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Jewish Leaders Are Bracing for New Government

by Allison Kaplan
NEW YORK (JTA) — The ascendancy of a narrowly based Israeli government led by Likud's Yitzhak Shamir seems likely to place American Jewry between a U.S. administration and an Israeli government whose policies are profoundly different.

Shamir's government, composed of right-wing and religious parties, appears headed for conflict with the Bush administration on the issues of settlement in the administered territories and the U.S. proposal for Israeli-Palestinian negotiations to advance the peace process.

The new coalition's policy guidelines state that the government will "strengthen, expand and develop" settlements in the West Bank and Gaza

Strip, in contradiction to U.S. policy, which sees expansion of settlements as an obstacle to peace.

The guidelines also make no mention of Secretary of State James Baker's proposal for preliminary talks in Cairo between Israel and a Palestinian delegation.

"... I think it's going to be a very difficult environment. . . ."

Robert Lifton

American Jewish leaders have been anticipating the formation of such a government and have braced themselves for what appears to be a period that will test their loyalties.

"I think it's going to be a very difficult environment and one which will split American Jews as well as Israelis," said Robert Lifton, president of the American Jewish Congress.

But others contend that Shamir's new government should be given time to put its policies into action. They say it is wrong to assume the United States and Israel are on a collision course.

A Chance to 'Settle In'

Malcolm Hoenlein, executive director of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, said that both the U.S. government and American Jewry must give the new coalition an opportunity "to settle in" before they criticize its policies.

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INTERVIEWER INTERVIEWED — The tables were turned on nationally syndicated TV and radio interviewer Larry King (right), who faced questions from Rabbi David B. Kahane of Manhattan's Sutton Place Synagogue (left) in a "Jewish Town Hall" program at the synagogue. King, who according to the Guinness Book of World Records has interviewed more than 30,000 persons since he broke into radio in 1957, found himself in a new role as he responded to Rabbi Kahane's probing queries about domestic and international affairs.

- More than just Overnights - B'nai B'rith Enters the '90s

by John Chadwick

Is there more to a youth group than athletics and overnights?

Should there be? The B'nai B'rith Youth Organization is now finding out. In the 70s, BBYO became the most popular group by offering all the required social activities and an opportunity to participate on a variety of different levels.

While BBYO is today still a Jewish meeting ground for teenagers, its leaders are now rethinking their direction. Faced with declining membership and a gamut of competing groups, BBYO is now touting a

program that is as much social activism as social events. Says New England Regional Director Ted Jacobs: "Kids today are over-programmed, they're under all kinds of pressure to achieve; their parents are under economic pressure. We've worked hard to develop something relevant."

Ironically, many mainstream synagogues have taken a similar approach to help bolster involvement — witness the proliferation of social action committees.

B'nai B'rith membership in New England had been declining for most of the 1980s until

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KKK Defeated In Arkansas

But Extremist Groups Still Flourish

NEW YORK (JTA) — A Ku Klux Klan supporter and former leader of the American Nazi Party was defeated by a black real estate agent recently, in a landslide vote in the Arkansas Republican runoff election for lieutenant governor.

The white supremacist candidate, Ralph Forbes, had received a 46 percent plurality in the first round of voting last month, just short of the majority needed to clinch the primary.

But recently, he received a mere 4,431 votes, only 14 percent of the total, giving his opponent, Kenneth (Muskie) Harris, a sweeping victory.

"The voters of Arkansas have spoken," said Leslie Goodman, spokeswoman for the Republican National Committee. "They have re-

jected the politics of hate and bigotry. This is a victory of principle."

The election has focused the eyes of the nation on a state known for its right-wing extremist politics. "The state has rallied in a major way against Forbes," said Suzanne Pharr, director of the Little Rock-based Women's Project, which tracks hate groups in Arkansas. "It doesn't want to be seen as a racist state."

Pharr feels that the election has served as a barometer "to measure the number of real right-wingers in the state. These groups are substantial, but we just didn't know their numbers," she said.

Arkansas is the home of the Covenant, the Sword and the Arm of the Lord, an anti-Semitic and racist extremist

group under investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as well as the home-base of Thom Robb and the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

The 30,000-member Christian Identity movement is also deeply rooted in the state. Its religious theology teaches that white Christians are the true descendants of the lost tribes of Israel, Jews are the satanic offspring of Eve and black people are "pre-Adamic," or "sub-human."

Forbes, who calls himself a minister but does not have a church of his own, is executive director of the Sword of Christ Good News Ministries, which is affiliated with the Christian Identity movement.

It and the Sword of Truth Book Club, which he also operated, have long been purveyors of anti-Semitic materials, according to a 1988 report issued by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Forbes, who formerly served as a captain in George Rockwell's American Nazi Party, asserts that "racial separation is ultimately the right answer" and advocates sending American blacks to a black homeland in Africa. He has said that Jews "brought Africans here as slaves in chains, and have been exploiting them ever since."

He made his hatred of Jews clear in a 1980 Christmas message, in which he said: "The anti-Christ has started two world wars and the multi- (continued on page 22)



Robert Rose, producer of the Temple Beth-El 135th anniversary film, Nan Levine and Carl Feldman, co-chairs of the 135th gala.

Spotlight On...



WOMEN IN BUSINESS
Inside this week's Herald

Kaufman to Lead Workshop

Dr. Gershen Kaufman, author of the definitive work "Shame: The Power of Caring," will speak in an all-day workshop entitled "From Shame to Self-Empowerment: Origins, Healing and Treatment Issues."

The conference will be at the Hellenic Cultural Center at 25 Bigelow Ave. in Watertown from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Dr. Kaufman will speak on how dysfunctional families foster "Shame Binds" that be-

come internalized in individual members and come to dominate the personality. He will then explain survival strategies that are utilized to cope with shame and the syndromes that result from it.

The afternoon session will concentrate on techniques to heal shame by identifying how the experience of shame is re-produced and learning to re-parent the inner child. Dr. Kaufman will then teach strategies for releasing shame and dealing with family of origin issues.

The workshop, sponsored by LifeCycle Learning Resources, is open to the general public, health professionals, clergy, educators and others interested in personal and professional growth. LifeCycle Learning is a leading educational and counseling organization based in Massachusetts, serving people through its diverse programs and personal growth workshops in more than 35 cities in the United States and Canada.

Dr. Kaufman is Professor in the Counseling Department at Michigan State University, where he is a psychotherapist, teacher and writer. He has done extensive work in both community mental health and preventive mental health programming, and has lectured nationally since 1972. In addition to his book "Shame: The Power of Caring," Dr. Kaufman's other works include "The Psychology of Shame: Theory and Treatment of Shame-based Syndromes"; "The Dynamics of Power," and numerous articles.

Pre-registered tuition for this all-day event is \$95 (\$105 at the door). For registration and further information, call LifeCycle at (617) 964-5550.

Singer To Perform For Majestic



Heather Lee Jones

Heather Lee Jones, singer-actress, will appear with Her Troupe as the entertainment program for the annual luncheon of the Majestic Senior Guild Tuesday afternoon, June 26, at the Providence Marriott. Miss Jones, a native of Providence, began performing musical theatre when she was 11 years old and has been studying voice, drama and Performing Arts at various private

schools. She has appeared in many musicals and is studying at Berklee School of Music at the present time.

Members of The Troupe are Isaac Raz, who graduated in May from Berklee School of Music majoring in composition, film arranging and keyboard playing, Paul Bryon, bass player, attends Berklee School of Music and performs jazz and pop with original bands on the Boston Club scene. Mike Levesque, drummer, attends Berklee and is playing with two outstanding bands in Boston and teaches privately.

Heather and Her Troupe will present a program to include Broadway Musical songs, Pop, Jazz, Cabaret, Ballads, and Yiddish-Israeli numbers. For further information, call Mrs. Eita Swerling, president, in Warwick (401) 463-7166. Arrangements for this program were made by the Mary Wolfman Management of Brookline, Mass.

Movie Premiere RI/Project AIDS

PROVIDENCE — The acclaimed feature film "Longtime Companion" will premiere in Rhode Island at the Avon Cinema, Thayer Street, Providence, at 8 p.m., Thursday, June 28, 1990. All proceeds will be donated to Rhode Island Project/AIDS. Admission is \$10.

Written by Craig Lucas and directed by Norman Rene, "Longtime Companion" is an uplifting tale of courage and personal heroics; a chronicle of people who face an unknown and frightening opponent with love, hope and friendship. It's the fictional story of a small circle of friends and the changes in their world beginning on the fateful day in 1981 when the first *New York Times* article noted the outbreak of "a rare (continued on page 20)

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Jewish Farming Was Short-lived

by Jo Carroll
Omaha Jewish Press
 OMAHA (JTA) — Jews from Czarist Russia tried to become farmers in the American Middle West in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. For most of them it was not a successful venture.

These early Midwestern Jews were brought to life at the American Jewish Historical Society's 1990 national conference held here last month.

Nearly 70 delegates from 13 states attended the sessions. They were joined by many members of the Nebraska Jewish Historical Society.

The main question addressed at the four-day conference was how did Jews from the teeming ghettos of Eastern Europe wind up in the prairie states?

Early in the century, the Industrial Removal Organization, a group dedicated to removing Jews from the new ghettos of the East Coast to the wide-open areas of the United States was instrumental in transport-

ing Jews to the Midwest.

Carol Gendler, who researched IRO documents, discovered many "interesting letters from immigrants themselves — from Omaha Jews seeking help in bringing friends and family, and from potential employers."

