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## Hasidic War Breaks Out

*Arson, Fistfights, Bottle-Throwing*

by Jonathan Mark  
**The New York Jewish Week**  
NEW YORK (JTA) — The Satmar Hasidic community has imploded into a violent war against itself, pitting supporters of the deceased Satmar rebbe against supporters of his successor.

In the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn, home to over 30,000 Satmar Hasidim, four cars belonging to one faction were set on fire while as many as 500 Satmars watched and cheered.

There were police reports of intra-Satmar fistfights, the window-breaking and bottle-throwing that required police reinforcements to control.

The skirmishes were ostensibly set off by the transfer of a prominent Satmar study hall

and residence from the deceased rebbe's widow in upstate New York to her former Brooklyn home, now occupied by one of her supporters.

The late rebbe, or chief rabbi, Joel Teitelbaum, lived with his wife, Feige, in that building until his death in 1979.

**"... We have a counter plan of action. Do not force us to use it..."**

Their nephew, the current rebbe, Moses Teitelbaum, lives in what is known as his royal "court" across the street.

Supporters of the current rebbe are wary of her possible return to Brooklyn from Kiryas

Joel, a Satmar enclave in New York's Orange County, where the widow moved after her nephew's ascendancy several years ago.

When the widow's supporters installed metal gates outside the controversial building, supporters of Moses Teitelbaum tore them off a few hours later.

His supporters see the new fortification of her former home as the potential headquarters for her orchestration of a coup.

The gate incident, car burnings and street fights took place on the days immediately following Passover. Because of the holiday, many families from the widow's upstate community were visiting Williamsburg, and the intermingling of passionate supporters in the cramped neighborhood triggered the conflict.

The ideological root of the conflict is that loyalists to Feige Teitelbaum are said to be claiming that Moses Teitelbaum is not militant enough in the Satmar pursuit of isolationism from non-Jewish culture and virtually all Jewish communities, nor in his anti-Zionism and the alleged secular pollution of Judaism.

Though Satmar and other Hasidim trace their origins to the same 18th-century rebbe known as the Baal Shem Tov — a mystical, populist leader famous for his spiritual generosity and love of all Jews —

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## Flaherty Offers Recognition of the Holocaust

by Kathy Cohen  
Herald Assistant Editor

Warwick Mayor Francis X. Flaherty, along with 30 high school students traveled to the R.I. Holocaust Memorial last Friday to observe the Days of Remembrance.

This was the sixth year he has accompanied students to the Memorial. "Young people should know that it's (the Holocaust) still going on," Flaherty said. "Look what happened in Cambodia in 1970. Young people should know this history so that they can be our future guardians."

The students arrived at noon for a tour of the museum and were joined at 12:30pm in a classroom of the JCC by the Mayor and speaker Lea Eliash, a Holocaust survivor.

Mrs. Eliash, who has addressed visiting students the last five years, said, "Firstly, I'm carrying out my husband's legacy who always said 'we have to talk...'; secondly, there are a lot of people who deny the Holocaust ever happened; and thirdly, I have a commitment to the Jewish people."

Eliash and her husband lived in Kovno, then the capital of Lithuania, (near the Baltic Sea, north of Auschwitz) up to and during the Russian 1940 invasion.

"I used to go for long walks," said Eliash, "so I could think... then the next thing we knew there were long lines for food, all businesses were nationalized and most Jews were sent to Siberia."

Eliash explained that she and her husband were allowed to live in their home, but the whole neighborhood was sectioned off into "ghettos" where Jews were given severe restrictions.

"We lost our sense of (being) human beings," explained Eliash. "But at least we had a home with a roof over our heads and a bathroom — some privacy even though we couldn't lock our doors. The concentration camps were nothing but barracks, everyone loses their privacy, but in both, we all faced death."

"I worked at a fur factory — the Germans needed fur to

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NEW YORK — New York Mayor David N. Dinkins (right) presents a Yom Hashoah proclamation designating the weekend of April 20-22 as official days of remembrance for the six million Jews who died during the Nazi Holocaust to Benjamin Jeed, president of the American Gathering/Federation of Jewish Holocaust Survivors.

## Jewish Community Seeks to Help AIDS Families

by John Chadwick

The Jewish Family Service and the Rhode Island Board of Rabbis are offering support for families of AIDS victims.

The two groups made a public announcement last week in hopes that families and relatives who need support will come forward. "Neither the Board nor (the JFS) have ever had any calls from families," says Paul Segal, the director of JFS. "There's a stigma attached to (AIDS) so there's a question in many people's minds, who do you turn to?"

The move is thought to be the first time the leaders of the local community — religious and organizational — have jointly addressed the issue. In the past, AIDS has always aroused a bit of tension in tightly knit, family-oriented communities as it is associated with lifestyles that some find unacceptable. For ex-

ample, there is a prohibition in traditional Jewish law against homosexuality.

"I think the issue we're really dealing with is people's pain," says Rabbi George Astrachan of Temple Sinai (Reform) and the president of the Board. "As a caring, Jewish community we must work with families and loved ones of those who are afflicted."

**"... There was no Jewish support system, there was only a void, an emptiness..."**

Astrachan added that it was through personal contact with a family in Florida that he was moved to take action. "I was reflecting back on a family I knew who had called us to say that their son had AIDS and there was no Jewish support system for them, there was a void, and emptiness."

Both Segal and Astrachan say there is feeling among the general Jewish community that Jews don't get AIDS. "Jews don't drink, Jews don't take drugs and Jews don't get AIDS; this is the psychology we're dealing with," Astrachan said.

At a meeting of the Central Conference of Rabbis last year, a Jewish attorney who had contracted the AIDS virus through a blood transfusion addressed the group. "He said there were no support groups in the Jewish community, in essence he had to leave the community find something," Astrachan said. "AIDS could care less about whether someone is Jewish," Segal added.

More religious groups have started taking similar approaches, says Philip Kane, the public information director of the R.I. Project AIDS. "Several

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## Young Jewish Voices In Romania



More than 350,000 of Romania's 400,000 Jews made aliyah (immigrated to Israel) after World War II. Some 20,000 remain; most are elderly, but there are also a few thousand young children. These photos show the Romanian Jewish Children's Choir in a recent performance for the UJA National Allocations Mission. (UJA Press Service photo by Gerald S. Nagel)

# Inside the Ocean State

## Elderly at Risk

### Awareness week scheduled for May

by John Chadwick

Will the marvel with which we greet each new life-extending medical breakthrough be replaced with dread as we find ourselves unable to deal with being old?

At Samaritans, a suicide prevention group in Providence, the question is faced in one way or another every day as volunteer crisis workers deal with over a hundred suicide related calls a day and many of them coming from the elderly. While teen suicides have garnered much press in the last decade, the elderly still have the highest frequency of suicide of any age group.

"We have to ask ourselves what are the effects of another 15 years of life spent in front of a television," he says. "We live in a society that values young, successful BMW driving people — the elderly are very serious in their suicide attempts," Maione said recently.

The Samaritans, which operates as an independent befriending and referral service will be participating in the National Suicide Awareness and Prevention Week beginning May 7. Chief among target audiences will be senior citizens as they plan to distribute over 15,000 brochures explaining services.

"After two world wars and the Depression, many of the elderly are independent and have a mindset where they insist on taking care of themselves. They are not always receptive to outside help," he says. "Combine that with the loss experienced in old age and the pressures of living and we begin to see the scope of the problem."

"They're the most fragile group, certainly, because of the losses they've suffered," says Paul Segal of the Jewish Family Service.

While one out of every 200 teen suicide attempts is successful, one out of every six elderly attempts is successful, and the numbers are rising. "We're a graying society," he adds.

Consequently, Maione says groups like the Hemlock Society are growing in numbers and in legal clout. Basically, these groups are fighting for the right of legal, lethal injections in cases where a patient is diagnosed with a lengthy disease. "I have a lot of concern with that," he says. "We're allowing people to determine their own circumstances to commit suicide and we're devaluing life at the same time."

Maione concedes that the problems run deep in the grain of society there is action people can take on a day to day level. "We have to ask ourselves each day whether we have made the elderly, our elderly feel important," he said. "We need to learn how to talk to them, really talk and that doesn't"

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## West Warwick School Receives Award At Holocaust Museum

The 8M teams of Deering Junior High School in West Warwick were presented with the "Never Again Award" by Norman Tilles, President of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, in the garden of the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum on Sunday, April 22. The award presentation was followed by the community Yom haShoah service held at Temple Emanu-El at 7:30 p.m.

The "Never Again Award" is presented each year to individuals or groups who exhibit the spirit of eradicating prejudice so that an event like the Holocaust may never again happen. The eighth grade students of Deering, led by their teachers Mrs. Dube and Mrs. Wardle, visited the Holocaust Memorial Museum as part of a unit on prejudice. They then invited those they had met at the Museum to their production and culminating activity, "The Yellow Rose Brunch."

The program was a comprehensive exploration of attitudes, independence and responsibility. The presentation, which involved every student in the eighth grade, included a wedding ceremony based upon the traditional Jewish ritual, with "independence" and "responsibility" as the bride and groom. Their vows included the words, "Dear Independence, you are the quality for which men have sacrificed their lives throughout the course of history... Your choice of this worthy partner is fitting and necessary, for unless you are wedded to Responsibility, you risk becoming

ing selfish, lonely, abusive, over-confident, and ultimately, destructive."

The moving ceremony, attended by Chair Jenny Klein, survivor Raymond Eichenbaum, docent Gloria Feibish, JCCRI staff member Lisa Goodman and curator Beth Cohen representing the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum, included offerings from every student toward the goal of understanding individuality and eradicating prejudice. Unable to attend, but honored by the students, were survivors, children of survivors and Museum docents Heinz Sandelowski, Laura Chakrin Cable, Helen Schwartz, Herta Hoffman, Myrna Rosen and Ellie Frank. Poems, music, skateboarding, gymnastics, dancing, baking, woodworking, acting — a multitude of talents were presented to the audience to openly affirm that the students understood the message and would actively work toward making the world a better place.

The Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum, located at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence, exists to help provide outreach into the community by working with teachers and encouraging visits by school groups, to record the oral histories of survivors in the area and to serve as a resource for the state. A prime goal of the Museum is to develop a new generation of people of conscience and to inspire teachers and students. To arrange group visits or for further information call Curator Beth Cohen at 861-8800.

## Hudson Vagabond Puppets To Perform

The Hudson Vagabond Puppets, a professional troupe with larger-than-life-size puppets, performs *Peter and the Wolf* on Saturday, May 5, at the Providence Performing Arts Center at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

In *Peter and the Wolf*, Prokoviev has created a masterpiece which possesses an appeal to sophisticated adults as well as to children. The children learn to recognize the instruments of the orchestra, as each character is represented by an instrument: the bird by the flute, the duck by the oboe, the cat by the clarinet in the low register playing staccato, Grandfather by the bassoon, the wolf by the chords of three French horns, Peter by the strings, the shots of the hunters by the kettledrums and the bass drum. Each character is also given a special leading motive.

The story is told by the narrator to the accompaniment of the music, or between the episodes.

Hudson Vagabond Puppets' production is a puppet ballet; the familiar story is unchanged, but there are some unexpected twists. This version is set in Victorian times with an 8-foot Grandfather who is a ballet master and a wolf with a big appetite whose balletic leaps can compare to those of Nureyev.

Tickets are \$9.50, \$7.50 and \$5.50 and are on sale now at the Box Office. Call (401) 421-ARTS to order. This performance concludes the 1989/1990 Family Theatre Series.

## Letter to the Editor-To the Editor:

Occasionally I see an article in the *Herald* describing a specific Israel program for high school or college students. The item gives an out-of-state telephone number to call for more information. Indeed, there are hundreds of exciting Israel program options from which the students can choose. Your readers should know that Rhode Island has its own Israel Program Center. The Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island's Israel Desk office provides a wealth of information about a wide variety of programs available. Among them are academic year programs for high school students (Alexander Muss High School in Israel); summer programs for teens (USY, Ramah, NFTY, BBYO, Nesiya Arts Institute); "digs;" Ulpanim; kibbutz programs; volunteer opportunities, university programs... the list goes on.

In addition, all Rhode Island students are eligible to receive incentive grants from the Leonard I. Salmanson Fund of Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. Also a new Bureau Endowment, created by Lillian and Sidney Ross, provides a most generous need-based scholarship for one student.

The Israel Desk office is a tremendous resource right in your own backyard, and it's toll free. Call the BJE/RI at (401) 331-0956 for more information.

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## JNF Stamps Bring Israel's History Alive

by Yehonathan Tommer

Jewish National Fund stamps are certainly among the oldest and most colorful chronicles of early Zionist history. Beginning in Vienna in 1902, the first stamp depicted the word "Zion" set within a Blue Star of David. JNF stamps have since travelled far along the drama-strewn path of Jewish national rebirth, immortalizing the founders and leaders of the Zionist Movement, Jewish ideologists, religious leaders, writers, artists and Jewish World War II resistance fighters.

