting four visitors from the German Democratic Republic (GDR), members of the New Forum group which has been influential in the political changes taking place in that country. The third of the four visitors will be here from 4 to 6 p.m. in room 302 of Wilson Hall on the main campus. The speaker will be Daniela Dahn, a founding member of the Women's Peace Party in the GDR. Dahn will speak about the role of women and issues of interest to women in particular in the new GDR and in any new German state. The event is free and open to the public and is sponsored by the Institute for International Studies. For more information call (401) 863-2476.

## North-South-East-West: The Soviet View

Wednesday, April 18, 8 p.m. Yuri Andreevich Krasin, director of the Institute of Social Sciences of the Central Committee of the Communist Party in the Soviet Union, will give the Soviet view on various global issues in a lecture scheduled for 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, in the Salomon Center for Teaching. This is the second of three public lectures that are part of a conference titled "North-South-East-West: Establishing a Common Agenda." The lecture is free. The conference is sponsored by the Institute for International Studies.

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# Obituaries

## LEO J. CUTLER

Leo J. Cutler, 77, former owner of the Rosalie Corset Shop in the Logan Square community, died Tuesday, April 3, 1990, at Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Cutler, a longtime Hyde Park resident, operated the cor-

set shop on the Northwest Side from 1947 until his retirement in 1983, when he closed the business.

He was an active member of Rodfei Zedek Synagogue for 45 years and was a 1968 recipient of the organization's Kovod award for extraordinary service. He also was a member of B'nai

B'rith.

He is survived by his wife, Linnea; a son, Dr. Charles Cutler of Pawtucket, R.I.; his daughter, Debbie Levinson, and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in Rodfei Zedek Synagogue, 5200 S. Hyde Park Blvd. Burial was Thursday, April 5, Oak Woods Cemetery, 1035 E. 67th St. Contributions may be made to the Alperin Schechter Day School of Rhode Island, 99 Taft Avenue, Providence, R.I. 02906.

## REGINA FIERSTEIN

PAWTUCKET — Regina Fierstein, 88, of 18 Orchard St., an employee of the welfare department of the State of Rhode Island until retiring 20 years ago, died Friday, April 6, 1990, at home.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Charles and Lena (Olech) Fierstein, she moved to Pawtucket 20 years ago.

Miss Fierstein was a member of the Jewish Home for the Aged.

She leaves a niece, Hope Globus of Providence, and a nephew, Richard Fierstein of Stamford, Conn.

A graveside service was held Sunday, April 8, at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

## NORMAN GORDON

TURLOCK, Calif. — Norman Gordon, 72, of Cherokee Road, a Postal Service employee in Rhode Island and California before retiring, died March 19, 1990, at Emmanuel Hospital. He was the husband of the late Lillian (O'Connell) Gordon.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Myer and Rose (Shenkow) Gordon. He moved to California 30 years ago.

He leaves two sons, Edmond Gordon of Hesperia, Calif.; and Charles Gordon of Palmdale, Calif.; two daughters, Rhea Smith of Palmdale and Miriam Ebner, with whom he lived; a sister, Claire Goodman of Warwick; 14 grandchildren and a great grandson.

A graveside service was held March 22 in Eden Memorial Park, Calif.

## FANNY LAURANS

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. — Fanny Laurans, 82, of 37 Allen St., died April 3, 1990, at St.

Luke's Hospital in that city. She was born in New Bedford, the daughter of the late Maurice and Jennie Shuster and had been a lifelong resident of New Bedford.

Her only survivor is a daughter, Mrs. Vilma Soforenko of New Bedford.

Graveside services were held at Plainville Cemetery in New Bedford on April 4. Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

## ARNOLD M. SIDEL

EAST GREENWICH — Arnold M. Sidel, 54, of 58 Blueberry Drive, owner of the Moshassuck Pharmacy, Providence, for the past 15 years, and Horgan's Pharmacy, Lincoln, for the past two years, died Wednesday, April 4, 1990, at the Jane Brown unit of Rhode Island Hospital. He was the husband of Susan H. (Hirsch) Sidel.

Born in Central Falls, a son of the late Philip H. and Florence (Greenfield) Sidel, he lived in Cranston before moving to East Greenwich 16 years ago.

Mr. Sidel was an Army veteran. He was a past president of the Rhode Island Pharmaceutical Association, and a member of Temple Torat Yisrael, Cranston, and its Men's Club. He was an assistant scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 2.