According to Gendler, more than 2,000 Jews were settled in Nebraska through the IRO. An IRO agent in Omaha would correspond with an IRO agent in the East who was trying to move Jews out of crowded situations in which they were unemployed.

Usually before a family or wage-earner could be sent to Nebraska, jobs had to be found for them by the Omaha agent. It was important that the newly arrived Jews in Nebraska not become charity cases. Many brought to Omaha were pleased with their new living conditions and wanted relatives and friends to join them.

According to Gendler, when the port of Galveston, Texas,

opened in 1907, the IRO there wanted to send immigrants to Omaha. But the job situation was not promising at the time. The Jewish community in Lincoln, the state capital, helped out by taking two families and four single men every two months.

Besides the IRO, the Chicago-based Jewish Agriculturalists' Aid Society, was also instrumental in moving Jews to the prairie states. The society was confident that the peddler or tailor from the East Coast cities would have no difficulty earning a living as a farmer.

Between 1888 and 1908, 430 farms in the Midwest were settled by a total of 1,874 Jews. The most popular state was North Dakota, where 40 percent of the new farmers settled.

The society wanted them to homestead, thinking that when the Jews saw the soil being improved by their own efforts, they would settle permanently on the farms.



UNITING THE GENERATIONS — Peter, a mathematician from Budapest, Hungary, gets his son off to a good start at breakfast at Jewish summer camp near the Yugoslavian coastal town of Pirovac. Through the IDC (American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee), UJA/Federation Campaign funds enhance Jewish life for hundreds of Eastern European campers of all ages. — UJA Press Service Photo/Edward Serotta

Jew Who Defaced Haifa Cemetery Is Deemed Unfit to Stand Trial

by Hugh Orgel
 TEL AVIV (JTA) — A 32-year-old Haifa Bay area resident will not stand trial for two cemetery desecrations last month for which an accomplice has drawn a stiff prison sentence. A Haifa magistrate ruled that Gershon Tennenbaum, 32, of Kiryat Yam is mentally unfit for trial.

The judge based his opinion on the report of the district psychiatrist that Tennenbaum was incapable of distinguishing right from wrong and moral from immoral behavior.

His friend and accomplice, David Goldner, 41, of Kiryat Motzkin, was sentenced May 28 to three years in prison and bound over for another year by the Haifa Magistrates Court.

The two men were arrested for desecrating and defacing 303 tombstones in the Kfar Samir and Hof Carmel cemeteries in Haifa during the night of May 12.

According to the police, Goldner did the daubing with a spray-paint can as Tennenbaum dictated viciously anti-Semitic slogans.

The two men, ba'alei teshuvah — returnees to Orthodox Judaism — described themselves as emissaries of the Messiah.

They admitted to the crime, saying their purpose was to "unite the Jewish people" by casting suspicion on Arabs.

The magistrate rejected a prosecution demand to institutionalize Tennenbaum immediately. But he ordered him held in detention pending a final decision.

20-Year Ban on Neo-Nazi Party Lifted by Allies in West Berlin

by David Kantor
 WEST BERLIN (JTA) — A 20-year ban on the neo-Nazi National Democratic Party (NPD) has been lifted in West Berlin, apparently as a consequence of the rush toward unification of the two Germans.

A spokesman for the French mission confirmed that the Allied powers for the first time since 1969 have not renewed the longstanding restrictions on the extreme right-wing group. No reason was given.

The ban on the NPD had become almost automatic as the Allied authorities renewed

it every six months at the request of the municipal legislature, known as the Senate. But this year the Senate submitted no such request.

The omission reflected the growing trend toward ending the special status of West Berlin, the only part of Germany still subject to the rule of the three Western allies, United States, Britain and France.

The NPD is considered a party of mostly "veteran" Nazis seeking to revive the traditions of the Third Reich. It seemed to be ascendant in West German politics in the 1970s, but subsequently lost ground and has no representation in any state or important regional legislature.

The NPD has been upstaged on the far right by the Munich-based Republican Party, which won nearly 10 percent of the popular vote in the West Berlin elections last year.

The Republicans are less outspokenly neo-Nazi than the NPD but are considered dangerous because of the vote-

getting ability they displayed until recently.

Now the Republicans too seem on the decline. They failed to win representation last month in the elections in West Germany's most populous states — North Rhine-Westphalia and Lower Saxony.

One reason may be that with German unification no longer in doubt, the extremists have lost their most potent issue.

The Allied powers are preparing to end their special role in Germany and Berlin. They have indicated recently that they would allow the direct election of Berlin representatives to the Bundestag, the West German parliament.

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Editorial

Not by Ideals Alone

By Ray Eichenbaum

Along with the crumbling and disappearance of the Communist regimes in Eastern Europe there is a sad commentary about the Jews of these countries.

For with the passing of this era, a profound proverb can now be coined. Just as it is said that "one cannot live by bread alone," it can now be voiced that "humans cannot live by ideals alone."

Being a former citizen of Poland and a Holocaust survivor, I can still visualize the fervor and the burning eyes of my contemporaries who believed that the way of Russia and the Socialist State would bring salvation. To those young people, who in most cases, were breaking away from religious, predominantly

Chasidic, backgrounds, the red banner — with its enticing slogans such as "all people are brothers and sisters" — held great promise. They lived with a dream of an idealistic existence away from the world of Orthodoxy and Shetel mentality.

To some who threw themselves into this kind of Utopian pipe dream, hardship, disappointment, and tragedy were soon to follow. I consider myself very fortunate indeed to have come from a family to whom learning and service to community was more important than political ideologies. But soon some of the young revolutionaries found themselves in prison or worse. The name — Kartuzka Bereza, a sort of penal colony in the eastern part of Poland, spread the same fear in Poland as do now-

without being mentally, and in many cases, physically impaired.

But the point I am trying to make is not so much to despair over the fate of those idealistic youths, or the brutality of the places mentioned, I would like people to take notice of the important changes in the human existence equation.

... One cannot help but become a cynic about life on this planet. . . .

Although it may sound cynical, the downfall of the Communist empire in Eastern Europe brings out the pragmatic truth that no ideology is worthwhile until it is proven that it "works" for humans. For ideologies change, but human needs remain pretty much the same, or at least change very little.

For us Jews, the memories

are painful — especially when we grasp the reality of the events that followed — the Holocaust, the extinguishing of Jewish life from Europe. One cannot help but become a cynic about life on this planet. Thus, when considering an ideology, add the important human characteristics and tendencies within the human condition to the equation that make up an ideology. For without accounting for that, the ideal is bound to fail.

For many reasons we have to give thanks for the land and State of Israel. Because of this little bastion of freedom, Jewish life acquired new vitality and it does not matter where you live, Israel has added meaning to every Jewish existence such famous or infamous places of torture as Lubianka, Pawiak or Sawak prisons. There were very few people who returned alive from Bereza

istence.

Communal living ideas are being tried in the kibbutzim in Israel. Thus far, there is no great haste for thousands to join in. But the proving grounds are there. If it works, the whole world will know about it. But when a whole country or many countries are the proving grounds for new ideologies we know that millions are made to suffer.

My heart goes out to the fire-born youths who so fervently "painted" the ideal "new world," one in which everyone will be happy and everyone's needs will be met. Some of these idealists met their Utopia in Stalin's Siberian Gulags. I bemoan their lives and their fates. They had such great potential for happy useful lives. I hope and pray that the idealists of the future will meet a better fate.

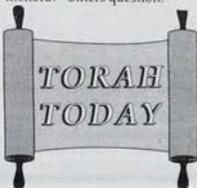
Stretch-Limos

You go past a sparkling new, sparkling clean, stretch-limo and wonder why anyone needs one. Is this oversized luxury vehicle not the ultimate example of pretention and ostentatious consumerism?

Then you think again about when a stretch-limo could be used and you come up with an answer that makes sense. You imagine, with a laugh, a group of people: men in tails, women in long gowns and furs, climbing out of a van and into an elegant ballroom. You realize that, despite the extra cost of a stretch-limo, there is a time and place for elegance.

Without too much digging, you can find this concept within Judaism, too. It's called, in general terms, beautifying a mitzva. "Why spend \$35 on a

mezuza when you can get a 'kosher' one for \$15?" people ask. "Where are your priorities if you aren't rich but spend money on a silver Chanuka menorah?" others question.



In the old country, people scrimped a whole week to have challa on Shabbat instead of bread, a little piece of fish and a bite of chicken. They did without so they could honor the Sabbath in a manner they felt was fitting.

Today, adding beauty to a mitzva can take the form of buying more expensive objects with which to do those mitzvot. It can mean doing a mitzva more carefully, thereby adding honor or glory to its performance. It can even be giving charity with a genuinely warm smile.

It is not mandatory to enhance the way we do a mitzva. This concept does have a basis, though. At the splitting of the Red Sea, upon witnessing miracles and actually seeing G-dliness, the Jews proclaimed: "This is my G-d and I will glorify Him." The Talmud comments that this verse refers to making sure one has a beautiful talit, tefilin and mezuzot. We can discharge our obligation by just doing the mitzva. But, it's certainly nicer to add to its beauty. It's a little like driving to a \$1000-a-head evening in a van: you'll get there just like everyone else. But wouldn't it be a lot nicer if you arrived in style?

A Kingdom of Priests

The Torah portion of Korach describes how Korach led a band of 250 men in a rebellion against Moses and Aaron. They all desired to become high priests and be like Aaron the High Priest, who was always able to "stand before G-d and serve Him."

The Midrash tells us that in trying to dissuade them from their folly, Moses said to them: "We have but one G-d . . . and but one High Priest; the 250 of you all desire to be high priests? I, too, desire to be one!"