Other stamps have depicted themes on Zionist land settlement in Israel, well known geographical and historical sites and symbols of Jewish community life and tradition in the Diaspora," says Gidon Lehrs, Director of the JNF Stamp Department. "Our stamps are making a significant and prestigious contribution to Jewish art and culture, and their beauty, together with their carefully regulated production and distribution in the collectors' market, have stimulated intense international interest among the world's philatelists."

Apart from their inherent artistic and historic value, JNF stamps have been put to wide practical use. The 21st Zionist Congress obliged all national Zionist organizations to affix JNF stamps to their mail, together with regular postage stamps. In Turkish-ruled Palestine during World War I, JNF stamps were used on letters sent between Jewish settlements. Years later, during a three-week period between the end of the British Mandate and the proclamation of the State of Israel by the Provisional State Council, JNF stamps served as regular postage stamps until the first Israel Government issues were available.

Over the years, JNF stamps have made a significant contribution toward enhancing Israel's image abroad by conveying information about its history and development. This process was accelerated in 1972, when the stamp department was extensively reorganized and a public advisory council established. The department has operated since 1983 as a self-sustaining economic unit.

"The world philatelic market is generally declining, but JNF stamps are fetching handsome collector's prices. We are very proud of this trend," says Lehrs. Market price lists are published regularly, and the department promptly informs its subscribers, other collectors and philatelic organizations around the world of new issues. Brochures bearing mounting sheets and vital philatelic information in Hebrew and English are currently being prepared, along with a comprehensive catalogue listing all JNF stamps published since 1902.

JNF stamps are issued on the advice of ten-member public advisory committee, composed of experts in Zionist history, philatelic design, graphics and production. The committee determines the subject of each issue and the number and type of philatelic items which will be offered for sale. JNF stamps are issued 3-4 times a year.

Unlike foreign stamps, the glue on JNF (and Israeli postage) stamps is kosher. All textual inscriptions appearing on the stamp are printed in both Hebrew and another language, usually English. At each new issue, about half a million stamps are printed for distribution to schools alone. Previous stamps are never reissued.

To commemorate Israel's 40th anniversary, JNF issued a special Independence Day stamp integrating the JNF logo with the blue and white colors of the national flag. In April 1988, an exhibition marking the 40th anniversary of Israel's independence was held in Vienna, organized by the Austrian Philatelic Society, JNF, the Israeli Philatelic Congress and the Holy Land and Judaica Societies. The first day cover commemorating the event featured the Israeli-issued 40th Independence Day stamp, together with the Blue Box and Zion stamps.

These stamps appeared with an Austrian stamp especially issued to celebrate the occasion, all stamped with the official Austrian postage seal.

Recently, a JNF stamp exhibition was also hosted in Paris, to mark the dedication of the reconstructed Victoire Synagogue. For this occasion JNF issued special covers and postcards, bearing a French postage stamp depicting a dove of peace over the synagogue.

Exhibitions were also hosted in Zurich, Basle and Toronto (devoted to Zion, the JNF and Judaism). A special *Musical Echoes from the Holocaust* exhibition was also held in Warsaw, to commemorate the 45th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Rebellion, and a first day cover was published on April 15, 1988 — depicting a "Zachor" (Rememberance) stamp and a 40th anniversary stamp alongside a "Yad Vashem" postage seal.

This "elevation" of JNF stamps into an art form worthy of exhibition shows that it is not only the philatelist that they are growing in value, but also to the general public, who appreciate their worth as innovative chronicles of Zionist history.



## Gala Lag B'Omer Festival Set For May 13

Lag B'Omer celebrates the yahrzeit of Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai. Rather than being a sad date, Rabbi Shimon asked that his yahrzeit be preserved as a day of joy. As a result, thousands of Jews visit his resting place in Meron, Israel, to recite psalms and sing songs of praise.

Over the years, it has become a custom for Jewish boys and girls all over the world to go out into the fields and play games. In Rhode Island, the Jewish community celebrates Lag B'Omer with a custom of its own... the annual community festival sponsored by Chabad-Lubavitch and Camp Gan Israel.

The annual Lag B'Omer community picnic is open to the entire Jewish community. In case of rain, it will be held right around the corner at the newly renovated Chabad House, 360 Hope St. For more information, contact Chabad at 273-7238.

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# Editorial

## New Horizons For Jewish-Catholic Dialogue In Latin America

by Rabbi Leon Klenicki  
Rabbi Klenicki is director of the Anti-Defamation League's Interfaith Affairs Department. This article is from the March issue of ADL's Latin American Report.

A new booklet for the presentation of Jews and Judaism in the teaching of the New Testament is now available in Spanish for Christian educators in Latin America.

Root and Branches: Biblical Judaism, Rabbinic Judaism, and Early Christianity, which I wrote with Dr. Eugene Fisher, executive secretary for Catholic-Jewish relations of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, has recently been translated into Spanish and published by the Argentine Catholic journal *Criterio*.

The publication of the booklet which calls on Catholics to repent for the historic persecution of Jews, is a historic event because it conveys the desire of Argentine Catholicism to implement Vatican II teachings denouncing theological anti-Judaism.

Interfaith dialogue in Latin America continues to blossom, although the roots of such dialogue go back less than two and half decades. It was in 1968 that interfaith dialogue in Latin America gained an official status, with the first continental Catholic-Jewish encounter held in Bogota, Colombia. The conference, sponsored by the Anti-Defamation

League and the Latin American Bishops' Conference (CELAM), was a pioneering effort in a predominantly Catholic continent not used to ecumenism. The CELAM-ADL resolution at the Bogota conference stated the need for Catholics and Jews to work together in fighting prejudice and injustice. It also recommended a revision of catechisms and religious textbooks, and the establishment of study courses on Judaism in seminaries and theological departments. Over more than two decades, interfaith dialogue in Latin America has evolved from the general outline of the Bogota resolution to an ongoing methodical process designed to reduce prejudice and to foster acceptance and mutual respect.

In recent years, interfaith dialogue in Latin America has gained particular strength and energy. A 1985 colloquium cosponsored by CELAM, the Latin American Jewish Congress and ADL, celebrated the twentieth anniversary of "Nostra Aetate" (No. 4), the Vatican document on Jewish-Catholic relations which decries anti-Semitism and recommends programs for Catholic educators on how to present Judaism in religious education.

Representatives from different Latin American Jewish communities discussed the importance of the Vatican II document in Catholic-Jewish relations with Catholic religious and lay leaders.

One of the outcomes of these discussions was the drafting by the interfaith conference of the first guidelines ever to be used by Latin American Catholic educators for the teaching of Jews and Judaism. The guidelines, jointly published by ADL and CELAM, stress four points in reference to Judaism: the permanence and eternal validity of Israel through the millennia; the Jewish experience in the twentieth century, including the Holocaust, the State of Israel, Latin and North American Jewish communities; the centrality of the State of Israel in the life of the Jewish people; and specific problems in the teaching of the Gospels and the presentation of Jews and Judaism. The guidelines have been distributed to nearly 1,000 bishops, cardinals, educators, liturgists, Catholic publishers, and interreligious officials in Latin America.

In 1987, the Samuel H. Born Memorial Institute of Catholic-Jewish Relations in Latin America was established at the ADL by Bob Born and Ross Born in honor of their father and grandfather respectively. The Institute, in cooperation with CELAM and the Latin American Council of Churches, furthers interfaith understanding by organizing training programs for Catholics and Jews, and by publishing books, journals, and other relevant material.

At a meeting in Paraguay in 1987, CELAM approved an ADL proposal to hold four

meetings between 1989 and 1993. Topics for discussion include Israel and the Middle East; the presentation of Jews and Judaism in catechetical education; anti-Catholicism and anti-Semitism in Latin America; and the meaning of pluralism in Latin America. CELAM suggested the organization of seminars to instruct ecumenical and interfaith officials on how to implement Vatican II documents in the 22 Latin American Episcopal conferences.

Later that year, at a three-week program sponsored by CELAM and the University of Buenaventura of Bogota, 54 ecumenical and interfaith officials attended daily classes in Jewish history, the *New Testament* and the presentation of the Jews, and ecumenical programming. The courses were taught by Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish theologians.

ADL has suggested similar training for Jewish leaders in Latin America. Last year, B'nai B'rith International created an Interfaith Department in its Latin American Affairs Section coordinated by Edda Bergmann of Brazil and composed of one representative from each of the five B'nai B'rith Districts in Latin America, and I am serving as a consultant.

In Argentina, B'nai B'rith District 26 has developed, in conjunction with ADL, training seminars for community leaders on interfaith affairs. Similar seminars have been sponsored by the ADL for Jewish commu-

nity leaders in Santiago, Chile.

Interfaith publications have greatly increased in Latin America. Together with Argentine Catholic Action (ACA), the B'nai B'rith of Argentina published in 1987 a leaflet on Catholic-Jewish relations originally published in the United States by the Christophers. Ten thousand copies were distributed to members of ACA, churches, and Catholic organizations. B'nai B'rith District 26 also published, in conjunction with a Buenos Aires Catholic publishing company, a Spanish version of a compilation of Pope John Paul II's speeches on Judaism.

In Uruguay, B'nai B'rith District 27 publishes in each issue of its magazine "Panorama" articles of interfaith interest which are circulated throughout Latin America.

CELAM has published in Spanish a liturgical service to commemorate the Holocaust, "From Death to Hope." It is the first time that a bishop's conference published non-Catholic liturgical material. In addition, CELAM has expressed interest in publishing a wide range of ADL material to combat anti-Semitism and prejudice.

Interfaith dialogue has indeed come a long way since our first pioneering meeting in 1968.

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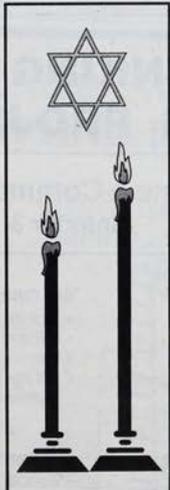
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### Garbage

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Every metropolitan city has its own unique character, and New York, New York, the Big Apple, is considered the home of fashion, theatres, museums and high-society. It is also infamous for its dirty streets and sidewalks.

Children drop candy wrappers, drivers throw trash out the window and home owners and apartment dwellers alike leave old appliances on the sidewalk.

Just because New York is probably one of the dirtiest cities in the world doesn't mean that other places don't have problems with litter.

The Talmud tells a story, quite appropriate to a discussion of litter:

"A man was clearing the stones from his field. But, rather than disposing of them properly, he threw the stones onto the path in front of his property."

Fasting by as the landowner cleared his field was an old man who called out: "You fool! Why are you throwing stones onto a place that isn't yours on a place that is yours?"

The landowner stopped his work for a moment and looked up. Then he laughed and said, "You are the fool! The opposite of what you say is true. I am

throwing stones from my land onto public property!"

The old man shook his head and passed on. As the landowner continued clearing his field and throwing stones onto the path, he thought of the stupidity of the old man.

Not too long afterward, the landowner found himself burdened with a huge debt. To pay it, he had to sell his field and hire himself out as a laborer.



One day, walking home from work, he began reminiscing about days gone by. Since he was not concentrating on the path in front of him, he tripped over a rock and landed flat on his face! When he managed to lift his aching body from the ground he noticed where he was.

"Why, I'm right in front of my old fields," thought the once-proud landowner. "And the stone that I just tripped over is undoubtedly one of the stones I threw out to clear my field so long ago! How right that old man was. This field from which I threw out stones

is truly not mine any longer! And the path onto which I threw the stones belongs to me as it belongs to every person who passes over it. I myself caused this accident!"

We don't expect that anyone will trip over a candy wrapper, a cigarette butt or any other item of refuse unthinkingly tossed onto the sidewalk rather than into a proper waste receptacle. We wouldn't dream of littering in our house, or letting guests or their children do so either. We should consider the whole of the great outdoors our home. For, truly it is.

### Elevated Fruit

This week we read two Torah portions, *Achrei* and *Kedoshin*. In *Kedoshin* we learn that or may not eat the fruits of a tree during the first three years after it was planted. The fruit of the fourth year are holy are to be eaten only in Jerusalem. The Torah proceeds "But in the fifth year you may eat its fruit (in all places), that it may yield you more produce." Thus, the objective of the first four years is the increase in yield during the fifth year.

The fifth year's increase in physical yield resulted from the fact that in a spiritual sense too, the fruits of the fifth year possessed a quality that was lacking — not only during the first three forbidden years, I

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# Looking Back

## Roitman: An American- Jewish Odyssey

by Eleanor F. Horvitz

They came to Rhode Island to seek their fortune these enterprising young Jewish men. Some of these bright and creative individuals realized their dreams in this small state.

Joseph and Leon Samuels literally started from scratch in a small Weybosset Street store



Aaron H. Roitman from the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association Archives.

which developed into a great business block housing the Outlet Company in downtown Providence. It was because of marriage to a Providence girl that Benjamin N. Kane chose to settle in Rhode Island. In his autobiography, *As I Remember It*, Mr. Kane describes his dramatic rise from a struggling student at the Rhode Island College of Pharmacy to a very successful business man who had extensive holdings outside of Rhode Island. Archibald and Charles Silverman founded the Silverman Jewelry Company in a small space rented in a jewelry factory on Eddy Street in Providence. Their rise in the manufacture of jewelry is well known in the history of Rhode Island successful businesses.