Besides his wife he leaves two sons, Steven C. and Philip H. Sidel, both of East Greenwich; a daughter, Elizabeth S. Sidel of Durham, N.C.; two brothers, Norman Sidel of Merrimac, Mass.; Joel L. Sidel of Los Altos, Calif.; and three sisters, Genevieve Linfield of Worcester, Rita Piazza of Medway, Mass.; and Mildred Bilouris of Pawtucket.

The funeral service was held Friday, April 6, at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

## MASZA SUCHODOLSKI

PAWTUCKET — Masza Suchodolski, 76, of 399 Pawtucket Ave., a cook at the Jewish Home for the Aged for 13 years before retiring in 1978, died Wednesday, March 28, 1990, at Brigham & Women's Hospital, Boston. She was the wife of Spul Suchodolski.

Born in Poland, a daughter of the late Jacob and Adele Szyrkarski, she lived in Pawtucket for 40 years.

Mrs. Suchodolski was a survivor of the Holocaust. She was a member of Congregation Ohave Shalom Synagogue.

Besides her husband she leaves a daughter, Arlene Suchodolski of Pawtucket; a son, Jack Suchodolski of Cumberland; a brother, Henry Szyrkarski of Cranston, and two grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Thursday, March 29, at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

## BERNARD "BARNEY" ZARUM

WESTERLY — Bernard "Barney" Zarum, 78, of 15 Chin Hill Rd., Westerly, formerly of 22 Oaklawn Ave., Cranston, died Saturday, April 7, 1990, at the Westerly Hospital. He was the husband of Esther (Stone) Zarum.

Born in Providence, he was the son of the late Jacob and Dora (Josephson) Zarum.

Mr. Zarum was the owner of Barry Metals Sales in Providence for 31 years, retiring six years ago. He also was a consultant for Clifford Metals Sales Co.

Mr. Zarum was a former member of Temple Torat Yisrael. He was a member of the Masons and was a civilian employee for the Army Corp of Engineers serving for a period of time in Nova Scotia.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Dr. Barry Zarum of Carmel, Calif.; a daughter, Diane Newman of Westerly; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 9, at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

## Beauty and the East

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The blood of a black calf or black bull was boiled in oil and applied to greying hair.

Dyed wigs of human hair, horsehair, sheep's wool or plant fibres were popular in Egypt, the king's being green or blue. Some were very intricate, with tightly wound curls or plaits and a perfumed wax cone was worn on the wig, imparting a fresh scent as it melted.

Beards and mustaches went in and out of style, as did curls, tediously set with crude rollers. The hair was washed often and kept well-oiled, to get rid of lice. Double-sided wooded combs, found in the Judean Desert, still have numerous lice and their eggs attached to them.

A number of busts illustrate the different hair styles of Roman women, from the tight snail-like curls of one, to the braided challah-like bun of another. One striking pottery figurine from the 2nd century B.C.E. shows a woman having her hair combed by a maidservant. Upon close inspection, one can see the pleasurable grin on the woman's face and the furrowed brow on that of the servant, engrossed in her task.

## Perfume

Perfumes were a luxury product in ancient times, worth more than their weight in gold. The oil-based fragrances were scented with indigenous plant matter, or exotic resins such as frankincense and myrrh, brought in by camel caravan from Southern Arabia and Somalia. The invention of blown glass in the first century B.C.E. led to the manufacture of a myriad of delicate, iridescent glass perfume bottles.

The biggest mystery remains balsam, from which comes the Hebrew word *bossem* (perfume). This seductive scent was derived from the sap of a tree so precious that an inscription on a mosaic synagogue floor (on display at the exhibition), puts a curse on anyone who dares to reveal the secrets of its production. All the balsam trees near Ein Gedi were later uprooted to prevent their falling into Roman hands. Visiting the Israel Museum's "Perfumes and Cosmetics" exhibition is rather like taking a stroll through a bygone boutique — "If only I could afford that faience box of skin cream, that sleek alabaster of body lotion, or an ounce of balsam oil..."

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## The Histadrut

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"The November 1989 elections were a failure for the Likud," observes Professor Friedman. "Their 28% was an improvement on the 22% they won in the last Histadrut elections but well below their target of 33% which would have prevented Labor from receiving an overall majority. Furthermore, the Likud did not win control of a single city workers' council."