Moses was telling them that while their desire was proper and laudable, and was in fact shared by Moses himself, it was unrealistic, since there could only be one High Priest at any given time.

When G-d gave the Torah to the Jewish people, He said to them: "And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." Explains one commentator: When the Jews received the Torah they all were on the level of high priests. Korach's band desired to attain this lofty level once again. All Jews could aspire to the level of

Yes, You Too Can Be a Member of the Lost Tribe

by Michael Fink

Books about the Lost Tribes of Israel and The Wandering Jew often spring from the fountain pens of Christians, not Jews. I take down the dusty volumes from the stacks of the Rochambeau Branch, Temple Emanu-El and Beth-El libraries. A former professor of mine, the late George Anderson, published at Brown his research on the recurring literary figure of the Wandering Jew. Like the Flying Dutchman, this worn and worried undying legend related to the ebb and flow of tide and moon, coming out of ancient agricultural myths. The Wandering Jew wears a tattered silk velvet cloak and shows a wise, noble but sad face. A skinny Santa, perhaps the source and model of all the mysterious figures in fable.

The big book about the Tribes came out in 1930 from Duke University. Allen H. Godbey, Ph.D., produced this phenomenon of poking around.

The Lost Tribes: A Myth, a Black and Gold Volume I got at Beth-El hunts for "Yahwist" elements among many ancient cultures. The mind boggles at the endless list of ethnic names of peoples past. Godbey finds lost tribes throughout Afghanistan, across the broad center of Africa, in Armenia, and all along the trade route from Persia into China. Scarcely a spot on earth lacks the breath and perfume of nostalgia for the romance of Lost Tribes. Without facts there are fantasies. The Masai Warriors, the Aborigines and the Eskimos, the Celts and ancient Britons, mountain peoples and desert nomads, all may keep some hint of their spiritual origin in the god-mad meadest. Was Buddha a student of Moses?

None of the above redounds to the credit of today's Judaism. Godbey attacks the aristocratic pretension of the Jews of his day. The Israelites mixed their genes, their blood and their values. They converted foes by sword, spread no particular moral message and left behind in their wake roud the world no benevolent influence. They lost the race for space. They learned from the church that

won out. Christian scholars sometimes seek only to strip today's Jews of access to their own traditions.

Less ambitious and intimidating, Tudor Parfitt's pages in "The Thirteenth Gate" take you not into yesterday but round the globe today. He pops in on lost tribes in South Africa among the Lemba people in Venda. He finds groups in Japan who trace themselves back to Israel and believe the whole of the Japanese race is Jewish. Japan is a Jewish outpost. He claims Israel is wrong not to embrace the Lost Tribes in the spirit of David Ben-Gurion's gesture of Shalom. If you say you're Jewish, you're welcome back to the fold.

The study of history can demoralize you. Everybody did dreadful things to everybody else. Travel too can bring you down. You don't find what you dreamed about while staring at the drawings in an illustrated kids' book. My spirits lifted from gloom when I picked up *Sails of Hope*, by Simon Wiesenthal. The Rochambeau Branch found it for me, in the Knight Memorial. It was in the Italian branch library, since it's a book about Columbus. Wiesenthal as a survivor idealist, and identifies with Columbus. He put forward the profile of a Wandering Jew seeking Lost Tribes to rescue and renew the tattered garment of Spanish and Portuguese Judaism. To Christians, the Lost Tribes worked like a fifth column to corrupt the Church. For Columbus they held Hatikvah, asylum from anxiety. The American hemisphere served as a promised land five hundred years ago.

Wiesenthal turns away from the problem of the fate of the Indians at the hands of the discoverers. But he writes clearly and most gracefully. He believes the religion of the native Americans comes out of Judaism. He backs up his claim with some surprising details. Totem poles stand for the Ark of the Covenant, carried into battle. The sacred tribal animal figures connect to the symbolic beasts of the meadest. The Great

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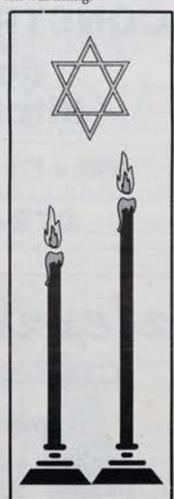
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Absorption First, Then Peace, Shamir Says

by David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel is not abandoning the peace process, but its new government will give higher priority to absorbing the tens of thousands of immigrants pouring into the country.

That was how Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir put it when he introduced his new right-wing coalition government recently to the Knesset, which gave it a 62-57 vote of approval.

Shamir's carefully crafted speech sought to allay Arab and Western concerns over Israel's future policies on those issues. But he also was careful to avoid offending the three far right-wing parties to whom he now owes allegiance.

Shamir's priorities could put Israel on a collision course with the United States and Western Europe.

The Arab states have mounted a fierce propaganda campaign against the influx of Soviet Jews into Israel, which has had considerable impact in the West as well as the Soviet Union.

They accuse Israel of planning to settle new immigrants in the administered territories, thereby dispossessing the Palestinian population and foreclosing chances for a peace settlement.

Israel has countered with statistics showing that only a fraction of 1 percent of the newcomers have settled in the territories. Israel says it has no policy of directing newcomers there, but maintains they have a right to live wherever they choose.

Nevertheless, a linkage has taken hold in international diplomacy between Middle East peace and the settlement of Israel's rapidly increasing immigrant population.

While the United States does not subscribe to the linkage theory, it has reiterated in the strongest terms its opposition to the settlement of immigrants in the disputed areas which, the Bush administration has intimated, include East Jerusalem.

Israel relies on the United States to help finance its absorption of immigrants, but has refused to guarantee where they will not be settled.

Shamir told the Knesset recently that Israel wants "to work hand-in-hand with the United States to strengthen our alliance."

But the new government is ideologically opposed to constraints on settlement. The left-center Labor Party, far more flexible on the issue, is now in the opposition and no longer able to influence government policy.

The appointment of the outspoken Ariel Sharon as minister of construction and housing with special authority for the absorption of Soviet immigrants is considered a potential source of conflict.

It has been widely interpreted abroad as a signal that the settlement drive will be accelerated and that greater numbers of immigrants will be housed in the territories, regardless of international opinion.

Just hours after the new Cabinet was announced, Sharon angrily refused to give Israel Radio an explicit state-

ment that new immigrants will not be settled in the West Bank.

"Why do you keep harping on this?" he demanded.

"I don't believe Israel need give assurances. The United States and the Soviet Union know perfectly well where the olive are settling," Sharon said.

He added the new familiar refrain that "Israel is a democratic society and everyone can live where they wish," but then observed cryptically, "Now is the time for deeds, not declarations."

Uzi Baram of the Labor Party telephoned the station to take issue with Sharon. He accused him of "abandoning" Soviet Jews, arguing that the Likud hard-liner was offering the Soviets a pretext to cut off Jewish immigration.

Shamir's speech also focused on immigration. "The phenomenon of tens of thousands of Jews returning to their land has caused our enemies to rise up," he said.

He charged that the settlement of immigrants in the West Bank and Gaza Strip was a transparently false issue and a "convenient excuse" for the Arabs to advance their "real goal," which is to halt all immigration to Israel.

Shamir reiterated that there is "no policy of directing immigrants specifically to these areas," meaning the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The prime minister made a point of referring to the 1978 Camp David accords as the basis of Israel's peace proposals.

He also referred to the peace proposals advanced by his unity government in May 1989, omitting to say they were passionately opposed at the time by key members of Likud and by the right-wing factions that are now Likud's partners. Shamir sought to reconcile those differences by claiming that his peace proposals had been "castrated and misrepresented" by focusing solely on the proposed Palestinian elec-

tions in the territories.

The elections were the showpiece of Shamir's plan that attracted the support of the United States. The plan's later stages—a period of autonomy for the Palestinians and discussions with Israel over the final status of the territories—would have flowed directly from the election of Palestinian representatives to negotiate with Israel.

Many of Shamir's critics contended at the time that the entire plan was a sham aimed at stalling the peace process. Labor Party leader Shimon Peres implied that in his rebuttal to Shamir in the Knesset.

He said Shamir, in effect, has made peace talks with the Palestinians contingent on peace with all of the Arab states and vice versa, a "Catch-22" situation that effectively stamped the peace process dead.

Labor's No. 2 leader, former Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin, whom many believe will soon replace Peres as party leader, spoke in more moderate tones. He warned that in the absence of a peace process, the threat of war necessarily loomed larger.

"Not immediately," but in the foreseeable future, Iraq, no longer engaged in a death struggle with Iran, could become the nucleus of a dangerous eastern front against Israel, Rabin said.

Both Rabin and Sharon noted the bellicosity of recent statements by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and the hostile resolutions adopted at the recent Arab summit meeting in Baghdad.

President Chaim Herzog, too, observed that the new government faces the challenge of making peace at a time when voices are raised threatening Israel's very existence.

Herzog welcomed Shamir and his 18 new ministers at the presidential residence recently. He posed with them for the official photograph that has become a tradition whenever a new government is installed.

Shamir's coalition is Israel's 24th government since independence in 1948.

Herzog urged the new regime not to miss the opportunities presented by the wave of immigration and also to turn its attention to the problems of the Arab minority in Israel.

The president also put in a strong plea for reform of Israel's electoral system. He noted the groundswell of public opinion in favor of electoral changes and expressed hope that the new Cabinet would act, lest the public lose the last vestige of respect for the democratic process.

But electoral reform is apparently not high on Shamir's agenda. In fact, he has warned against hasty action.