Joining the above successful businessmen is the story of Barnett Roitman, a friend and neighbor of Benjamin Kane and Archibald Silverman.

The Roitman family had its origins in Russia. Barnett Roitman's father had served his full time in the Russian Army thus benefiting from one of the Nikolaiovich edicts declared by Alexander II, that he might choose, as a Jew, where to live in Russia, even if they were located outside the Pale of Settlement. (Refers to 25 provinces of Czarist Russia in Poland, Lithuania, White Russia, Ukraine, Bessarabia and Crimea where Jews were permitted permanent residence.) He chose Moscow and it was in 1875 that Barnett was born in this city. Unfortunately his both parents died, probably in a plague, leaving five or six orphans ranging from the oldest, sixteen years of age to a baby of two. With the help of relatives in Russia and in the United States the children eventually all emigrated to America, settling in Boston where other relatives were located. They all assimilated well and pursued good careers.

Aaron Roitman, Barnett's son, spoke of his father's early career. He took a job in Boston selling household goods including furniture. His territory of "house to house" selling

also included Providence which he traveled to on an old cast iron bicycle. Although it seems rather unusual to use a bicycle for that long distance, Aaron Roitman explained that his father belonged to the Century riders. They would ride their bicycles from Boston to Providence to Worcester, a three-way triangle.

Barnet had married a girl whom he met in Boston. Her family had emigrated from St. Petersburg, Russia. Two children were born of this union, a son, Aaron and a daughter, Marie. Because he had become acquainted with Providence through his selling he decided to settle in that city. He and his wife, Kate, rented a third floor tenement at 43 Comstock Avenue in South Providence, an area where many Jews lived and worked.

around 1929 to occupy a home on Lafayette Street in Pawtucket.

A 1924 incorporation notice listed the Roitman Co., Inc. as wholesale furniture dealers with a capital of \$75,000. They were located in rented quarters at the Dyer Street address (corner

**"... the family left the south side of Providence to occupy a home in Pawtucket..."**

of Custom House Street) and also included a rented warehouse at 430 Kinsley Street. The business prospered as they bought in carloads. A fleet of trucks delivered to stores which were located for the most part in the southern New England area. The Outlet Com-



"There was a livery stable next door which attracted rats as big as cats," Aaron Roitman recalled.

In 1911 Barnett Roitman opened a retail furniture business at 775 Westminster Street, the Rhode Island Supply Company with two partners, one being his wife's brother. For personal reasons his two partners left Providence and he subsequently took in another partner, Ben Bliss, who bought him out in 1916.

In a November 11, 1976, interview with Aaron Roitman published in the *Providence Sunday Journal* there is a description of the origin of Roitman Co., Inc. located at 63 Dyer Street.

"The company was originally conceived as a sales representative firm for seven major furniture manufacturers, and sold to stores only. But the Roitman concept provided immediate delivery of furniture from its warehouse."

In 1922 Barnett Roitman built a home at 8 Mawney Street, a one-family house with a barn. Evidently the barn on this property was a far cry from the Comstock livery stable for it had been wallpapered for the coachmen. The family left the south side of Providence

pany was a major customer as were the other department stores in the downtown section — Shepard's, Boston Store, Gladding's all had large furniture departments.

And then there was another move for the Roitman family to a duplex house at 25 Laurel Avenue on the east side of Providence.

As Aaron Roitman related, his father was involved in an ill-starred temporary venture. He had taken over the Sterling Supply Company, which was then named Roitman-Sterling. This unfortunate business venture coupled with the depressed economic conditions of the 1930's resulted in a downturn in the furniture business. The culmination was reached when the business "underwater financially" became in actuality underwater during the 1938 hurricane. As was the case with the entire downtown area the first floor of the building occupied by the Roitman Furniture Company was flooded and its merchandise was destroyed. Since the retired school teacher who owned the building could not afford to repair the damage, Barnett Roitman was faced with seeking another location for his business.

At this time Roitman Co., Inc. was now Roitman & Son since Aaron had joined his father in the business after graduation from Brown University in 1930. Barnett Roitman made the decision to buy a building, as he explained, "so that his son would have a place to grow." With an insurance policy whose cash value was \$5,000, and a great deal of courage as his only two assets, Barnett Roitman purchased the building at 161 South Main Street. Because of his excellent reputation, the bank agreed to the purchase and also loaned the money necessary to renovate this shell of a building. Originally the building had been owned by the Butterine Margarine Company. Its next owner was the Mason Can Company. As Aaron Roitman described it, "Barrels of oil were everywhere. It was a mess. An old Corliss steam engine was in the building as was an old Westinghouse generator used to produce electricity. There was an icicle that dropped from the second floor down."

It was the year of the hurricane that Aaron Roitman married a fellow Brown student, Rose Miller. They bought a home in Cranston. They were to have three children, a son and two daughters. In 1942 Aaron Roitman decided to volunteer for naval service in World War II, not realizing that his father who was left completely in charge of the business, was not well. On May 24, 1944, at the age of 69, Barnett Roitman died. Aaron Roitman returned from the service in 1945 and took over the business.

Barnet Roitman would have been proud of his son who has shown the same initiative and creativity as he had. But now



there was a change from a wholesale business to that of retail. It came about when an officer of a local bank asked Aaron Roitman if he would do him a favor and furnish their Trust Department. When completed, he was approached by other members of the bank to provide the same service for their homes. It was not long before he replaced the wholesale aspect to a full service retail business which included design orientation, wallpaper and fabric. At that time several of the leading furniture stores in the downtown area were shrinking. They included large well-known firms such as Summerfield's, Burke-Tarr, Marcus Company and Jackson Furniture. There was a need for the high quality merchandise and service offered by Roitman & Son.

During his travels abroad, Aaron Roitman saw the type of furniture manufactured, particularly in the Scandinavian

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## Around Town

by Dorothea Snyder

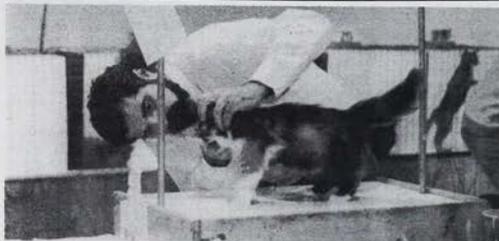
It was a purrfectly meowvelous weekend for the Northeast Feline Fanciers and Rhode Island Cat Club's 29th Annual Cat Show!

More than 200 furry friends from as far away as Texas claimed new territorial rights at the Veterans' Memorial Ice Rink in Cranston.

Taking six center rings were Persians, Siamese, Himalayans, Maine Coons, Birman, British Shorthairs, Burmese, Rex, Oriental and Exotic Shorthairs, Scottish Folds, Abyssinians and last, but not least, Household Pets.

With a twinkle in her eye, show manager Roberta Achtermeier humorously tabbed the event a 12-ring circus, explaining that judging takes place twice in six rings over the two-day competition.

Except for a few meows here and a few meows there and a wide-eyed escapee from a cage, who was quickly detained, all was calm and controlled.



Judge Bob Stamatis carefully studies the profile of this kitten.



Bill Bigelow of Ledyard, Connecticut, bestows a buss upon his ten-month-old black Persian, Abracadabra whose credentials are a Best Champion Win and 7th Best Cat in one of the rings.



A shorthair Persian, Liza is a master champion. Her owner, Shirley Ord of Marshfield, Mass., is elated. "She just won 9th Best Cat and it's great!" Liza had just competed with all longhair and shorthair breeds.

## Kitties Convene



Orca Starbuck of Somerville, Mass., holds Django, a Chartreux shorthair kitten, which is a very rare French breed dating back 500-600 years. Chartreux have been mentioned in natural histories from the 15th century, said Orca. "There's probably 800 of them in the world. He had no competition. He's the only one. He's always the only one because there are no breeders in this area. He came from South Carolina." Django won 8th best kitten on Saturday, and on Sunday he won 8th and 10th Best at two different rings.



Feather is all tucked out after winning the top ribbon in the Household Pets judging. He belongs to a very happy Michaline Ilinicky of Deerfield, Mass.



Photos by Dorothea Snyder

Michael Cotrell waits patiently for his Abyssinian to be judged. His family had one other Abyssinian and a Bombay entered. Michael's kitty made it to the finals. The Cottrells are Rhode Islanders.

## Historical Association Annual Meeting

The Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, May 6, 1990 at 2:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence. Bernard Wax, Director of the American Jewish Historical Society, will be the speaker at the meeting. His talk is entitled, "Laughter and Tears: The Importance of the American Yiddish Theatre."

Mr. Wax is a native of Philadelphia, and was educated at the University of Chicago and the University of Wisconsin. He has served Historical Societies in Illinois and Wisconsin, and prior to his appointment was field services supervisor for the Illinois State Historical Library.

After supervising the planning and construction of the current library-headquarters building of the American Jewish Historical Society, which is located on the campus of Brandeis University, Mr. Wax has been engaged in promoting its activities and securing financial support for its services.

Mr. Wax has been active in many national and state organ-



izations. He has served as advisor and consultant to the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities; Boston 200, the Bicentennial Arm of the City; and the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission. He has also served as President of the Bay State Historical League.

An exhibit is planned on memorabilia from the Yiddish Theatre as well as on memorabilia which have been recently donated to the Archives of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association. Co-chairman of the Annual Meeting are Marilyn and Benjamin P. Eisenberg.

The public is invited to the meeting and to the social hour which will follow.

## URI Names Kurt Vonnegut 1990 Commencement Speaker

Kurt Vonnegut, Jr. will be the 1990 Commencement speaker at The University of Rhode Island. American short story writer, novelist and critic, Vonnegut will address the University's 104th Commencement ceremonies to be held on Sunday, May 27 at 1:30 p.m. on the URI Quadrangle, Kingston Campus. An Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree will be conferred on Vonnegut.

Noted for his satire and "black humor," with science, religion, and war among his targets, Vonnegut authored 14 books in addition to essays, short stories, articles and reviews between 1951 and 1987. The 1969 best-seller, *Slaughterhouse-Five*, made Vonnegut a literary celebrity. His current book, to be released this September, is *Hocus Pocus or, What's the Hurry, Son?*, the fictional autobiography of a West Point graduate.

Born in Indianapolis, Ind., in 1922, Vonnegut studied chemistry at Cornell University from 1940-42, served overseas in the U.S. Army from 1942-45, and attended the University of Chicago from 1945-47. Following a



Kurt Vonnegut

stint in 1946 as a police reporter for the Chicago City News Bureau, Vonnegut worked in public relations for the Research Laboratory of the General Electric Company, and later as a freelance writer in New York City, selling short stories to *Collier's* and the *Saturday Evening Post*.

He was a lecturer at the University of Iowa Writers Workshop from 1965-67, and a lecturer in English at Harvard University in 1970. He earned a master's degree in anthropology from the University of Chicago in 1971. From 1973-74, he was a Distinguished Professor at the City College of New York. A member of the National Institute of Arts and Letters, he was the recipient of its Literary award in 1970.

## Mother's Day Breakfast at Beth Shalom

On Sunday, May 13, Congregation Beth Shalom at 275 Camp St., Providence will be holding its Third Annual Mother's Day Breakfast from 10 a.m. until noon. This will be an all-you-can-eat affair including bagels, cream cheese and butter, scrambled eggs and pancakes. Coffee, milk and juice will also be served.

Past breakfasts were very enjoyable and well attended so give your wife and your mother a morning off and treat her to a delicious kosher breakfast. All members of the community are invited. The charge will be \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12.

## Oldies Group "Reminisce" Performing at Barrington High School '50s Dance

BARRINGTON — Temple Habonim will sponsor a '50s dance at Barrington High School on Saturday night, May 5, at 8 p.m.

The '50s dance will feature the 8-piece band and vocal group, "Reminisce."

Fifties dress is optional and refreshments are available.

Tickets are \$10 per person and may be purchased in advance at Temple Habonim, 165 New Meadow Road, Barrington (401) 245-6536, or at the door of the high school the night of the dance.

## Congregation Ohave Sholam

Services this Friday night at the Young Israel affiliated congregation began at 7:30 p.m. On Shabbat morning, Mrs. Frances Weisman will be sponsoring a kiddush in memory of her beloved parents immediately following morning services at 9 a.m. Rabbi Jacobs will give his Shi-ur at 6:30 p.m. Saturday evening. At 7:26 p.m. we will have Mincha services followed by the Third Sabbath Meal. Ma'ariv begins at 7:25

p.m. Havdalah is at 7:35 p.m.

On Thursday, May 10, at 8 p.m. there will be a Holocaust Memorial service at our synagogue. We will be sponsoring the event in conjunction with Beth Shalom, the Providence Hebrew Day School and Mishkan Tefillah. The guest speaker will be Dan Ostroff, a computer specialist who is working on a unique Holocaust Museum in Battery Park in New York. He also was a

recent visitor to Poland.

On Shabbat, May 12, our congregation will be interviewing a guest hazan for the High Holy Days. Please make sure to attend services on this Shabbat. Remember! Our shul has services the regular time on Friday evening for those who cannot make an early minyan.