Yisrael Kessar, as head of the largest party faction, was, once again, voted in as secretary-general. Often credited with Israel's success in overcoming hyper-inflation by agreeing to accept minimal wage rises in the economic recovery program of 1985, Kessar's popularity is tempered by his resistance to more democratic reform.

He has, however, been successful in fending off the Likud's ambition of breaking up Hevrat Ovdim, the holding company which owns business enterprises like Bank Hapoalim, Koor, Tuuva and the egged Bus Cooperative.

## The New Soviet Aliyah:

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daughter's saying that he was a Jew."

Despite this, the clerk at the ministry would not register him as a Jew. He was extremely upset, Mariana said.

Mariana shook her head, pointing out the "absurdity" of suffering discrimination in the Soviet Union and then having her Judaism questioned in Israel.

While many of the Soviet newcomers are not yet ardent Zionists, the fear that many of them are simply using Israel as a way station for the United States seems unwarranted.

Few of the recent immigrants in Israel will say that America was their first choice and that they went to Israel because it was an easier route out of the Soviet Union.

Though their Zionist and religious education has been minimal, most profess to have chosen Israel voluntarily. Some have become born-again Jewish nationalists after suffering anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union.

If they were not originally convinced that Israel should be their destination, they are convincing themselves now that they are in the right place.

Grisha Lubarski, a young physician from the Ukraine, said he came to Israel because it was the "natural" thing to do. He said that in earlier years, it was difficult for Soviet Jews to choose Israel because it was painted as a "black" country by the Soviet news media.

"On television, all they showed was how in Israel there were wars all the time and how terribly hot it was," he said. But things changed favorably when the Soviet Union began allowing Jews to tour Israel. The tourists returned with upbeat reports.

"Now, people have a better perspective," Grisha said. Looking around his small apartment in Mevasseret Zion, he said, "I think I chose correctly."

Yona Katz, in Israel for three weeks, came to Israel because she thought her invalid husband could get better medical care here and because "we knew that in America there is anti-Semitism."

Whether they are telling the truth or have adopted this positive outlook because they are already in Israel, these immigrants seem sincerely committed to making it where they are. The seriousness of their attitude and the strength of their drive to succeed sometimes amuses those working with them.

## Asset Allocation: (continued from page 5)

In general, your asset allocation decisions will be driven by your stage in life. When you're younger, you may want to emphasize growth-oriented investments like real estate and stocks. As you grow older, bonds and cash should assume greater importance.

Another approach is to invest in asset allocation funds, with a professional portfolio manager diversifying your money for you. However, one drawback to this approach is that your asset allocation isn't tailored to your particular financial needs. In effect, the 20-year-old and the 60-year-old investor receive the same asset allocation. In turn, there are no periodic adjustments, based on an individual's changing needs, goals, or tolerance for risk.

A third option is to use a financial planner. In this case, your assets can be tailored to your individual needs. Asset Allocation is an integral part of the financial planning process.

Regardless of which approach you take, here is a list of simple "do's and don'ts" to keep in mind:

1. Do review your asset allocation strategy annually, at a minimum, to assure that it fits your financial goals and objectives.

2. Don't lose faith, should one asset class go through a down cycle. Stay committed. The whole point of diversifying among various asset classes is that each class behaves differently as market conditions change. While this won't necessarily make you rich in the short-run, this will protect the value of your portfolio in the long-term.

3. Do remember that asset

allocation means more than simply buying nine stocks — or 90, for that matter. Even a large portfolio of stocks is relatively undiversified, particularly if you are concentrated in just one sector of the market. The key is to diversify across asset classes — real estate, stocks, bonds, and cash.

4. Don't get into market timing, trying to predict the future of the stock, bond, and real estate markets. Professional investors with years of experience are rarely able to do it. In fact, in the 10-year period ending December 31, 1989, 85% of all professional money managers failed to outperform the S&P 500 Index.

There you have it. The best way to lower financial risk and maximize returns on a long-term basis is through diversification.

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## Easter Offensive

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In April 1989, they reiterated their appeal, adding a request to the United Nations "to give urgent attention to the plight of the Palestinian people."

The Palm Sunday prayer is meant to initiate "a period of action and reflection," according to Gabriel Habib, the Middle East Council's general secretary.

Activities will include prayers and fasting, public events, representations to governments and various events in Jerusalem.

"This is nothing new," said Rudin. "Over the last 15 years, the Middle East Council has shown a consistent anti-Israel bias. This year it's responding to the intifada. If it wasn't the

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