He told reporters at the presidential residence recently that while his new government has a much narrower base than the one that preceded it, its ideological unity and common purpose would more than compensate for its slim parliamentary majority.

Shamir also told reporters that the Arab denunciation of the new government as reactionary and "pro-war" was "predictable" and didn't worry him.

Veteran diplomats and observers say that in the short term, Arab extremists have played into Israel's hands and helped Shamir fend off a confrontation with the United States.

The thwarted terrorist attack on Israeli beaches May 30 by a rejectionist faction of the Palestine Liberation Organization made it politically difficult for Washington to maintain its dialogue with the mainstream factions of the PLO headed by

Yasir Arafat.

Similarly, Iraq's threats to use unconventional weapons against Israel have lent credence to complaints by Israeli diplomats around the world that their country faces a relentless enemy out to destroy it.

But in the longer term, many analysts fear that hard-line pronouncements by members of Shamir's new government could "play into the hands of anti-Israel forces."

A more vigorous suppression of the Palestinian uprising in the territories, vowed by some members of the new government, could create severe "image" problems for Israel abroad.

Internally, there seems to be a propensity for personality clashes between strong-willed members of the new regime.

Ariel Sharon, however abrasive his policy statements, is considered more capable than most of giving the government bureaucracy and private industry the shaking up they need to grapple with the challenge of immigrant absorption.

But Sharon's "bulldozer" approach to problems and personalities could lead to a clash with the new finance minister, Yitzhak Moda'i, who made clear to reporters recently that he sees himself playing the key role in marshaling the nation's resources to absorb Soviet immigrants.

That, in fact, is nominally the domain of the minister for immigrant absorption, Yitzhak Peretz, who would not like to see himself shunted aside.

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World and National News

Economy Affected by the Intifada

by Pinchas Landau
(VZPS) — The Israeli economy has managed to adjust itself to the disruption caused by the intifada — the uprising in the administered territories, which broke out at the end of 1987. The major impact was felt in 1988, particularly in the construction and tourism industries, and as a result of the additional cost of extended army reserve duty. During 1989, however, the influence of these factors on the overall economy became marginal, at less than 1 per cent of gross national product (GNP).

These are the main conclusions of a research paper drawn up by Bank Hapoalim's economic department and published in January 1990. The report estimates the cumulative direct cost to the economy of the first two years of the intifada, at \$800-1,000 million. The bulk — some \$600-700 million — was recorded in 1988, and the remainder in 1989. Israel's total production of goods and services, as measured in GNP statistics, stands

at about \$42 billion per annum.

However, the Hapoalim analysts added there were also indirect costs, such as the political and economic uncertainty generated by the unrest. These influenced investment decisions, discouraging businessmen from undertaking new projects and aggravating the slowdown in the Israeli economy. The extent of this indirect impact has not been measured but it clearly exists.

The report focuses on the direct effects of the disturbances, and outlines their impact on specific areas of the economy. For example, there was a sharp decline in tourist arrivals, a serious fall in Israeli exports to the territories, a significant increase in the level of absenteeism among workers from the territories employed in Israel, and higher military expenditure.

After one full year of the intifada, Israel's lost growth equaled 1.5% of GNP.

• Tourism, which due to Israel's 40th anniversary celebrations would easily have sur-

passed the record set in 1987, according to pre-intifada bookings, in fact suffered a 15% decline for the year. Tourist income is particularly lucrative to the economy (in economists' jargon it has "high added value") and therefore the loss was an estimated 0.3-0.4% of GNP.

• Exports of Israeli goods and services to the territories were badly effected, both by the loss of buying power experienced by the Arab residents and because of a boycott of Israeli goods by many of them. Sales of Israeli products and services slumped by 31% in real terms in 1988 — equivalent to 0.4% of GNP.

• The high level of absenteeism on the part of workers from the territories was felt primarily in the agricultural and construction sectors, where they comprised a dominant proportion of the labor force.

Bank Hapoalim's report confronts the analytical problems posed by incomplete and sometimes inaccurate data on the employment of workers from the territories, and seeks to correct them by adjusting the employment data for absenteeism. The results showed an estimated fall of 26% for days worked in 1988 compared to 1987.

• Defense expenditure is the other key area addressed, but statistics are unavailable. Basing themselves on proxy indicators, such as the increase in total domestic defense expenditure and the number of man-days spent on military reserve duty, however, the researchers were able to conclude that in 1988 the costs were in the region of \$120-160 million, or 0.3-0.4% of GNP.

The situation in every sector improved in 1989. Tourism picked up by 5% compared to the previous year and recently released National Account data



A HERITAGE RENEWED — In a synagogue in Romania, a survivor of the Holocaust assists his grandson in lighting the Chanukah menorah. This photo, which appears on the cover of a 25th anniversary report just published by the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, symbolizes the Foundation's unique mission since its formation in 1965 — rekindling Jewish religious and cultural activity in communities that had been devastated by the Nazis.

The 32-page report, titled "A Heritage Renewed," describes the Foundation's efforts to chronicle the Holocaust, reestablish a sense of Jewish community and restore the Jewish religious and cultural institutions destroyed during the Holocaust.

The report will be distributed to trustees attending the Foundation's biennial meeting at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Jerusalem July 3 to 5. Photo by Edward Serott.



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New List of Suspected Nazis Given to British Government

LONDON Jewish Chronicle
LONDON (JTA) — The list of alleged war criminals residing in Britain grew as the government considered ways to break the deadlock over the War Crimes Bill, which was rejected by the House of Lords.

The bill could be pushed onto the statute books by invoking for the first time a 1949 act to stop peers from blocking legislation.

The War Crimes Bill would have permitted British courts to prosecute suspected war criminals for offenses committed abroad. It was defeated 207-74 in the House of Lords.

That set the stage for a constitutional crisis, since the measure was adopted March 19 in the House of Commons by an equally lopsided majority of 273-60.

Senior parliamentary sources told the *Jewish Chronicle* that the government was almost certain to press ahead with the bill.

The names of nine new suspects, said to be Lithuanian citizens who found refuge in England after the war, were

given to the government by Ephraim Zuroff, director of the Israeli office of the Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust studies.

The center's initial lists of alleged war criminals living in Britain triggered the inquiry that led to drafting the war crimes legislation.

Zuroff submitted the new names to Michael Boyle and Paul Regan, officials responsible for formulating Home Office policy on the prosecution of war criminals.

Commenting on the setback suffered in the House of Lords, Zuroff observed that had the Lords' expressed one-tenth of the sensitivity for the victims that they showed to the perpetrators, the results would have been different.

Many of the peers opposed the war crimes legislation because of the passage of time, the age of the suspects and because they felt it was motivated by retribution, not justice.

But the home secretary's parliamentary private secretary, Martin Brandon-Bravo, who is Jewish, predicted that "the government will feel it has a duty to respond to the will of the House of Commons."

Arts and Entertainment

World Premiere of New Musical

The Nickerson Theatre in Norwell will begin its fall season with the World Premiere of "Never Or Now," a new contemporary musical comedy by award winning author/composer/lyricist Barbara Schottenfeld. The new production, en route to New York, will open in Norwell on September 7 and run through October 13.

A Princeton graduate, Schottenfeld has received numerous ASCAP Musical Theatre Awards. She served as panelist for the National Endowment for the Arts and was founder and Artistic Director of the Musical Theatre Program at the Ensemble Studio Theatre.

She wrote the book, music, lyrics, and orchestrations for the critically acclaimed Off-Broadway hit, "I Can't Keep Running in Place," which featured Helen Gallagher and Phyllis Newman.

"Never Or Now," was the recipient of a 1987 Drama League Award and National Endowment for the Arts Producer's Award.

The seventh season of professional theatre at Nickerson Theatre in Norwell opens with the summer musical, "All Night Strut" by Fran Charnas (July 20-August 25), followed by "Never Or Now." Other plays offered in the seven-play, 1990-1991 subscription series are: "Dracula" (October 19-November 24); Alfred Uhry's "Driving Miss Daisy" (January 4-February 9); "Grease" (February 15-March 23); "Steel Magnolias" by Robert Harling (March 29-May 4); and Noel Coward's "Hay Fever" (May 10-June 15).

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B'nai B'rith

(continued from page 1)

about two years ago when membership started taking an upward swing. A five-fold program which includes religious and cultural programming as well as athletics and social events, is beginning to attract interest, officials say. On the local level, supervisors seem confident that the future is bright and that membership is beginning to pick up.

New B'nai B'rith programs, many of which are thought out at the national level and then developed by local affiliates, include AIDS education, drunk driving prevention and seminars on teen suicide. "We deal with issues that are significant and relevant to their lives, and by doing that we remain an essential experience for the Jewish teenager," Jacobs says.

But B'BYO also keeps one foot in the real world by offering hands-on leadership training — the kind that people say looks good on a resume. In Rhode Island, supervisor David Hochman has spent the last 10 years running B'BYO and developing a program of community service.

Recent activities of local B'BYO chapters include volunteering at the Jewish Home, assisting the Federation phone-a-thon, starting clothing drives for the homeless and visits to the Ronald McDonald House. B'BYO members have volun-

teered at homeless shelters throughout the state.

"They (the members) are enjoying these sorts of things," says Hochman. "I commend the kids; their values are not aligned with drugs or anything like that, they want to be a part of something meaningful."

B'BYO was first established in 1922 as a way to bring Jewish youth — most of whom attended public schools — together in a mainly secular environment. Today, the group includes a Jewish agenda that, though separated from the world of the synagogue, still offers occasional Friday night services, trips to Israel and Jewish secular activism.