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## Touro Holds Bowl-A-Rama

Extra! Extra! Special edition! Read all about it! Touro Harmony Lodge holds Bowl-A-Rama, Sunday, May 6, 1:30 p.m. Members and their families. Prizes to be awarded for high and low single for men, women and kids under 15.

To be held at Legion Bowl-Adrome, 661 Park Ave., Cranston. Registration is \$1.50 per person. This covers three strings, shoes, coffee, donuts and soda. Wow! Reservations are required no later than May 1, 1990.



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# Milestones

## Levine Graduates From USF

Lisa Ellen Levine, daughter of Sheila Duerden of Fort Myers, Florida, and Philip Levine of Warwick, R.I., granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gershman of Hillsboro Beach, Florida, graduated April 28, 1990, from the University of South Florida with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology. She is a member of the Golden Key Honor Society, Theta Honor Society, Dean's List and was listed among the Most Outstanding College Students of America.

She has been accepted to the University of Central Florida where she will be working towards her master of science degree in industrial/organizational psychology.



Lisa Levine

## Cranston Resident Graduates Metropolitan School

Steve Eichholz of Cranston recently graduated from the Career Success School (CSS) at Metropolitan Life's Northeastern Head Office in Warwick, R.I.

Eichholz received an introduction to sales concepts and techniques, including in-depth instruction on life, accident and health insurance, annuities and retirement planning skills. His graduation from the CSS begins his continuing development as a successful career salesperson.

Eichholz works as an account representative with Met Life's branch office in Johnston.



Steve Eichholz

## Jewish War Veterans Post #23

The Jewish War Veterans Post #23 will be holding a dinner meeting Wednesday, May 16, 1990, 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, May 11, 1990. The cost of this dinner will be \$5.00 per person.

At this meeting we will be electing a slate of officers for next year. The Nominating Committee has nominated the following slate: Commander, Steven Musen; Senior Vice Commander, Josh Rottenberg; Junior Vice Commander, Hy Goldman; Adjutant, Sam Eisenstadt; Quartermaster, Irving Greenberg.

Mark your calendars with this important date for our 62nd Annual Installation of Officers and Dinner Dance on Wednesday, June 27, 1990 at the Ramada Inn, Seekonk, Mass. Cocktails 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Cash Bar) dinner served 7 p.m. Sharp.

## Goldfarb's Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Goldfarb of Cranston, R.I., announce the birth of their first child, and son, Kyle Charles Goldfarb on April 2, 1990.

Maternal grandparents are Mrs. Delvina Russ and the late Mr. Charles F. Russ of Fairfield, Maine. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Goldfarb of Lauderdale Lakes, Fla., and the late Mrs. Doris H. Goldfarb of Pawtucket, R.I.

Great-grandparents are Mrs. Gertrude M. Russ of Cranston, R.I. and the late Mr. Fred C. Russ of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Richard B. Rouslin of Cranston, R.I.

## Bruce A. Leach Accepts Nomination As JCCRI President

On Wednesday, May 9, 1990, Bruce A. Leach will be installed as the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island's new president. Installation will take place at the JCCRI 65th Annual Meeting to be held at the Center, 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence, at 7:45 pm in the Social Hall.

During his three years in office, outgoing president, Samuel K. Suls, has led an effective campaign to tell the community of the diversity of programs and services offered by the Center.

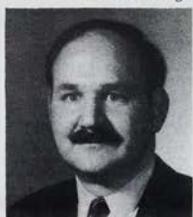
Bruce Leach's interest in the Center began in the Youth Department participating in its various activities during his high school years. After law school, he once again became an active participant in Center activities, serving on the Personnel Committee and succeeding as chair. He served as assistant treasurer, vice president and first vice president. He has also served on Budget

and Finance, Endowment, Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Operations and various ad hoc committees.

In addition to Mr. Leach, the officers to be installed are: Jeffrey Brier, First Vice President; Jenny Klein, Roberta Sultzer and Robert Weisberg, Vice Presidents; Saul Alpert, Treasurer; Louis Pulner, Secretary; and Kenneth Hersh, Associate Secretary. Board members to be installed are: Yael Avissar, David Casten, Gloria Feibish, Paul Formal, Lawrence Gates, Robert Halpert, Herta Hoffman, Michael B. Nulman, Judith Rosenstein, Robert L. Sand, Gerald Shapiro, Mathew Shuster, Joan Temkin and Aaron Weintraub.

Honored at the annual meeting will be the winner of the I.S. Low Youth Leadership Award as well as the JCCRI Volunteers of the Year. Chairs of the JCCRI 1990 Annual Meeting are James and Jill Tobak.

**Club 456 Goes To Pawsox Game on May 6**  
Club 456 of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence, is going to a ball game between Pawtucket and Columbus on Sunday, May 6. Participants will leave the Center at 12:30 pm and return at approximately 4. Tickets are \$6 for Club 456 members and \$12 for non-members; for additional information, please call Michele Bram at 861-8800.



Bruce A. Leach

## Cranston-Warwick Chapter of Hadassah



Some of the Committee members planning the 1990 Cranston-Warwick Hadassah Donor Dinner on May 14. From left to right: Ms. Ruth Fink, Libby Kelman, President Sarah Frank, Sylvia Taubman, President-Elect Shirley Schreiber, Goldie Greene, Edna Gilstein, Sheila Miller, and Western New England Regional Vice-President Fran Sadley.

Donor Chairwoman, Shirley Schreiber, announced that at the Annual Donor Dinner, which is scheduled to be held at the Sheraton-Tara in Warwick on Monday night, May 14, there will be a very special fashion show. The theme of the program "Year of the Woman" will be emphasized by fashions offered by "Added Touch" of East Greenwich. In addition to the modeling of clothes, there will be modeling of furs by Tolchinsky of Garden City. An added touch will also be music by John Stauber to accompany the fashion show. Serving as Co-Chairwomen for the fashion show are Irma Silverman and Lynn Silverman.

An additional feature of the evening will be the Installation of Officers for the coming year. The installation will be conducted by Mrs. Frances Sadler, Vice-President of the Western New England Region of Hadassah.

Any paid-up member of the Cranston-Warwick Chapter of Hadassah is welcome to attend the Donor Dinner by the payment of \$30 which qualifies as a Donor, or \$45 which qualifies as a Sponsor, or \$60 which qualifies as an Angel. Paid reservations are required for attendance. Reservations can be made by mail to Mrs. Ruth Fink, 553 Quisset Court, Warwick, R.I. 02886.

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## Pais Announce Birth

Rhonda (Reuter) and Robert Pais announce the birth of their first child, Sarah Devon, born February 27, 1990, in Boston, Mass. Maternal grandparents are Beverly and Gerald Reuter of Plattsburgh, New York.

Paternal grandparents are Ethel Rozefsky Pais of Binghamton, New York, and Louis Pais of Menlo Park, Calif. Great-grandparents are Lillie Reuter of Providence and Mollie and Harry Sklut of Cranston and Narragansett.

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# Arts and Entertainment

## Amateur In Name Only

by V. B. Halpern

The only place that the word *amateur* fits in Trinity's production of Tom Griffin's comedy is in the title; except for that there is nothing amateurish about the play, its actors, or its production. On the contrary, *Amateurs* at Trinity is a production of flawless scripting, acting, and setting.

As members of the audience take their seats, they look at the open set and exclaim with pleasure, for the stage setting is absolutely charming in its depiction of the first floor of a suburban New England home. A shiny, hardwood floor, comfortable couches, soft, but cheerful colors signal enjoyable action to come. Rob Murphy is responsible for the set and the lighting, and first-boosters go to him.

From the moment that the characters come on stage, the audience is caught up and held. The plot line is relatively uncomplicated, for playwright Tom Griffin in this play as in *The Boys Next Door* saves his comedic energy for the witty lines and the goofy complex characterization. The situation, as the play opens, is that Dorothy (Janice Duedos) is throwing a party in her house for the cast (and others of a local theatre group, known as The Timberly Troupers after a first night opening. All the action has to do with the party behavior of the guests and their host, Charlie (Peter Gerety) is Dorothy's husband. He's a little off the *compos mentis* track. Apparently the death of their small son years earlier, has left Charlie slightly unbalanced. Gerety is totally lovable as Charlie and howlingly funny. He states things as he sees them, no matter how embarrassing his statements might prove to others. He has within his *lupus mentis* an uncanny sense of the logic of things, and never hesitates to pronounce that logic or the utter lack of it, depending on which switch he's flicking. Dorothy asks Charlie to bring in a few extra chairs for the guests. He spends the rest of the evening producing chairs from every conceivable cranny until the room looks like a furniture warehouse. As he bumbles around with his chairs, Charlie informs his guests of their character quirks as he sees them.

The first guest to arrive is Nathan Monroe, (Jonathan Fried) a new teacher in the school where Dorothy teaches. Fried has made theatre history with his performance. Portraying a pathologically shy, clumsy bundle of ganglia, he enters Dorothy and Charlie's house with his body contorted and his speech hesitant. "Good evening, good evening," he says, and Charlie tells him that he is "a vicious repeater." Wayne Seabury (Timothy Crowe) and Jennifer Collins (Cynthia Strickland), two members of the cast, arrive together. During the performance of their play, Seabury had eapt from a window because the door from which he was to exit was jammed. This exit from the window (Did the

audience think it was part of the action, or did they catch on?) worries him all evening and becomes another of the running jokes. Irene (Barbara Meeke) and Ernie (Nicolas Mize) Chilmark arrive next, and Ernie really chills the mark by his efforts to be funny. He enters with a laundry basket on his head and moves from that. He's the kind of self-fashioned comedian whom nobody really laughs at, because he's actually not very funny.

Tension mounts as the guests nibble hors d'oeuvres and await the arrival of the theatre critic for the local paper. Paul Cortland (Ed Hall) is charmingly urbane, but offers a horrific element to the action by suffering a heart attack. His unflattering review had been written, before he got to the party, however, and with Wayne's having thieved it from Paul's pocket, another kind of pal settles over the evening.

Two presences more lighten things for the players. Mona Williams (Dee Pelletier) arrives for reasons that are never quite clear. She had once had a thing going with Wayne Seabury and wanted to see him again, perhaps to tell him that she had a new lover. Dressed as a punk hippy with tie dye stockings and an alarmingly short skirt, Mona finds everything and everybody just "too intensely intense." Another running gag has to do with her raven tresses that she has just dyed. With some urging from Dorothy, Wayne produces his dummy, a puppet named Horace. Wayne, who can't speak audibly by himself and who is trying — at the instructions of his shrink — to say *haut voix*, "I am divorced!" finds that he can get things out by putting words in Horace's mouth. His ventriloquism may not be good, but it is so funny that lines were lost amid the nonstop laughter of the audience, the kind of laughter that makes one's sides ache.

There are touching episodes where the characters have solo moments with Horace. Jennifer Collins fondles him with sexual gestures that are hilarious, at the same time confiding her insecurities to him. As Horace comes to be regarded more and

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## A Touch of Elegance

by Pamela F. Tcath

Located in the DePasquale Plaza on Rhode Island's historic Federal Hill, is the extremely charming, restaurant called *Toscano's*. The location for this restaurant is absolutely perfect. Not directly fixed on Atwells Avenue, you don't have to deal with parking problems, loud cars and pedestrian noise. As you walk from Atwells to the restaurant you get a breathtaking view of the city. It is a quiet and calm picture, not what you see during the busy work day.

Directly outside the restaurant is a little cafe-style area. There are a few tables set up for casual cocktails or dining. Had the evening been a little warmer, my partner and I would have chosen to sit outside.

Once inside the restaurant we were treated like royalty. The attention the staff pays to details is incredible. There was no waiting; we were led directly to our table which had a magnificent overlook of the Plaza where we were able to watch the couples casually window-shop and the birds play.

Not being very well versed in Italian, both my partner and I were grateful for the translations provided in the menu. As the waiter described the specials for the evening, trying to make a decision became very difficult. Each selection sounded more appetizing than the one before. While we had difficulty agreeing on an appetizer, I was the gracious one and let my guest have his choice. He selected the *Minestrone Di Verdura* for \$3.50 which is the fresh vegetable soup, Florentine style. Considering the fact that I cannot truly appreciate cooked vegetables, it was a surprise when I helped my guest finish his soup. Maybe it was the fact that the

vegetables looked so fresh, or maybe it just was good soup. I selected the *Caesar Salad* for Two for \$7.50 as my salad. The presentation was wonderful. Large, full, crisp leaves dressed to perfection. There wasn't anything left on those plates either.

Still debating over our main courses, we made quick work of the bread basket. I still can't place my finger on one of the types served. At first it looked similar to garlic breadsticks, but there was a definite taste of salt. The other bread, I am convinced, was some sort of sourdough. When we finally ordered our entrees, my partner and I were definitely antipati-

ing a culinary delight.