Obstacles to further growth often come from within the Jewish world, says Jacobs. There is currently a critical shortage of adult volunteers and they are often regarded by temples as competition to temple youth groups such as USY. "Because we're not synagogue-based we don't get their support — they see it as a threat. That doesn't serve our youth," Jacobs says. "We feel there is enough room for everybody."

Jacobs and Hochman say they will continue working to expand the programs. "In the '50s and the '60s membership was a given, today we will have to work harder."



(L. to R) Tracy Ann Gearing and Anne Brady in a scene from the staged-reading of *The Man in the Moon* by Marian Ross, directed by Amy Lloyd, Saturday, June 16, 1990, at Churchill House, 155 Angell Street, Providence. Information 728-1807. Donation \$5.00. Photo by Robert Emerson

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With the author's death this past year, more attention has been focused on this, "Waiting for Godot," the avant-garde play of the twentieth century. Although written over 40 years ago, it is amazing how few have had the opportunity to see "Waiting for Godot" performed. With that in mind this hilarious absurdist tragedy-comedy is presented in memory of the most influential playwright of our time.

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AROUND TOWN

by Dorothea Snyder

"I WAITED OVER 10 YEARS for the right film to come along. It finally rang true," said director Allan Goldstein.

Goldstein's "right film" is "The Outside Chance of Maximilian Glick," adapted from Morley Torogy's novel.

The film focuses on 12-year-old Max Glick (Noam Zylberman), soon to become a Bar Mitzvah. Told from the youngster's viewpoint, we see a world of puzzling contradictions. Constantly questioning. Max isn't satisfactorily compensated with answers.

About to begin Bar Mitzvah study, his rabbi dies and the synagogue's board of directors of four, including Max's grandfather, send for a replacement, a Lubavitcher rabbi from Chicago, whose secret desire is to become a stand-up comic. The town elders are none too pleased about the friendly and humorous Rabbi Teitelman (Saul Rubinek). Although apprehensive at first, Max finds a confidante in the sensitive and gentle rabbi.

Rabbi Teitelman not only shakes up the citizenry of Beausejour, but also the small Jewish community, which strives to maintain a low profile. "No visibility is a virtue until you get an Chassidic rabbi," notes director Goldstein.

Another problem for Max is falling for Celia (Fairuza Balk), his partner in the local four-handed piano competition. She's not Jewish and his family forbids involvement with her. Through Rabbi Teitelman's help and much soul searching, Max realizes that no matter what society preaches, it's up to him to take that outside chance and follow his dreams. Through Max, Rabbi Teitelman makes some radical decisions that affect his own life.

This prize-winning film, released by South Gate Entertainment and available in video stores, has been acclaimed in Canada and was nominated for five Genie Awards (similar to the Oscars) including Best Film, Best Actor (Saul Rubinek), Best Supporting Actress (Susan Douglas Rubes), and Best Screenplay.

It also won Best Film, Fort Lauderdale Film Festival; Most Popular Film, Toronto Festival of Festivals; Best Film, Vancouver Film Festival; and was featured at the Palm Springs, Jerusalem and Houston Film Festivals.

I had seen "The Outside Chance of Maximilian Glick" twice before I spoke in melodic raves to its director about the film and the cast, who fit the characters to a T.

"That's great!" responded Allan Goldstein. "It's always good to hear that someone likes my picture."

"But you're not surprised, are you?" I asked.

"Well, oh, you know, I'm always delighted to hear positive reactions. We spent a lot of time casting, especially the little boy. I saw 400 kids before I cast Noam Zylberman."

Pointing out what a charmer and how natural he is, Allan said, "He was the only one who had the interior qualities of Maximilian Glick that I wanted. Also, he didn't fit your usual stereotypes of an Eastern European Jew. There wasn't that look."

"If you met me, you'd see he looks very much like me. I kind of felt this was semi-autobiographical. It's my story in a way, too. When I first read the book, I said this is written about me. I wanted to interject as much as I could of my own personal experiences into the script."

"I tried to find someone who looked like me, which he does. I gave the costume pictures of myself at 13.

All the costumes he wore were clothes I wore at 13. And there were Noam's interior qualities. He was quirky. I liked his voice a lot. He was right for the role. I found him very accessible and charismatic. He was willing to work at it, and it takes a lot of work."

"Saul Rubinek did a wonderful job as Rabbi Teitelman. I was very happy with him. Saul is very special and such a wonderful element to the cast. He gave it his all. He worked a lot with the kids along with me, which took a lot of work."

"There is a wonderful little dance scene in the film with Saul Rubinek and the Klezmer Band from Montreal."

"It wasn't choreographed, but completely spontaneous," Alan said. "Saul called it a genetic time trip back to the shtetl."

The picture was filmed in Beausejour, a small town near Winnipeg.

"When I first saw this town, I thought this was a great place to film the picture. I just wanted someplace where I could look down the main street and see for 50 miles. I could see nothing."

"Beausejour certainly fits that for sure. The temperatures were a hideous 30 degrees below, not fit for human beings. I still feel cold just talking to you."

Adding a few footnotes on the film, he said that the book was set in the mid-Fifties and originally sited in northern Ontario. "We ended up putting it in the Prairies because we thought it was more appropriate."

"It's everybody's story. It's everybody's film. Everybody has felt left out at some point . . . at odds with their parents."

There are magical moments when scenes take on their own reality as in "Max Glick," its director said. He utilized black fade-outs, reminiscent of film-making in the Forties, for the time frame of 1964 "to give the film a feeling of nostalgia. I wanted to make it as warm a picture as possible."

When I spoke to Allan Goldstein, he was on location in his native Montreal working on a new film, "Chain Dance," to be released at year's end. It stars Martin Sheen, Michael Sarsen and is "a wonderful searing, humanistic story that takes place in prison and a hospital for severely handicapped people, which will be released near the end of the year," he related. Goldstein has directed films for PBS, among which was "True West" starring John Malkovich.

It's Everybody's Story



Producer Stephen Foster, director Allan A. Goldstein, and co-producer Richard Davis (from left) on the set of their award-winning comedy, "The Outside Chance of Maximilian Glick," a film about growing up in Canada.



Max Glick (Noam Zylberman) walks down the street of his Canadian hometown of Beausejour receiving Bar Mitzvah instruction from the town's new and somewhat unconventional Rabbi Teitelman (Saul Rubinek).



Max (Noam Zylberman) with his new friend Celia (Fairuza Balk). Photos courtesy of South Gate Entertainment.

The Outside Chance Of Maximilian



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by Eleanor F. Horvitz
In the past "A Woman in Business" might be the proprietor with her husband of a small grocery, dry goods or variety store. Historically this has been known as a "ma and pa" operation. In the archives of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association is this wonderful example of such a place of business in the early 1900's, the Adelson's Store on Thames Street in Newport. The variety of their merchandise is depicted in this photograph, which is a gift of Ruth Wolf Adelson, their daughter-in-law.

Some women ran their own businesses. In the first decades of this century are these examples in South Providence: the millinery establishment on Prairie Avenue owned by Mary Grant (Mrs. Louis), the dry goods store conducted by Pessie Semonoff (Mrs. Wolf) at



Belle Frank, bookkeeper at her father's business — Union Paper Co., Canal Street, Providence, about 1910. Her father was Moses Frank. She later married Carl Goldblatt.

303 Blackstone Street, and the drug store at the corner of Prairie Avenue and Blackstone Street where Esther Kane (Mrs. Benjamin) was the pharmacist. She also was co-owner with her husband of this well-known place of business.

Many women (especially newly arrived immigrants) were employed as bench workers in the jewelry industry. Much as been written about their long hours and lowly salaries.

Two examples of early office workers are in the accompanying photographs. Belle Frank (Mrs. Carl Goldblatt) worked as a bookkeeper at Union Paper Company on Canal Street. The date is about 1910. The typical dress worn by Belle Frank is the heavily starched white blouse and long dark skirt. Burton Goldblatt presented this charming picture to the archives.

Pauline Abrams Kotlen is the only woman in this photograph of those who were employed by the Capitol Welding Company, 246 Aborn Street in Providence. She served as their bookkeeper. Her son, Robert Kotlen, has loaned this photograph for the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association's display of memorabilia in their

office, which, incidentally, he created.

Gail Sansbury, co-author with Paul Buttle and Scott Molloy of a publication entitled, *A History of Rhode Island Working People* has written an article about office workers in Rhode Island. She describes the hiring of women in offices:

"Many office managers at the turn of the century discovered that they could hire young high school educated women to operate these machines (typewriters and dictaphones) for less money than they had previously paid men to do the same work."

She describes why women were attracted to office work:

"It was soft, clean and paid better wages than either factory or retail work at this time."

In the archives of the historical association are many examples of Rhode Island Jewish owned businesses and of the individuals who owned and operated them. It is noticeable that there is a paucity of women in this collection. For it has taken several decades into the 20th century before the role of the woman in business could reach its present dominance.



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Spotlight On: Women In Business

Taking That First Step With Footsies



Donna S. Spigel of Footsies, Ltd.

Donna Spigel opened Footsies LTD, selling shoes, handbags and jewelry, seven years ago. Feeling bored and frustrated in part-time retail and knowing that she could do a lot more than what was expected of her, she decided to take the "big step."

Since the company began, according to Spigel, people were very negative towards her success.

"Human beings, I'm convinced, almost always think negatively. My husband, family, friends and customers all said it would never last. I would burn myself out in six months," Spigel said. "Even to this day, seven years later it steams me when we have our semi-annual sales, people will ask if we're going out of business. On the other hand I've been told by many women that it's the best shoe and bag store in all of New England - that makes up for all the negatives."

Spigel handles every aspect of her business from selling on the floor, to display, buying and all the paperwork. And of course, life has gone on at breakneck pace ever since she got started.

"You learn to move a lot faster," she says. "I've been getting up at 5:30 a.m. for many years. My husband, Robert, and I have been fast walking for 11 years. Needless to say, my family has not had gourmet meals since 1982."

Before her retail career began, Spigel worked as both a legal and executive secretary.

After having two children, she decided she wanted to be in the working world again, partly for the social interaction it provided.

Spigel says she was influenced by the influx of women getting into the business world during the 1970s and 1980s as reported by the media. She has had an interest in owning her own business since high school.

She advises women who want to start their own company not to hire a manager "and you'll come and go as you please," Spigel says. "Many people have the wrong concept of owning their own business. I've been working 50 or more hours a week for seven years."

But, "one very positive thing about being self-employed is it gives you a tremendous amount of confidence and I never have to ask my husband for money."



Sister-In-Laws Make Baskets Galore

by Kathy Cohen

Herald Assistant Editor
Rhonda Labush and Sheryl Carlin, owners of the newly founded Baskets Galore, are sisters-in-laws and have been in business since the day they began to "think about hobbies and a way to make a couple extra bucks."

"We were trying to think of a desire in which people would need our services and we figured gift-giving baskets was the way to go," says Labush. So, they discussed the move with family and friends who agreed, ordered a how-to catalog and began making custom order baskets.

The company began January 1, 1990. They spent two months researching and finding out how to go about selling the baskets, pricing, arrangements, advertising.

Since the two have full-time day jobs, Labush is a store manager for a children's shoe department and Carlin is a public accountant, they have to rush home to prepare the baskets. And when their sched-

ules are tight, they tend to get close to delirium. Often they may begin throwing things (in good spirits) at one another.

Labush has worked in retail most of her life. She attended Lasell Junior College for two years and interned at Filene's on Chestnut Hill.

Carlin worked part-time as an accountant before entering the field full-time in 1975. She attended Johnson and Wales College.

The owners handle every aspect of the business including, deliveries, shopping for the basket items, mail ordering materials, preparing the baskets and bookkeeping.

Also, Labush says their "responsibilities are simply to fill the public's wants and needs to make people's shopping quicker, easier and less time consuming."

Eventually, the partners would like to run the business full-time and drop their present jobs, so they could spend more time with their children (Carlin has two — a girl, 6, and a son, 2-and-a-half — and Labush

has a 20-month-old girl). If successful, they plan to open a storefront (they now work out of Carlin's basement), expand their home party business, and may expand their line to include flowers.



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Mary Darby — Massage Therapist



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What enticed Darby to become a massage therapist was her interest in giving and receiving massages. She then entered the Muscular Therapy Institute in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

"Giving a massage is almost as enjoyable to me as receiving one," says Darby. "This is what prompted me to consider becoming a massage therapist."

Some skepticism came from friends unaware that massage was a legitimate therapeutic career because of the image of massage parlors.

"When I first started massage school, my friend Jean from New York City was very upset. She told me I was very naive, that I didn't know what I was getting myself into," said Darby. "The only thing she ever knew about massage was that it was something done by prostitutes in Time Square."

Darby helps her clients to relax by coaxing the tensions out of the muscles — but she devotes her spare time to relaxing, too. A warm bath in a darkened bathroom with lit candles is a favorite pastime.

Having a supportive family and friends has helped her tremendously. "I would advise anyone in business for herself to get a good strong support group," says Darby.

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Enos Goes Off The Dock For Seafood

by Kathy Cohen
Herald Assistant Editor
Shirley Enos, a Bristol native, always knew she wanted to go into the food business. At the age of 16, Enos started working in restaurants and at 23, she delved fully into restaurant service with cold food preparations, salads, desserts, bussing tables and head waitressing.

Enos began at local banquet facilities and from there she worked at the Castle Restaurant in Bristol as a banquet waitress. For five years she served as a dietary supervisor at St. Luke's Hospital in New Bedford. There she was responsible for 600 meals a day as well as safety and sanitary standards, staffing and employee relations.

Employed at the Marriott Corporation's Health Care Division for two years, Enos took direct responsibility for 120 beds as dietician manager. She is also a registered dietician and has a B.S. from the University of Rhode Island in food, nutrition, and dietetics; she's an active member in both the American Dietetic Association and the R.I. Dietetic Association; a



Shirley Enos, proprietor of Off the Dock Seafood.

R.I. Nutrition Group member and an Omicron Nu Society member — a home economics group.

Eventually, Enos went to a business broker and spent 6 months shopping for a business. At the time, she didn't have the finances to open up a shop in the grand manner she intended. She and her broker found Off the Dock Seafood, an already established, one-and-a-half-year-old restaurant.

"It was a smooth transition,"

said Enos.

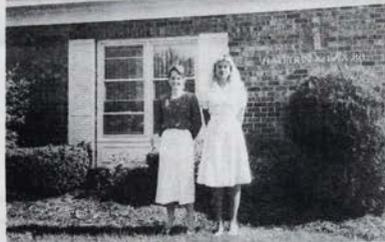
With little money of her own and little knowledge of where to find financial backing, her broker came in handy, providing ways she could make her dream a reality. She used her own savings for the down payment and finally she took out a loan for the closing.

Today, Enos is on the road by 7:00 a.m. picking up fresh fish daily. She brings in some seafood from New Bedford, crabs and lobsters from Westport, Connecticut, and flounders from Galilee. Both her mother and father, who was a shell fisherman for 15 years, help in picking up deliveries sometimes.

The driving determination behind Enos' career was a desire to be independent and efficient.

Other women who are thinking about starting their own company, says Enos, should "gain experience in the area you want to go into and research the area via journals, reports and SBDC (Small Business Development Center of URI — a non-profit organization)."

Julia L. Duhaime And Sharon L. Webb Of Halperin & Lax Ltd.



The New Women — Julia L. Duhaime and Sharon L. Webb of Halperin & Lax, Ltd.

Julia Duhaime

"I'm an administrative assistant to Lawrence Halperin," Julia Duhaime says. "I am primarily responsible for investments which involve processing applications, money received and maintaining and updating the investment and life computer records."

In 1984, Duhaime enrolled into the executive secretarial program at Stone School of Business in New Haven, Ct. She had also been attending the University of Rhode Island.

Her first job was for an engineering firm, and since then she's worked for a real estate firm, and a university MBA admissions office.

Since joining the business world, Duhaime has had much support from her family, friends and superiors.

"For the most part," says Duhaime, "people realize that without administrative support, most businesses would never run smoothly."

Spare time has been hard to come by handling family and work, but she says it's been a learning experience.

"I'm lucky to have a husband who shares the day-to-day re-

sponsibilities," she says. "I've found that it's difficult to be a wife and mom. Both my husband and daughter rely on me at home and that can be quite demanding."

"As far as work — I rely heavily on my childcare provider. She's excellent, and that trust makes my job easier. In my spare time, I work part-time for a dress shop doing alterations and outfitting — it's my creative outlet as well as extra money."

Her greatest influence was her desire to be qualified in a profession, she says. Her advice is to "not limit yourself to one field" and "never be afraid of a job that sounds beyond your capabilities."

Sharon L. Webb

Webb realized while in junior high school, that she wanted to become a secretary. At that point she started taking all the business courses available until the end of her senior year.

After high school, Webb attended Katherine Gibbs. Her working career lasted nine years at Metropolitan Insurance where, in 1986, she won

an award for being the fastest typist at Metropolitan. In 1988, after giving birth to a son, Webb worked part-time with several companies until she was ready to go back to Metropolitan full-time.

As a mother, Webb always finds time for her family. She says: "It took a while to divide myself and still have time for my son and me. Once I leave work to go home, that time — until my son goes to sleep — is his time."

"Once he's sleeping, that is my time to go to the gym or spend time with family and friends."

Webb credits her father with helping her choose a career. "He inspired me to go to Katherine Gibbs," she said. Webb was first hired by her father to perform secretarial duties for his company. "That gave me the experience I needed to land my first job. Thank you, Dad."

Webb advises students to pursue their goals with vigor and to take advantage of courses even after high school or college. She adds: always be willing to learn and experience new things in the business world.



Spotlight On: Women In Business

Jill Brody, Owner of Art & Science Graphics



Jill Brody, Owner of Art & Science Graphics

Mine is not a typical story, if indeed there are any. I came to my business through the back door, so to speak. I had done a variety of things in life, including teaching, being a Unitarian minister and a religious educator. I have also worked as a copywriter and a photographer.

It was while I was struggling with a fledgling art photography business, that a friend said she wanted to sell her graphics business.

I was a design major at Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio and I held a bachelor's degree in English and Irish literature from the University of Illinois. I possess an MAI in Teaching from Adelphi University and an MTS from Harvard Divinity School.

Art & Science Graphics creates slides and poster presentations, prints for publication and other collateral material, for physicians and allied professionals. The work is satisfying and meaningful, and in addition, the income has enabled me to keep up my art photography without feeling that I'm draining myself or my family.

For me, the most telling part of my story is what kept me from my most authentic longing — photography, and art in general, rather than what pushed me finally to take the risk. While I was a design major, I was constantly comparing myself to others who were bet-

ter, more talented, etc., until I finally pushed myself away from what I truly loved because I felt I wasn't good enough. It wasn't until I reached my mid-forties that I stopped being so hard on myself and learned the truth about the odiousness of comparisons. Once I made that transition, my family, including my husband and three children, my mother and assorted relatives all supported me absolutely. One aunt wondered what had taken me so long.