There was no disappointment when these dishes came either. My partner had selected the *Tutto Pepe* for \$15.50, which is steak flambé with cognac, crushed black pepper and cream. It looked and smelled great. It actually tasted even better. It was so tender, he said, that he really didn't need a knife. I had selected one of the specials, *Baby Lamb Chops* for \$18.50, which are four succulent chops sautéed with

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## A Different Kind of Giving

Shavuot is a harvest festival. (A harvest is the gathering of farm crops.) On Shavuot, the Jewish people celebrate the harvest of wheat as well as the first ripe fruits.

A harvest festival has two parts. First, there is the religious celebration. We thank God for the success of our crops.

The second part of a harvest festival has to do with giving charity. A Jew is supposed to share his or her good fortune. Because Shavuot celebrates a harvest, this is the perfect time to do something for people who are hungry.

Hunger is a problem that is not going away. While no one knows exactly how many people throughout the world go hungry, it is thought to be as much as 20 million people just in the United States. Many of those hungry people are children!

There is a new Jewish organization, called Mazon, that helps hungry people. Started only five years ago, it collects money and then gives it to other organizations that work to end hunger, mostly in the United States.

The money is raised in an unusual way. People who are having celebrations figure out the cost of the celebration meal and then add 3%, which is sent to Mazon. For example, when a family is celebrating a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, they sometimes have a luncheon after Shabbat services. Suppose the luncheon costs \$1500. The family would add 3% to the cost of the luncheon, or \$45.00, to send to Mazon.

Most of Mazon's money is raised through events held at synagogues. However, a birthday party is one way children and their families could participate in Mazon's plan. Whatever kind of birthday party is planned - pizza, movies, or just birthday cake at home - 3% of the cost of the party could be sent to Mazon.

You don't need a celebration to send tzedakah to Mazon. Donations can be mailed to Mazon, 2940 Westwood Blvd., Suite 7, Los Angeles, California 90064.

(The Hebrew word "mazon" means meal. Most people know this word from the Birkat HaMazon, or "Blessing After The Meal.")

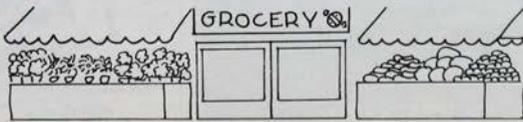


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(oh-chel)  
food

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(peh-rote)  
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ירקות  
(y'rah-kote)  
vegetables

## חברים לעט

## (Chah-veh-reem L'et) - Pen Pals

## Dear Readers:

Here are some readers who would like to hear from you! To send a letter to one of the names listed below, first write your letter. Be sure to include your complete address in your letter. Then, put a stamp on a **blank envelope**. Put your letter and the **stamped** blank envelope in another envelope which is addressed to: the name of your pen pal, c/o NOAH'S ARK, 7726 Portal, Houston, Texas 77071.

- Kanga

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**Jessica Leavitt**

Olivet, Missouri  
Age: 7 Grade: 1st  
Likes Chanukah, reading, gymnastics, school, Brownies, and sports.  
Wants a girl pen pal, aged 7.

**Rachel Leventhal**

Jericho, New York  
Age: 7 Grade: 2nd  
Likes: soccer, baseball, reading, and stickers.  
Wants a girl pen pal, aged 7-8.

**Miriam Dolin**

Greensboro, North Carolina  
Age: 7½ Grade: 2nd  
Likes riding bikes, swimming, reading, jump rope, and writing stories.  
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**Ben Robbins**

Andover, Massachusetts  
Age: almost 8 Grade: 2nd  
Likes: baseball, classical music, projects, fixing things, and tennis.  
Wants a boy pen pal, aged 7-8.

**Elisha Sieper**

Memphis, Tennessee  
Age: 8 Grade: 2nd  
Likes school, bikes, and gymnastics.  
Wants a girl pen pal, aged 8.

**Ben Zale**

Dallas, Texas  
Age: 8½ Grade: 2nd  
Likes Nintendo, food, and wrestling.  
Wants a boy pen pal, aged 8-12.

**Abby B. Goldberg**

San Francisco, California  
Age: 8 Grade: 2nd  
Likes art, gymnastics, skiing, buying things, history, and countries.  
Wants a girl pen pal, aged 8-12.

**David Jackson**

Kenner, Louisiana  
Age: 8 Grade: 3rd  
Likes swimming, soccer, football, baseball, reading, and spelling.  
Wants a boy pen pal, aged 9.

**Shira Ashley Kimmel**

Haverford, Pennsylvania  
Age: 8½ Grade: 3rd  
Likes reading, swimming, ice skating, TV, and getting letters.  
Wants a girl pen pal.

**Matt Cohn**

Schaumburg, Illinois  
Age: 9 Grade: 3rd  
Likes pizza, Nintendo, basketball, soccer, and the San Francisco 49ers.  
Wants a boy pen pal, aged 9-11.

**Robert Goldstein**

Nashua, New Hampshire  
Age: 9 Grade: 3rd  
Likes swimming, art, baseball, math, pets, movies, and TV.  
Wants a pen pal, same age.

**Gail Sandock**

Indianapolis, Indiana  
Age: 9 Grade: 4th  
Likes basketball, swimming, climbing trees, parties, eating, and art.  
Wants a girl pen pal, aged 9 or 10.

**Holle Williams**

Perrysburg, Ohio  
Age: 9½ Grade: 4th  
Likes reading, stamps, bikes, soccer, movies, drama, Nintendo, and Michigan Wolverines.  
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**Arthur Pronin**

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Wants a boy pen pal, aged 9-11.

**Jessica Lambert**

Charleston, West Virginia  
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Wants a girl pen pal, aged 10-11.

**Kevin Garsek**

Fort Worth, Texas  
Age: 11 Grade: 5th  
Likes tennis, baseball, football, swimming, golf and having fun.

**Barry Cohen**

Woodland Hills, California  
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Wants a boy pen pal, same age.

**Carla Weinberg**

St. Louis, Missouri  
Age: 12 Grade: 6th  
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Wants a pen pal, aged 10 or older.

**Stephanie Sand**

Morganville, New Jersey  
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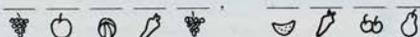
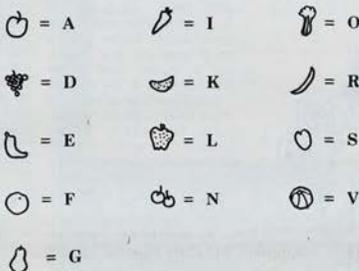
## הקוד המסתורי

## (Ha-Code Ha-meess-toe-ree) - Mystery Code

On Shavuot, Jews read the story of Ruth. One reason is because, in the story, Ruth chose to become a Jew. This reminds us that the Israelites chose to accept the Torah at Mt. Sinai, something we celebrate on Shavuot. Also, Ruth worked in the fields, harvesting wheat. On Shavuot, we too celebrate the harvest. The story of Ruth also talks about leaving grain in the corners of the fields for the poor. Giving tzedakah is another important part of celebrating this holiday.

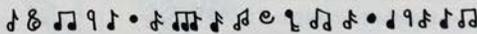
There's something important you should know about Ruth. She was the great-grandmother of which famous Jew?

To find out, match the symbols to the letters and write the letters in the blanks.



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## Answer To Mystery Code

**David, King of Israel.** David's father was Jesse. Jesse's father was Obed. Obed's mother was Ruth and his father was Boaz.



# Mother's Day

## The Day Care Blues of Working, Caring Parents

One of the most critical problems of today's family is that of finding adequate day care for the children of working mothers — and fathers. And, as more mothers move into the job market, the problem will only be exacerbated in the decade ahead, exacerbated because the number of working mothers with young children (under 18) will swell from today's 70 percent to almost 90 percent of mothers in their childbearing years.

Not only is day care an expensive necessity for these young families, but the quality of such supervision varies so widely from facility to facility, from town to town, that picking the right one is little more than a gamble, a game of chance. There's no doubt about it — local, state and even federal government standards will have to introduce and enforce regulations — for the good of the children, our next generation of leaders, and for the peace of mind of the mothers.

A mother who is worrying about what might be happening to her child or children while she's at work is a diverted, less-productive employee.

One of the most critical problems is the quality of child care supervisors, many of them inadequately trained, not highly motivated, and almost always underpaid! The result is high turnover rates among employees, with the resultant erosion of interest, care and supervision.

But, all is not lost. Many visionary corporations are establishing or experimenting with day care centers for the children of their employees. The benefit to the corporations is obvious — they have worry-free parents who work more efficiently, and such parents are more likely to remain loyal employees, a significant boon as labor shortages are expected in the decade ahead. That's an important consideration to every corporate executive who envisions growth ahead for his company.

Over 3,500 companies with 100 or more employees now offer some kind of child care benefit, from financial aid to on-site, affordable day care services. And it has been reported that more than half of all American companies are now considering day care benefits.

The seriousness of the situation was demonstrated by a recent survey that cited child care as the greatest concern facing families in which both mother and father work full-time.

Of all the developed societies of the world, the United States is perhaps the least prepared for the day care challenge that must be faced in the decades to come. The days are over when an indulgent mother, grandmother or friend could be depended upon to babysit while parents were at work. Sitting has become a vocation, a sensitive role to be addressed by trained personnel, who can have such influence on the development of the young minds left with them to mold, day in and day out.

When Mother's Day comes on May 13, give thought to the problems of our working mothers, now in the majority, and how meaningful a day consecrated to their efforts can be to them. It can be a day free of the stresses of juggling the responsibilities of mothering, marriage and management.

### First Time Mothers More Mature

It's a sign of the times. First time mothers are older than mothers of just a generation ago. Only a few years ago, when a woman graduated from high school or college, she was probably ready to take her marriage vows, and become a mother soon after that.

But today, as more and more young women are completing college and advanced studies, they are finding fulfillment in jobs and in independence. Many young women are determined to put off marriage, and certainly motherhood, until they have secured a niche in the business world to which

they can return.

The result is that the age of first time mothers has been creeping higher, year by year.

This may herald low birth-rates in the future since child-bearing years grow fewer if a woman first gives birth in her thirties or forties.

However, some scientists argue that more mature parents give children better intellectual starts which enable them to develop earlier and to fit into society more quickly. What's more, experienced women have more knowledge and skills to handle the perplexing problems of motherhood. They

often have achieved financial stability that enables them to do more for their children — perhaps providing them with better care, better diets and a better education.

The fact that older first-time mothers have fewer child-bearing years ahead or elect to limit the size of their families is a contribution to the concept of "zero population growth," particularly important as the earth's population soars above five billion, and available resources to clothe and feed everyone become scarce.

## For Mother... Worthy of the Best

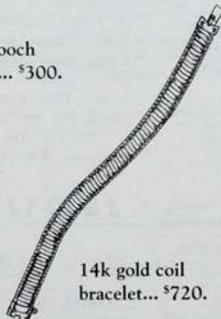


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## \*\*\*\*\* And Then There Was Mother's Day \*\*\*\*\*

It may be hard to believe, but once there was no Mother's Day!

But, there was an Anna Reeves Jarvis — and Ms. Jarvis had a wonderful idea.

Mother's Day, as we know it today, was her invention, shortly after the turn of the century, a concept inspired by her own mother's death. It was a concept so right, so meaningful, that it was to sweep the country, and then the world, with its simplicity, its honesty and its symbolism.

Back in 1907, just two years after her mother died, Ms. Jarvis described her notion to establish a Mother's Day, in honor of her mother and all American mothers.

A year later, Mother's Day became a reality when it was first observed in Ms. Jarvis's hometown of Grafton, West Virginia.

But then it took a year of urging, cajoling and pressuring

important people in her adopted hometown of Philadelphia, to develop the idea to an embryonic but successful conclusion. She did have moral support, right from the start, from John Wanamaker, the Philadelphia merchant philanthropist and civic leader. Where he led, others followed — the clergy, civic groups, leaders of commerce and industry.

Even before Ms. Jarvis, there was a failed attempt at establishing Mother's Day by the Boston activist, Harriet Beecher Ward, following the cruel and destructive Franco-Prussian War in 1871. Ward was moved to try to develop an organized group of mothers, all over the world, as a force to prevent future wars. And, though the idea made a bit of progress, after a few struggling years, Ms. Ward's Mother's Day withered and passed into oblivion.

So, when a new Mother's

Day, born of love, devotion, respect and understanding dawned on the United States, its acceptance was spontaneous and immediate.

But why was Grafton, West Virginia, the site of the first Mother's Day on the second Sunday in May in 1908? Because the Jarvis family came from West Virginia, where they were diligent citizens who had devoted time and energies to such civic enterprises as rehabilitating discharged Civil War veterans.

The first Mother's Day sermon was preached in a little country church that still stands, a public shrine and monument to the message of the day, now revered around the world.

In 1913 Congress enacted Mother's Day as a national holiday, forevermore to be observed the second Sunday of May, and to be so proclaimed by the President annually. It was President Wilson to whom the

honor of issuing the first Mother's Day proclamation fell first.

Originally, Mother's Day was commemorated by a special visit to mother, or a letter or note, written expressly to mark the occasion, or a gift of some wild flowers. In 1908, less than five percent of the mothers of the country worked outside the home; today, over 75 percent of mothers carry the double duty of bringing home part of the income and running the household, as well.