I guess my advice to women starting anything, is:

1. Be as kind to yourself as you are brutally honest about what you really want to do. Don't compare who and what you are doing with what anyone else has been or done.

2. Find recognition for your choice. As far as Art & Science Graphics is concerned, the quality of what I do has brought me praise and new clients. Also, I finally began showing my photographs, which I had kept to myself for years. I have now sold work in a gallery on the Cape. I also applied for and received a grant from the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts, to do a project on the merchants of Wickenden Street.

3. Don't get discouraged if someone does not like what you've done or how you've completed a job. You can't please all of the people all of the time.

When I moved to America from the Dominican Republic I did not know one word of English. My father came to America in the hope that his daughters should have as many career opportunities as his son.

My first bad job experience was where I did everything in order to prove myself, when I found out that another employee — male and new to the company — was making more money from the start. I questioned my employer, and, when the response was that men deserve to make more money than women, not only did I quit, but at that instance I knew that some day I would be an employer and treat every-body as equals.

Today, as I oversee the overall functions of the two salons, with 30 people, I can't stop looking back at the time when I was told a woman could not do it, that I was too young to start my own business (I was 24 years old), or worse yet, a foreigner. The best part is that all

Good News For The Natural Habitat

by Charlotte Marcus

I have good news!

Since 1977 I have directed my "home spa," Natural Habitat, which features fasting for two days with water then one day of breaking the fast with juices.



Natural Habitat's Charlotte Marcus

Those who overcame their initial reluctance, became enthusiasts. They liked the rest, the daily two-pound weight loss, their clearer skin and brighter eyes. They became regulars, returning every few months for that Natural Habitat glow.

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My friends are Americans who were very supportive of my dreams. Today I find myself with the best group of friends that are not only helpful, but at different points of my life were very influential.

One instance comes to mind.

It occurred last year when I was finishing my associate degree at the Community College of Rhode Island. I was in the middle of a divorce — living alone for the first time in my life — and I was facing great challenges at work. I was in the process of running both my Davol and North Providence salons as well as planning, designing and hiring new personnel for our bigger, new location at Wayland Square. That store would open the day after trying to close the Davol Square salon. It's the kind of challenge that I thrive on.

The only advice I can give to anyone starting their own business is to first write down all the considerations on paper. Include: why you want to be in business, what kind of business, the pros and cons and all other factors. Then, after you do this, you will open the door and walk in with your eyes wide open.

"Of course not," I told them. Although I love feeding people I did not want to get into food service. But my friends were convincing. "Okay," I said. "Let's try it."

"Well, we had a blast! It was a (continued on page 16)

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First Choice Manages Very Well

Margaret Dias, assistant manager of First Choice, a women's clothing store, went to school for fashion retail.

"Being the manager has a lot of responsibility," she says. "When things go wrong in the store, they always end up in the manager's lap no matter what."

"It's very important to have a strong staff that you can depend on," explains Dias. "If the store can run smoothly without the manager being present, then I feel I have done my job. Your staff is as good as you make them."

Although Dias doesn't have to juggle children around her busy schedule, retail manage-

ment does take away a lot of her spare time. She works sometimes up to 60 hours a week and finds that she misses many weekends where normally she'd attend social functions, but "I enjoy my work so it all evens out. I enjoy people and fashion."

When asked about her influences, she replied that "her flair for fashion" sort of paved the way towards her present status.

"My family and friends would always take my advice about purchasing clothing and putting the entire look together," explains Dias. "That is what I really enjoy."



Maria Alves and Margaret Dias of First Choice

Somethin's Cookin' Healthy Foods

by Kathy Cohen
Herald Assistant Editor

Research plays a large role in starting a new business, Marianna La Tour said. It took her and her daughter, Maria, two years of research to find the right foods and packaging that could handle the freezing, microwave and conventional oven.

Once that was done, the La Tours opened Somethin's Cookin', on October 23, 1989, serving the people of Providence's East Side some home cooked foods.

"We prepare home style meals in small batches with fresh ingredients," says Maria La Tour, "then we blast freeze these meals, capturing taste and texture at their peak."

The mother-daughter team are very health conscious. They



Maria and Marianna La Tour of Somethin's Cookin'

joined the Pawtucket Heart Health Program in offering four "heart items" - items high in taste that have less fat, cholesterol and sodium.

Prior to Somethin's Cookin', Marianna La Tour, a single mother of two, worked in public relations and as a social

worker. As a college student, Maria La Tour ventured with friends into a floating catering business in Newport. They sold gourmet food to boaters on vacation from port to port. After that, she worked for Grady's - a large Southern franchise.

Barnside Mile & A Quarter



Cheryl Ashness of Barnsider Mile & A Quarter

Cheryl Ashness, is an administrative assistant of the Barnsider Mile & A Quarter restaurant, in Providence.

After high school I went to the Warwick Academy of Beauty Culture. I was a hair stylist for seven years before deciding I wanted a glamorous job Monday through Friday.

Friends thought I was crazy to leave the hairdressing business. At that time I was married and had two children. I had no resistance from my family.

Presently, I'm in a management training program with the Barnsider Corporation, as well as working as an administrative assistant. My goal is to be a general manager of one of the dinner houses.

I have been a single parent of three children for the past five years. My children are able to

call me at any time of the day or night and I spend most of my spare time with them.

I graduated from Pilgrim High School, and attended the Warwick Academy of Beauty Culture. Then I went to the Sawyer School of Business.

I was an administrative Assistant for a manufacturing company for 11 years, then I decided to go into the restaurant business. I have been working for the Barnsider for four and a half years.

No one influenced me. It was my own decision as to what I wanted to do with my life.

Don't ever feel that you are stuck in a position that you are not happy with. You can always change careers, go back to school if necessary or if you get real lucky you could marry a millionaire.

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The Butterman & Kryston Associates Team Together



Diana Kryston & Judy Butterman

The two women who run Butterman & Kryston Associates, a Century 21 Real Estate office, work as a team, says partner Judith A. Butterman. As long-time friends, she says, they had influenced one another to branch out on their own.

"Diana (Kryston) and I seem to balance each other rather well. The responsibilities involved in running a successful real estate firm were instinctively divided between us," Butterman says. Butterman is responsible for keeping the books, office forms and general managing of the 20 full-time and 5 part-time agents while Kryston's responsibilities include advertising, promotion and training. Both owners have arranged the office hours so that one of them is always available to the general staff.

Although Kryston entered the real estate field in 1978 as a part-time agent for a Century 21 office, she still held her posi-

tion as a history teacher with the Pawtucket school department. Then, she found she enjoyed the challenges of real estate and retired her teaching position. On July 31, 1987 Butterman & Kryston Associates officially opened for business.

With Butterman, her entry into the field was similar.

"I had worked part-time for a Century 21 office while teaching English at Tolman High School," she said. "I enjoyed the challenges, the variety of experiences and competition that real estate provided."

Kryston says that her family and friends supported their venture into the business world. However, she says, "there were those who could not understand why we would want to give up the security and benefits of teaching."

The partners are both native Rhode Islanders. Born in Pawtucket, Butterman received her bachelor's degree in English from the University of Rhode

Island and her master's degree in English from Rhode Island College. She was accepted into a PHD program at URI, and took several courses, but left the program to open her office.

Kryston received her bachelor's degree from Rhode Island College with a double major in social science and history. Her graduate degree in counseling came from Providence College. Also, she has taken many real estate courses.

At first, spare time was a rough commodity. However, Kryston says, "now I am sure to book those things that are important to me as if they were appointments - I enjoy racing in sailboat, so every Tuesday, after 4 p.m., is blocked off on my schedule."

Butterman says now that their business "systems" are in place, and operations run smoothly, she has more time to do the things she enjoys.

Butterman says, "The key to anyone's success is knowledge, perseverance, integrity and faith in oneself. My advice - go for it!"

Kryston adds, "Don't be afraid to take a risk. The greater the risk, the greater the reward. Of course, it is important for that risk to be calculated. Secondly, have confidence in yourself."

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Viva La France!



June Gaudet of La France.

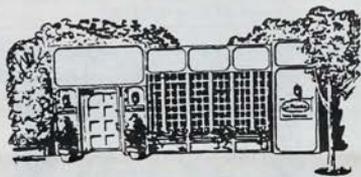
by Kathy Cohen
Herald Assistant Editor
"We didn't even want to get into (the restaurant) business. We had no interest in it."
So June Gaudet remembers as she retells her foray into

business. Gaudet and her husband Dave had been living in France and met another couple who owned a bistro in France and were interested in opening

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Diamonds By The Sammartino Sisters



(L-R) Tonya, Emelia, Nina-Marie, Anita of Diamonds By Sammartino Sisters

The four Sammartino sisters — Tonya, Anita, Emelia and Nina-Marie — have each mastered the jewelry business. They have inherited the teachings, and skills from their maternal and paternal families.

Though they are all college graduates in diverse fields, their innate ability to master design and mechanics has helped them take charge of jewelry-making. The result: they operate what they know to be a unique jewelry store.

For the sisters, being in business requires the same "essential recipe" as for any businessperson: dedication, flexibility, perseverance, foresight, wisdom and an upbeat, positive attitude. Their eight staff members — salespeople, bookkeepers, goldsmiths and gemologists — all work under the same premise.