The complexities of today's schedules leave little time to write personal letters. But over 125 million greeting cards, hardly envisaged in leisurely 1908, fill the gap! And though many people live too far away from their mothers to make a special Mother's Day visit, the telephone helps to fill this gap. And who knows? In a couple of years we may be able to see as

well as talk to mother via the fledgling picture-phone!

Instead of some wild flowers, today's mothers are on the receiving end of millions of commercially-grown floral tributes, courtesy of the friendly local florist... and an avalanche of gifts of apparel, jewelry, cosmetics and fragrances, and appliances that total up to a value of about eight billion dollars.

Created from love, Mother's Day was nurtured into an event of international significance. Could it be done today? Maybe not, given the pressures and demands of 1990, but 82 years ago, when life moved at a slower pace, the time of Mother's Day had come — and we have been bequeathed a legacy of love that will be with us always.

Don't forget, Mother's Day is Sunday, May 13, this year!



### Fitness Is a Valuable Mother's Day Gift

At home exercise equipment may not be the first gift you think of when selecting a Mother's Day gift. But if mom says she wants to lose weight, get into shape for summer, or have more energy, a piece of quality exercise equipment is a gift she'll appreciate for years to come, according to the experts at NordicTrack.

The Chaska, Minnesota-based manufacturer of the total body aerobic exerciser points out that exercising at home is often the best option for today's busy career mothers. Juggling work, family and other obligations leaves a mother with very little time to take care of herself. "An in-home exerciser is a time saving must," says Florence Pauls, vice president of NordicTrack.

Pauls has used NordicTrack since 1975 when her husband, Ed, first developed the cross-country skiing exerciser. At that time her two children were very young, and helping her husband build NordicTrack into a thriving business was a demanding full-time job. But Pauls found that exercising on NordicTrack gave her a higher energy level.

"When you have more energy, you can work more efficiently and still have the vitality to enjoy your family and friends," adds Pauls.

Regular aerobic exercise is also important to permanent, healthy weight loss, so a quality piece of at-home exercise equipment such as NordicTrack will help mothers with their spring shape-up goals.

For example, Phyllis Goldie, a California mother of three, found the answer to her life-

long weight problem by using NordicTrack. With two young children, going to a health club is not an option for her. But with NordicTrack, she is able to watch her children while she works out. NordicTrack simulates the motions of cross-country skiing, which is one of the world's most efficient exercises, both in terms of total body conditioning and calories burned per minute, and so she was able to lose 38 pounds by eating sensibly and working out regularly.

Those two components are essential to a successful weight loss program, according to an article, "Sleek & Sassy Slim Down Plan," in the winter 1990 issue of *Personal Fitness and Weight Loss*. "You'll lose weight if you simply cut down on your caloric intake, but a greater proportion of what you lose will be muscle tissue. You really want to lose fat," explains Dr. Michael Gray, professor of health and physical education at Northern Kentucky University and an international consultant on fitness and exercise.

Dr. Gray points out that simple calorie reduction is undesirable. "When you restrict your food intake (without exercise) your body metabolism slows down. The body tries to conserve energy, almost in self-defense. This slow-down has two results: It will make you feel sluggish, and it will become increasingly difficult to lose weight. You're really working against yourself."

Another special benefit of regular aerobic exercise for pressured women is that it helps to reduce stress by stimu-

lating the brain's production of the hormone norepinephrine, which is directly related to emotional stability. Exercise also stimulates endorphins, which are substances in the brain that give a naturally pleasant feeling.

Because it simulates the motions of cross-country skiing, NordicTrack supplies the thorough aerobic workout that provides all of these benefits. With NordicTrack, a mother can tone her entire body, maintain weight, lower stress, achieve cardiovascular fitness — even alleviate the risks of osteoporosis and high blood pressure and cholesterol — in as little as 20 minutes a day, three days a week.

#### Balanced Fitness Is Essential

Although aerobic exercise should be the foundation of any exercise program, strengthening anaerobic exercise is also important for balanced fitness. NordicTrack recently introduced the Nordic Fitness Chair, a comfortable, attractive piece of fitness furniture that allows busy moms of all ages to get the important upper body strengthening exercise they need.

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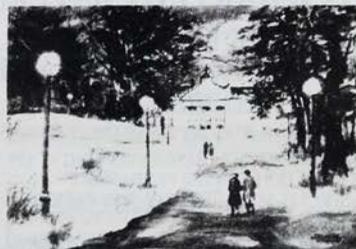
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1981

Phyllis George Brown  
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Tammy Grimes  
Ruth Hinerfeld  
Maureen O'Sullivan  
Barbara Rosen

1982

Judy Blume  
Congresswoman Geraldine Ferraro

Geraldine Fitzgerald

Arlene Francis  
Sally John  
Erica Jong  
Joan Lunden  
Julie Meade  
Lynda Johnson Robb  
Congresswoman Patricia Schroeder  
Joanne Sheptock  
Nancy Thurmond

1983

Joan Bennett  
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Carol Martin  
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1984

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## For Mother's Day — Hot Tips On Cool Cooking

### The New Wave of Meal Making

Recent figures show that the majority of American homes now have a microwave as an auxiliary appliance. Of those who do not own one, many wish they did!

At Empire Kosher, our Consumer Line receives many, many requests for microwave cooking directions for our poultry. With more wives and mothers than ever working outside the home, traditional chores such as shopping and cooking are now becoming increasingly shared among all family members.

Not only do more men cook, but children and teenagers are becoming more independent and more likely to prepare their own meals. While the microwave is easy for anyone to operate, young children should not be permitted to operate this appliance on their own without proper supervision.

Re-heating previously prepared meals is probably the most widespread daily use of this wonderful appliance. But, as the recipes in this pamphlet show, there are many more wonderful, time saving and nutritious possibilities for microwave cooking!

Microwave ovens do vary in wattage and power. Thus, it is usually advisable to consult the manual for your particular brand for specific instructions regarding defrosting, and cooking times per pound.

### Great Timing, Great Nutrition

A microwave can be a great time saver for rushed families with varying schedules. Using a microwave oven can also be a smart way to cut fats from your diet, since cooking can be accomplished without added cooking fats. Most microwaves do not brown, and so poultry is best cooked without skin, helping to cut extra fat further.

Poultry is the most versatile and economical of all meats. Add the speed and simplicity of the microwave cooking method, and it's really the perfect food! In addition, the all-naturally grown Empire Kosher chicken and turkey are so juicy, tender and flavorful you'll wonder why you ever cooked poultry any other way!

### How to Kosher Your Microwave

According to Rabbi Israel Belsky, Halachic Consultant of

the Orthodox Union, microwave ovens require a specific kashering procedure. In order to render these cooking devices kosher, check the inside for any visible signs of fat or grime. If there is any, manually remove it and then take some boiling water (from a kosher pot) and spill it over the area of grime. Then take a glass of water, filled to the top. Place it in the middle of the oven and turn the oven on full blast. The water will steam the entire oven. After 15 minutes of steaming, the microwave oven is kosher. It will probably be necessary to refill the glass once or twice because the water will boil out quickly. If in doubt, please consult your Rabbi for directions.

### Heating Empire Products

Microwaving can be a real time saver when heating Empire Kosher's Barbecue Chickens and Turkeys. Since the Barbecue is already cooked, simply thaw (in microwave on defrost), cut in half or in pieces for faster reheating. Reheat (medium power) for about 5 minutes per pound, or until thoroughly warmed and sauce is hot.

Many people ask about heating Empire Kosher battered and breaded products in a microwave. We do not recommend using a microwave for any of our fried products. The coating will not crisp, and the product will not be at their fabulously Empire Kosher best. The Classic, Gourmet and Smoked Gourmet Turkey Breasts, usually sold in deli-cassets, are wonderful simply sliced and heated in a microwave for a quick and elegant meal.

### Microwave Recipes

The following recipes are designed for family meals, but may be halved for smaller households. Every recipe can also be frozen and reheated with excellent results. With the working person in mind, they can easily be assembled, put into the microwave, and be cooking while the table is set, clothes changed, paper read, or homework checked.

### Chicken Cacciatore (serves 4)

2½ to 3½ Empire Kosher fryer, cut into serving pieces, skin removed.

1 package kosher parve onion soup mix

1 can stewed tomatoes

¼ lb. fresh mushrooms, sliced

½ tsp. rosemary

½ tsp. basil

Place chicken pieces in large casserole, add remaining ingredients. Cover with plastic wrap, or wax paper. Cook on high 20 to 25 minutes, rotating dish a quarter turn after 10 minutes. Serve with noodles or brown rice.

### Garlic Lover's Chicken (serves 6)

40 cloves of garlic, peeled

½ cup olive oil

4 stalks celery, cut into strips

2 tsp. parsley

1 tsp. tarragon

¼ tsp. nutmeg

2 Empire Kosher fryers, cut into serving pieces, skin removed

salt and pepper

1/3 cup kosher Cognac

Peel 40 cloves of garlic (about 3 to 4 complete heads)

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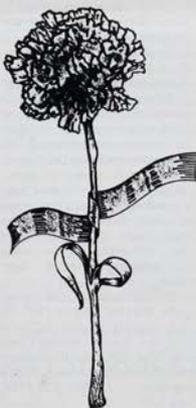


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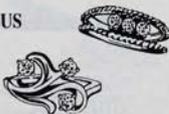
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## Hot Tips

## On Cool Cooking

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which is easiest if hit with a mallet or knife handle. Place garlic in 5 quart microproof casserole and cook on high 3 minutes. Pour olive oil into casserole and add celery, parsley, tarragon and nutmeg. Stir well. Season chicken with pepper. Place in casserole and turn chicken pieces in olive oil mixture to coat. Add cognac and turn chicken in mixture again. Cover with tight lid or vented plastic wrap, cook on high 20 minutes, rearranging chicken after 10 minutes. Reduce setting to medium (50%) and cook another 40 minutes, stirring every 15 minutes. Serve with French bread and lots of napkins! Spread garlic cloves, which turn out mild and mellow, on bread and dip in cooking juices. Just excellent!

## Turkey Pot Roast

(serves 4)

1 tbsp. corn starch  
¼ cup orange juice  
½ tsp. ginger  
2 tbsp. brown sugar  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
1½ lbs. peeled potatoes, cut into ¼ inch slices  
½ lb. carrots, peeled and cut into ¼ inch slices  
2 Empire Kosher Turkey Thighs (about 2 pounds), skin removed

An easy recipe for the microwave. Combine all ingredients in a large glass dish, cover loosely with wrap. Cook on high 10 minutes. Rotate dish. Reduce power to medium-high, microwave for 30 minutes, rotating dish halfway through the cooking. Thighs are done when juices run clear.

## Terrific Turkey Breast

(serves 12)

1 Empire Kosher Turkey Breast, 4-6 pounds  
1 large clove garlic  
1 small bay leaf  
½ tsp. ginger  
½ tsp. cloves  
1/3 cup brown sugar  
3 tsp. kosher rum  
1 tbsp. corn starch  
2 tsp. fresh lime juice

Partially cook turkey breast, about 30 minutes on medium setting. Mince garlic, crumble bay leaf, and add the remaining seasonings, 1 tablespoon kosher rum, blend well. Remove turkey breast, spread seasoning mixture over breast until well coated. Return turkey breast to microwave, roast an additional 10 minutes, baste with pan juices. Return to oven another 10 minutes, or until juices run clear. Remove and let stand, covered, for 15 minutes.

For gravy, strain pan juices, add water to equal one cup. Microwave on high one minute. Combine corn starch with remaining rum, stir into pan juices, microcook on medium about 5 minutes, whisking once or twice, or until gravy thickens and coats a spoon evenly. Remove from heat, stir in lime juice. To serve, carve turkey breast, and top with gravy.

## Chicken Casserole

(serves 4)

1 cup long grain rice  
3 lbs. Empire Kosher Chicken Thighs, Legs or Breasts, skin removed  
1 pkg. kosher parve dry onion soup mix  
pinch garlic powder; paprika

## Mothers Of All Kinds



A young mother, Jean Geller, with her first-born, Robert.



A middle-aged mother, Mary Zucker, proudly poses with her son, Joseph Zucker, on his graduation from Johns Hopkins Medical School, 1936.

Put rice in 2 quart microwave casserole, place chicken in single layer on top, meaty side down, with thicker pieces towards the outer edge of the dish. Sprinkle chicken and rice with onion soup mix, garlic powder and paprika. Add water to bottom of dish, cover with plastic wrap (slash water to vent steam). Microwave on high for 12 minutes. Uncover, carefully so that you don't burn on the steam, move chicken to one side, stir rice. Turn chicken pieces over and place the pieces which have cooked more at center of dish. Baste with liquid. Cook on medium for another 35 to 40 minutes, or until liquid is absorbed and chicken is tender. Let stand covered up to 30 minutes.

## Chicken with Walnuts

(serves 4)

1 pound Empire Kosher Boneless Chicken Breasts or 1

2 cups hot water  
1 pound Empire Kosher Turkey Tenders  
½ cup parve margarine or olive oil  
½ teaspoon dry parve bread crumbs  
2 tablespoons chopped green or yellow onion  
½ cup walnuts or almonds  
2 tablespoons lemon juice  
2 small cloves garlic

Cut chicken breasts or turkey tenders into strips, ½ inch wide, ¼ inch thick. Place in single layer in shallow microwave dish. Place margarine/oil, bread crumbs, green onion, nuts or almonds, lemon juice, garlic, and pepper (salt if desired) in food processor, process until well combined (or chop by hand and blend). Spoon over strips, sprinkle with paprika if desired. Cover with waxed paper and cook on high for 6 minutes, rotate halfway through.

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A grandmother of several grandchildren, Miriam Krasnow, beams upon one of her youngest. The year 1953.



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# Local News

## Jewish Family Service

### JFS Seeks Home Furnishings For Soviet Emigres

Jewish Family Service is asking that members of the community continue the generosity and friendship they have shown to incoming Soviet Jews. As the coordinating agency for the resettlement program, Jewish Family Service, located at 229 Waterman Street in Providence is actively seeking home furnishings for the newcomers. More than 200 Soviet Jews are scheduled to arrive in Rhode Island this year, and they are able to bring very few personal belongings with them to furnish their new homes.

Because of the sheer volume of immigrants, the agencies

which normally help are stretched to the limit of their resources. Anyone who can spare sofas, chairs, tables, dressers, beds or lamps in good condition should contact Jewish Family Service at 331-1244 to donate these items. Also needed are dishes, pots and pans and appliances.

Jewish Family Service is coordinating efforts to resettle the newcomers. The Jewish Federation of Rhode Island provides funding for resettlement and the National Council of Jewish Women, Rhode Island Section is a significant partner in this program. Families who have been previously resettled have come forward to actively assist the newcomers, a

valuable asset in the process.

The Rhode Island Jewish community has gained a reputation as one of the most welcoming destinations for emigrating Soviet Jews. Now everyone's help is needed to continue the caring.

### Jewish Family Service Recommends 'New & Improved Kids'

Jewish Family Service, an agency whose services include providing parenting workshops through The Parent Exchange and counseling for families recommends watching *New and Improved Kids*, a one-hour documentary special hosted by Loni Anderson. The program, which highlights the parenting strategies of several

families and offers many ideas for better parenting, is part four of the five-part series, *Raising Good Kids in Bad Times*. The program offers simple ways to boost children's self-esteem while also making one's life as a parent easier.

Family Service America, a national organization of family service agencies to which Jewish Family Service belongs, is encouraging parents and future parents to watch the show.

The nationally syndicated program was written, produced and directed by Carol L. Fleisher for Arnold Shapiro Productions in association with USAA. *New & Improved Kids* will air between April 23 and May 20.

### AIDS Official To Address Beth-El Sisterhood

The Sisterhood of Temple Beth-El invites you to LEARN THE FACTS: "Dispelling the Myth of AIDS: Educating Ourselves to Educate Our Children" featuring Philip Cain, Education Department, R.I. Project AIDS.

The program will take place on Sunday, May 6, 1990, 7:30 p.m. at Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence.

For more information call the Temple office at 331-6070.

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## Sons Of Jacob Synagogue

**Friday, May 4** - Nine days in Iyar. Candlelighting is at 7:27 p.m. Minchah service at 7 p.m.

**Saturday, May 5** - Ten days in Iyar. The Torah reading is P'Acharei/Kedoshim. Shacharis (morning services) 8:30 a.m. Kiddush follows at approximately 11 a.m. Minchah 7:35 p.m. Maariv 8:30 p.m. Shabbush ends at 8:35 p.m. The Havdalah service at 8:40 p.m.

**Sunday, May 6** - Morning services are at 7:45 a.m.

**Wednesday, May 9** - (14 days in Iyar) is Pesach Sheni.

Minchah for the entire week is at 7:40 p.m.

Morning services for Monday and Thursday is at 6:30 a.m. and for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at 6:45 a.m.

### Lag Be-Omer (Part One of Two Parts)

Lag Be-Omer, youngest of the Jewish festivals, arrives well in the spring, on the eighteenth day of the month of Iyar (Sunday, May 13 - also

Mother's Day this year). Like many Jewish holidays, it tells of the Jewish people's fight for freedom against the dark forces of oppression.

Lag Be-Omer is a happy day: a day for weddings, picnics, and outdoor sports. This is the "scholars' holiday."

Nearly two thousand years ago Palestine was conquered by the Roman general Titus. For many years, Palestine was ruled by governors appointed by the Roman emperor. They taxed the people heavily and forbade them to study Torah.

Bar Kochba gathered a staunch and determined army of Jewish warriors, and was determined to drive the Romans from Palestine.

One of the most beloved leaders was Rabbi Akiba, a chief supporter of Bar Kochba. Akiba, once an ignorant shepherd married Rachel, daughter of a rich man. She was disowned, but encouraged her husband to go off to a Yeshiva to study and he returned with fame for his wisdom and gentle manner.

It was Akiba who gave Bar Kochba his name. Akiba had been searching for a leader for the rebellion against the Romans. One day a man came to his door and said he was Simon Bar Kosiba, ready to take up arms against the Romans. Akiba quoted the

Bible, "There shall step forth a star out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel and smite the corners of Moab and destroy the children of Seth."

Akiba named him "Bar-Kochba - Son of a Star." For three years they managed to withstand the Roman attacks. As a sign of independence, the Jew's made new coins bearing the name of their hero Bar Kochba. Finally Emperor Hadrian sent his fiercest general, Julius Severus who was battling in Britain, to defeat the Jews in Palestine.

Bar Kochba was forced to retreat to Betar, the fortified city near Jerusalem. After one year, in 135 C.E., the Romans broke through and destroyed the city. Bar Kochba was killed and Rabbi Akiba was put to a cruel death by the Roman governor of Judea.

However, on the thirty-third day of counting the Omer (which is commanded in the Torah "And you shall count seven weeks starting with the day after the Sabbath [Vayikore 23:15]"), according to folklore Bar Kochba won a great victory, and a plague among his students stopped. Lag Be-Omer is the one joyous day of the Sefirah days.

The seven weeks between Passover and Shavuot recall the suffering the Jews endured under Roman persecution.

### Guterman Honored For Twenty Years With Temple Beth-El

Congregation Sons of Israel and David, Temple Beth-El, expressed deep appreciation to Rabbi Leslie Y. Guterman for twenty years of service and devotion on Friday, April 20. Rabbi Samuel E. Karf, President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, joined former congregation presidents under whom Rabbi Guterman served as he addressed over 600 worshippers. Reverend Bishop George Hunt delivered the benediction.

Temple President Bruce Sundlun read a letter from President George Bush and a testimonial prepared by Temple member Geraldine Foster which was displayed in a magnificent Ketubah cover designed by Israeli artist Frank Meisler. The testimonial said in part that, "Leslie Guterman's compassionate sincerity draws people to him. His sense of

humor endears him to all who know him. In their times of joy and times of need, congregants and non-congregants seek his counsel and find a sensitive and caring friend... whether as rabbi, committee member, trustee, chairman or president, he serves in each community position with distinction." Temple Beth-El is grateful to members of the 135th Anniversary Planning Committee, Bert and Helene Bernhardt, David and Pat Cohen, Nan Levine and Carl Feldman, for their efforts in planning this magnificent Shabbat of Honor for Rabbi Leslie Guterman.

For more information on Temple Beth-El, call Executive Director Rob Goldberg at 331-6070.

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The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence, and the Friends of the Providence Public Library/Rochambeau Branch co-sponsor a book club of armchair detectives who hold monthly meetings known as the Mystery Buffs of Rhode Island. Participants discuss mystery books and authors and plan for events such as comparison programs between books and movies. Mystery Buffs is one-year-old and continues to be held at the Rochambeau branch of the library, 708 Hope Street in Providence.

Dues per year are \$10 per person and \$15 per couple. Club members are issued discount cards which entitle them to a 10% discount on books purchased at Murder By the Book, 1281 North Main Street in Providence. For further information contact Lisa Goodman at 861-8800.

### Registration To Begin For Summer Day Camps

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence, is accepting applications for its six summer day camps. Camp sea-

son is from June 25 through August 17, 1990. Transitional Camp Days are also being offered this year for the three weeks between school end and the camp season. Registration for these days is separate and apart from regular summer camp.

Camp K'ton is for preschoolers ages 2½ to 3. Camp Yeladim is for children ages 3 to 5 years. Children in grades K-4 can enjoy Camp Haverim or Sports Camp. For preteens entering grades 5-7, Camp Bogrim is beginning its second year. CIT Camp is for high schoolers entering 8-10 grade.

For information and applications on both the regular camp season and Transitional Camp Days please call the Center at 861-8800 and a brochure will be mailed out to you.

### JCCRI Preschool Committee Cookbook

The Preschool Committee of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence, has put together a cookbook of favorite appetizers and desserts called "Beginnings and Endings." At \$7.50 per cookbook, they are available for Mother's Day gifts. For information call Eva Silver at 861-8800.

## Sisterhood Of Temple Beth-El's World- Renown Authority On Jewish Cooking, May 10

The Sisterhood of Temple Beth-El presents its annual Donor Event, *Jewish Food in America — 350 Years*, featuring Joan Nathan on Thursday, May 10, at 7 p.m. in the Temple Meeting Hall.

Nathan, lauded as the "Julia Child of the Kosher kitchen," is the author of *The Flavors of Jerusalem*, *The American Folklife Cookbook* and *The Children's Jewish Holiday Kitchen*. Her articles on international ethnic food and culture have appeared in the *New York Times*, *Boston Globe*, *Washington Post*, *McCall's* and the *National Jewish Monthly*.

A Providence native who now resides in Washington, D.C. with her family, Nathan is currently writing a cookbook on the topic she will be discussing at the donor event. Her latest cookbook, the new and expanded edition of *The Jewish Holiday Kitchen*, will be on sale at the event. Nathan will be available to autograph copies. Proceeds to benefit the Sisterhood of Temple Beth-El.

The evening will also feature desserts by Plantation Caterers of Newport.

Co-chairwomen of the spring fundraiser are Melba Meister and Sue Rosenfield. Other members of the donor event committee include:

### Correspondents Wanted

If you would like to correspond for the *Herald* by writing about what is happening in your community, contact the editor at 724-0200.



Joan Nathan, author of *The Jewish Holiday Kitchen*

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Ticket categories are: benefactor, \$54; patron, \$36; sponsor, \$25; donor, \$20. For more information, call the Temple office at 331-6070.

## Bureau of Jewish Education of RI

### Israel Orientation for High School Students

The Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island will hold a two-session orientation program for high school students traveling to Israel in a variety of summer programs.

Entitled, "Israel: The Myth and the Reality," the course will attempt to explore issues and institutions which permeate the fabric of Israeli society: the army, the Arab-Israeli conflict, women in Israel, Israel in the News, politics, the kibbutz, art and culture in Israel. Guest lecturers for the series will include David Ellison, former soldier in the Israeli army, now a United States citizen; Dorit Oved, an Israeli currently teaching at Alperin Schechter Day School of Rhode Island; Bill Tilchin, history teacher at Providence Country Day School and Ph.D. candidate at Brown University; and Rabbi

Daniel Liben, Associate Rabbi of Temple Emanu-El. Coordinator of the series is Ruth Page, of the BJE/RI Israel Desk.

The dates of the program are Sunday, May 6 from 12:30-4 pm at the BJE/RI and Monday, May 14 from 6-9 pm at the JCC/RI.

The high school students who will study and travel in Israel and the programs they will participate in are as follows:

Miriam Greenblatt, Young Judea Machon in Israel; Arion Greenwood, Masada Kibbutz Program; Rebecca Mellion, Masada Kibbutz Program; Debbie Needleman, Nesiyah Arts Institute; Ari Newman, USY Poland/Pilgrimage Seminar; Josh Newman, EIE High School in Israel; Karen Rosenberg, NFTY Academy; David Shjalansky, Let's Go Israel.

Upon their return, students will participate in a community service project.

### Holocaust Remembered At PHDS

On Sunday, April 22 we remembered the Jews that died in the Holocaust. On Friday, April 27 the students of the Providence Hebrew Day School had an assembly in which Mr. Edward Adler and the 7th and 8th graders helped the students realize what a tragedy the Holocaust was. They lit seven memorial candles for the seven major cities in which the concentration camps were established. It was a very touching experience for all the students.

The students who participated were Faige Gorkin, Shoshana and Naomi Barros, Yoni Weinstein, Chana Dubovick, Lon Gelade, Zach Rubenstein, Leon Rosen, Ami Weinberg, Bruce Kessler, Neshe Hartman, Adma Szendro, Ariella Orenstein, Ian Gopin and Marc Trachtenberg.

### Social Seniors Of Warwick

The Social Seniors of Warwick will hold a meeting Wednesday, May 9, at 1 p.m. at Temple Am David, Gardner Street. Election of officers will be conducted. Speaker will be Barbara Ruttenberg, "Reminiscence and Share Histories." Refreshments will be served.

May 17 members will be going to the Charles Playhouse in Boston to see *Nunsense* and lunch at Augustines.

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# Obituaries

**SYLVA ARON**  
CRANSTON — Sylvia Aron, 59, of 206 Rutland St., a department manager at Feline's for 18 years before retiring in 1986, died Monday, April 23, 1990, at home.  
Born in Providence, a daughter of the late William

and Blanche (Abraams) Aron, she moved to Cranston seven years ago.

Miss Aron was a member of Temple Am-David, Warwick. She leaves four brothers, Donald Aron of Pompano Beach, Fla.; Samuel L. Aron, Edward Aron and Jerome

Aron, all of Cranston; and a sister, Beatrice Mossberg of Cranston.

The funeral service was Wednesday, April 25, at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

He was a Merchant Marine veteran of World War II.

He leaves a sister, Beatrice Mayberg of Seal Beach, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held Sunday, April 29, at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

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## LILLIAN R. CHORNEY

CRANSTON — Lillian R. Chorney, 80, of 225 New London Ave., died Friday, April 27, 1990, at the home of her daughter, Bernice Engle, 100 Amherst Rd., Cranston. She was the widow of Isaac "Chuck" Chorney.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Henry and Rose (Kaplan) Alberts, she had lived most of her life in Providence. She moved to Cranston in 1982.

She was a member of the Cranston Senior Guild and the Ladies Association of the Jewish Home for Aged.

Besides her daughter she leaves a sister, Ethel Hochman of Providence; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Sunday, April 29, at the Max

## ANNA CHAET

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — Anna Chaet, 95, of 7850 Byron Ave., died Wednesday, April 25, 1990, at Mount Sinai Hospital. She was the widow of Harry Chaet.

Born in Russia, a daughter of the late Samuel and Bessie (Genadnick) Shatkin, she had lived in Providence for many years before moving to Miami Beach 30 years ago.

Mrs. Chaet was a member of the Labor Zionist Organization, the Jewish National Fund, the Histadrut, the Faband, NA'AMAT-Pioneer Women's Club 1 and the Jewish Federation.

She leaves a son, Martin L. Chaet of Israel; a daughter, Gertrude E. Sharpe of Miami Beach; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Sunday, April 29, in the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

## SAMUEL COHEN

DEERFIELD BEACH, Fla. — Samuel Cohen, 82, of 2019 Uppminster K, a principal research technician at the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security for 30 years before retiring 12 years ago, died Thursday, April 26, 1990, at North Broward Medical Center, Pompano Beach.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Joseph and Bertha (Schreiber) Cohen. He moved from Providence to Florida eight years ago, but continued to maintain a summer residence at 97 Grace St., Cranston.

He was a 1928 Brown University graduate, and received a master's degree from the University of Rhode Island.

Mr. Cohen was a member of Temple Beth-El and its brotherhood. He was a member of the Roosevelt Lodge, F&AM; the Scottish Rite, and the Knights of Pythias.

He leaves a sister, Frances Devens, with whom he lived.

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

## BELLA R. DUBINSKY

SILVER SPRINGS, Md. — Bella R. Dubinsky, 88, of Meridian Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, an employee at the former Doris Corset Shop, Providence, for 20 years before retiring 20 years ago, died Thursday, April 26, at the center. She was the widow of Nathan Dubinsky.

Born in Russia, a daughter of the late Samuel and Eva Lukomnik, she had lived in Providence for 80 years before moving to Silver Springs six years ago.

Mrs. Dubinsky was a member of Hadassah and the Sisterhood of the Congregation Shaare Zedek-Sons of Abraham.

She leaves two sons, Carl Dubinsky of Roslyn Heights, N.Y.; Robert Dubinsky of Rockville, Md.; four sisters, Ray Deitz, Pearl Lorsch, Ann Green and Jeanette Becker, all of New York City; a brother, Sid Lukomnik of Florida; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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

## PAUL MORGANSTERN

EAST PROVIDENCE — Paul Morganstern, 82, a resident of Orchard View Manor Nursing Home, 135 Tripps Lane, a merchant seaman for many years retiring in 1950 died Friday, April 27, 1990, at Miriam Hospital.

Born in Poland, a son of the late Solomon and Eva (Dichter) Morganstern, he had lived in East Providence five years, previously residing in Providence.

## MINNIE SILVERMAN

WARWICK — Minnie Silverman, 96, of 1139 Main St., died Friday, April 27, 1990, at the Greenwood House Nursing Home. Born in Troy, N.Y., a daughter of the late Joseph and Lena (Berlinsky) Silverman, she had been a resident of the home for the past two years.

She was a secretary for non-profit organizations in the Albany, N.Y., area for many years.

She is survived by two nephews, Howard Silverman and Leonard Solomon of East Greenwich.

Funeral services took place in Troy, N.Y., at the Shara Tephilah Cemetery and were coordinated by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

## RUTH WOLFSON

BROCKTON, Mass. — Ruth Silverman Wolfson, of Brockton died Monday, April 30, 1990. She was the wife of Samuel Wolfson.

Besides her husband she leaves a daughter, Marjorie Menaker of Oakville, Connecticut; two sisters, Selma Price of Cranston, R.I., and Doris Zieve of Worcester, Mass.; and two grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, May 1, at the Share Tefila Cemetery, Baker Street, W. Roxbury. Remembrances may be made to the Old Colony Hospice, 489 Page St., Stoughton, MA 02072. Arrangements by the Levine-Bris Funeral Home, Randolph.



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### Amateur In Name

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more as a real person, Wayne shouts out at one point, "He's a God-damned dummy." Charlie sees him as a little boy and for a heart wrenching moment returns to mental equilibriums and talks to Dorothy about their son. The pathos is enough to show the realism of these people, but it does not deflect — nor is it intended to — from the comic beat of the play.

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### Hasidic War (continued from page 1)

the Hasidim in the Hungarian town of Satmar began guerrilla actions against rival Hasidic groups.

A higher percentage of Jews from Satmar survived the Holocaust than those from other Hasidic villages in Poland and Russia. That and the fact that Teitelbaum was one of the few rebbers to survive gave him sudden seniority in the post-war Hasidic pantheon and enabled Satmar to become an influential post-war presence in the Hasidic world.

After settling in New York, Satmar's pre-war antipathy to other Jewish groups soon resurfaced. Wall posters warned other Brooklyn Hasidic groups, such as Belz and Lubavitch, about violent "reprisals" if these groups would not curtail their "heretical" behavior and theology.

In the last decade, the threats gave way to several abductions and muggings of Lubavitcher Hasidim, allegedly by Satmars, and Satmar followers were said to be connected to violent inci-

dents involving other Orthodox Jews.

In the latest feud, a third "democratic" faction calling itself B'nei Yoel-Yeiviv Lev has emerged.

The group sent out letters to over 200 leaders of Satmar and "Torah leaders from other groups" bemoaning the fact that their "beloved Satmar heritage" of Hasidic ideals is losing out to the fighting of "brother against brother, family against family."

The faction is advocating "legal and honest elections for the head committee of Satmar," whose religious leadership has until now been strictly dynastic or by appointment.

Though the faction's goals appear reasonable, they say they are angered by Satmar's history of "poison and hatred" and have indicated that they too may turn to violence.

"We have a counter plan of action. Do not force us to use it," the group's temporary chairman said in the letter.



At the Israel Museum in Jerusalem, Sharon Zilberstein, 15, a ninth-grade pupil at Kalman Intermediate School in Ramat HaSarón, discussed her entry, which came in third in JNF's "Tree for a Tree" painting contest.

## Roitman

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countries. He began to import their products and expanded to include furniture from England, Italy, France, the Far East as well as other countries. He added another store adjacent to the 161 South Main Street building. It was a "Cash and Carry" concept. In 1980 another "Cash and Carry" store was opened in Cranston.

In 1977 a third generation of the Roitman family entered the business. Debbie Roitman (Aaron and Rose's youngest daughter) and her husband, Lewis G. Venator, assumed important roles in its management.

But now the business Barret Roitman had created for the "carriage trade" in 1916, a business which had survived a depression, business reverses, a hurricane, two world wars, is closing its doors in June. What the founder was not able to foresee was that his business could not survive increases in the costs of health care for its employees as well as high workers' compensation insurance, higher taxes and a change in living styles of its customers.

Although Roitman and Son may not continue as a business per se, Barret Roitman left a legacy of much more enduring worth. He left the memory of a man who held to his son as he was leaving for his service in the Navy. "We may not see each other again. I want you to remember. You can walk down the street, look anyone in the eye and you will never have to apologize for anything," Aaron Roitman reminisced. "He was the soul of honor. He never took anything for granted. He was a man who was completely self-taught. He taught his children to 'dig, dig.' He read books such as Thomas Carlyle's, *Sartor Resartus* and Edward Gibbons, *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*. He wrote beautifully and he spoke equally as well. He was quite a guy."

## of Elegance

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## Flaherty Offers Recognition

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keep warm while they fought — from 7am to 7pm. At 5pm the Germans would line us up in a gathering lot to make fun, beat and count numbers. I had 36 people in my section. If you turned your head you were hit or spit on, if one person was missing the whole section would be killed — all 36."

"There were 50,000 Jews in the ghettos," she said. "Eight percent survived."

Her ten-month-old daughter was saved by Gentiles. Her husband also survived, but died in 1978.

On October 28, 1941, the Germans implemented the selection/deportation order. Eliash's ghetto members were lined up and the young and old who were sent to the right were sentenced to death. The people strong enough to work were sent to the left for slave labor. 10,000 people were sent to the Ninth Fort to die. Eliash lost her parents, sister, uncles and aunts in the selection process.

Eliash understands her survival as entailing responsibility — the duty to remind humanity of what happened and to insure it will never happen again.

Following her talk Flaherty presented a plaque to the coordinators, proclaiming April 27 as a "Day of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust."

Flaherty spoke about the Holocaust, "We have to evaluate why we humans did this. What makes humans do this?" He said, "We think that we live in an era of mass communication and it (the Holocaust) can't happen today, but it goes on today all over the world just because they're (the victims) not the right stock."

Flaherty remembered one year when he heard several survivors talking and one of them said, "You know we're gonna die out, you know we're all in our sixties and seventies, and then this message dies — we should be doing it with young people." Since that time, Flaherty's made it a yearly commitment to bring the history to the students through a Holocaust survivor and, "I think the message has much more of an impact on the students than adults."

"To me, it (the Holocaust) means that it's kind of a mystery of the kinds of depth that people can go to. It's important that young people know that we as a human race are capable of doing this type of thing and if it's unchecked, this could happen again and it's our job not to let it happen again. This is not the only Holocaust — this is the most recent and is the most spectacular, the most people, the most documented."

When asked what they thought about Flaherty's actions Mrs. Doris Zide said, "I think it's a very good idea and maybe it will impress wellness upon the children."

Ann Melamut said, "I just know it was terrible. My whole family was killed in it. I was the only one who survived and I came ahead of them and they were left behind and they all got killed in the Holocaust. I came to America in 1921. I escaped Russia in 1919.

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## Elevated Fruit (continued from page 4)

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Before the Baal Shem Tov became renowned, it was his custom to wander from town to town. He was most gratified to hear the loving praises of the simple Jews to his queries about their health, family, etc.: "Praise G-d." The L-rd does not forsake," and so on.

Once the Baal Shem Tov visited a town where they lived a scholar who studied Torah day and night in isolation. He fasted until after the evening. The Baal Shem Tov went over to the scholar and inquired after his situation. The recluse ignored him. After the Baal Shem Tov repeated his questions a number of times the scholar became angry and

showed his visitor the door. Said the Baal Shem Tov: "Why don't you provide G-d with His sustenance? You will starve Him, and He will depart from the world."

The scholar was perplexed at the words of this seemingly simple Jew. The Baal Shem Tov noticed the scholar's bewilderment and explained: "Jews exist by virtue of G-d's sustenance, but what sustains Him? In Psalms King David says: 'And You, Holy One, are enthroned upon' — i.e. sustained by — 'the praises of Israel,' by the words of praise that Jews give You for their faith and sustenance."

To make this world a "dwelling place for Him," is the purpose of all creation. Accomplishing this requires more than Torah study. It requires that we praise and acknowledge G-d for even the simple things in life, for all things are to be imbued with holiness.

## Elderly at Risk

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mean talking at them.

"Time is all-important in this life and we need to take the time to communicate."

Samaritans is largely staffed by trained volunteers is first and foremost a prevention group and does not provide long term counseling but makes referrals for such services. And from Maione's viewpoint, it is the elderly and the youth who continually wind up at-risk for suicide. "You have to wonder what's wrong when our elderly and are youth do not want to live."

A two-mile "Suicide Awareness March" to the Rhode Island State House is scheduled by the Samaritans for Tuesday, May 8. The march will be partly a memorial to remember those who died by suicide. "We need to destigmatize those who have lost somebody by suicide. John Wayne is our hero and suicide is not something that is generally accepted — therefore many of the relatives of victims have no one to talk to."

The candlelight march will begin at 9:30 p.m. from the agency's headquarters at 2 Magee Street on Providence's East Side. For more information on Samaritans call (401) 272-4044.

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