The most challenging aspect of being women in business has been juggling work with family, children and spare time, but

they say, don't despair for "it can be very fulfilling!"

In the past two years the sisters have worked long and hard

in a concerted effort to raise their business from its infancy to adolescence. At the same time their collective three children — two toddlers and a 3-month-old — have been by their sides. Or, as the sisters put it: "literally under our skins, adding true family flavor" to the enterprise. Customers often tell them it makes them feel very much at ease.

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Spotlight On: Women In Business

Viva La France!

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a business in America; however, they were in need of financing.

Things did not go exactly as planned Gaudet says: "We were just planning to help...never intended to own and run the restaurant, but our friends ran out on us...they couldn't take the busy American life..."

Luckily the two had always had a flair for cooking.

After living in France and Germany, Gaudet taught English at Lockwood High School in Warwick. Gaudet took a leave of absence to run a seasonal restaurant in the summer of 1979, but she took on the restaurant business full-time in Narragansett a year later. The restaurant was called La Petite France. In 1982, the couple followed their clientele to the East

Side and opened La France on Hope Street.

"Life in the restaurant business is much easier when both husband and wife are involved," she says. David Gaudet takes full charge of the kitchen, while June Gaudet is responsible for the front of the house: all ordering, bookkeeping, personnel, reservations, private parties, catering, etc.

Restaurating takes up all of their time, so traveling (their hobby) is kept at a minimum. Whenever they do find spare time, they both dabble in real estate (sales) and antiques.

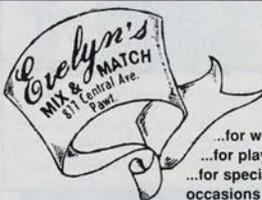
The future may entail a larger restaurant that serves home cooking - located in a big traffic area. But, for now, Gaudet plans to expand the catering business.

"I'm not so sure about staying in the restaurant business," says Gaudet, "but who knows - we're flexible."

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Capretti Confetti — A Third Career For Piroso

by Kathy Cohen
Herald Assistant Editor

Carol Ann Piroso of Capretti Confetti originally recruited attorneys for a Wall Street law firm in New York City for fifteen years. During that time Piroso attended classes at Parson's School of Design in New York.

Piroso started her second career as a designer and liaison of children's clothing for Diane von Furstenberg. Piroso stayed there for several years, then relocated and started her own business in Provincetown, Massachusetts. This store, called Beach Babes, lasted five years.

But after acquiring the taste of owning a business, Piroso wanted a crack at a full-time operation by herself (she had two partners at the Provincetown store), so she decided to relocate. Wickenden Street looked to be the perfect spot and she opened her new store last December.

The most difficult adjustment has been giving up the regular benefits of a large firm for cre-

ative independence.

She believes in staying local and buys from five Rhode Island designers.

When asked about her future goals she says, "I want to be completely independent...to do everything that I've always wanted. I've always wanted to design unisex clothing for children. I've been putting out feelers for about a year for people to sew and put it together."

The advice she offers to others starting in business is to "Go for it!"



Carol Ann Piroso of Capretti Confetti.

Kristen A. Dyer DePalma Of Evelyn's Mix & Match



Kristen A. Dyer DePalma of Evelyn's Mix & Match

In 1982, Evelyn's owner Kristen A. Dyer DePalma graduated from the University of Rhode Island. She received a bachelor's degree in fashion merchandising and a minor in

marketing. During her senior year, DePalma was the wardrobe director for a major fashion show. After graduation, she went to work for her aunt at Evelyn's, a Pawtucket

clothing store.

In January 1984, after her aunt and uncle retired, she bought the store.

"My aunt needed another saleswoman at the time I was graduating, so I went to work for her," DePalma says. "The opportunity of buying her out fell in my lap."

It was ironic, because as a student, DePalma started out as a science major. She wanted to be a landscaper, but changed her mind. She felt the real opportunities lay in owning her own business.

DePalma didn't come across any resistance and received much assistance from her parents in acquiring collateral for loans.

"They put up collateral for the loan," says DePalma. "The banks didn't care if the business had been operating very successfully for 20 years. If it wasn't for my parents I never would have gotten the loan."

DePalma handles every aspect of the business.

"It was a little awkward at first," she says. "I was 23 years old and the boss of three women twice my age." Her uncle had trained her in accounting, but she still found it intimidating.

She was single at the time of purchase; however, she married afterward in June 1986.

Her husband usually offers assistance in mailing returns and shipping recyclables. "That saves me money, not having to hire a private transit collector," she says.

The store is open 40 hours a week, and DePalma says she has plenty of spare time. "My employees are trustworthy and dependable, so taking vacation time is never a problem."

"Right now I wouldn't encourage anyone to open a business with the current economy. Wait until it picks up."



Local News

Beth El's 135th Gala



Phyllis and Norman Goldberg dance up a storm at the Temple Beth-El gala.

Temple Beth-El's 135th Anniversary Gala, held Saturday evening, May 19, was a resounding success. Over 340 individuals attended the black tie ball which was highlighted by the premier showing of a film commemorating the Temple's special anniversary.

Many members were involved in the planning of the event and deserve special thanks. They are: Carl Feldman and Nan Levine, co-chairpeople; Lynn Aronson, Roz Applebaum, George Goodwin,

Jason Grant, Ellen Kasle, Abby Leavitt, Judith and Henry Litchman, Roberta Loebner, Melba Meister, Anne Presser, Ellen Segal, Sheri Singer and Judy Smith.

The 135th Gala was made possible through the generosity of over 560 members of Temple Beth-El who contributed to the Temple's 135th Anniversary Capital Campaign. For more information about Temple Beth-El, please call Executive Director Rob Goldberg at 331-6070.



The sneaker-clad High Tops were a big hit at the Temple Beth-El gala.

Temple Shalom

A tri-organizational installation was held recently at Temple Shalom of Middletown. Following a brunch graciously sponsored by the Men's Club and Sisterhood, Rabbi Marc S. Jagoliner, spiritual leader, installed the officers and board members of the Congregation, Sisterhood and Men's Club. Temple President Richard Kadet addressed the gathering as did Sisterhood President Barbara Goldman.

Highlighting the morning was the tribute paid to custodian James Munford for his dedication and service to the Temple. Rabbi Jagoliner praised the honoree for his eager willingness to serve, his high quality of dedication and his devotion to the Congregation. President Kadet presented Mr. Munford with a gift given in affection and esteem by members and friends of Temple Shalom.

The third annual Temple Barbecue and Concert will take place on Sunday evening, August 5 at 6 p.m. Following a delicious kosher cook-out, attendees will be treated to a musical program presented by the talented Shimon and Ilana.

Sons of Jacob

Friday, June 22 — Twenty-nine nights in Sivan. Candle-lighting 8:05 p.m. Minchah at 7 p.m.

Saturday, June 23 — Thirty days in Sivan. Today is Rosh Chodesh Tammuz, the first day. Ya'aleh veyavo is added to the Amidah of Ma'ariv, Shacharis, Minchah, as well as, to Grace after meals. Torah reading is P'Shacharis (morning services) at 8:30 followed by Kiddush, Minchah 8:20 p.m. followed by the "third" meal. Ma'ariv 9:11 p.m. Shabbos is over at 9:17 p.m. Havdalah service 9:19 p.m.

Sunday, June 24 — Tammuz 1 — Second day Rosh Chodesh — the usual Rosh Chodesh prayers are recited, Torah reading, etc. morning services at 7:30.

Thursday evening, Tammuz 13: The period for blessing the Creator of the moon should be recited by this evening.

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

Minchah for the entire week is at 8:15 p.m.

Fast Days

Although Judaism is not a religion of excessive fasting and self-punishment, there are several days in the calendar which have been set aside to recall tragic events in the history of our people.

Of these, the chief one is Tishah Be-Av, which falls on the ninth day of the summer month of Av, and which has a strange and tradition-filled background.

According to the Talmud, many sad happenings took place on Tishah Be-Av. On that day it was decreed that the Israelites should wander through the wilderness for forty years. On that day the first Temple was destroyed in 586

Rabbi Marc S. Jagoliner will install the following slate for the 1990-91 year: president, Frieda Nemptzow; vice presidents, Elizabeth Baer, Lillian Berger; recording secretary, Paula Tonkonogy; corresponding secretary, Shirley Waterman; treasurer, Mary Green.

The group is also planning their annual cookout for July. Details will be discussed at the June meeting.

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B.C.E. by Nebuchadnezzar and the second Temple in 70 C.E. by Titus. On that day the fortress city of Betar fell to the Romans in 135 C.E. and on that day, shortly there afterwards, Bar Kochba and his men were massacred.

In the middle ages, on Tishah Be-Av, King Edward 1 of England signed the decree expelling Jews from England in 1290; and, they were not readmitted until the 17th century. And on Tishah Be-Av in 1492, over 150,000 Jews were hounded from Spain, where they had lived peacefully for centuries, by the cruel command of King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella.

The fast of the Seventeenth of Tamuz commemorates the day the walls of Jerusalem were broken into, leading to the destruction of the second Temple in 70 C.E. According to tradition, on this day, too, the tablets of the Ten Commandments were broken. The fast of the 17th of Tamuz begins the "three weeks" of mourning which conclude on the ninth of Av with Tishah Be-Av.

Tzom Gedaliah, is the fast day after Rosh Hashanah. Gedaliah was a governor appointed by Nebuchadnezzar to rule the Jews of Palestine. On this day Gedaliah was assassinated, and Nebuchadnezzar ordered cruel reprisals against the Jews.

Asarah Be-Tevet, the tenth day of the winter month of Tevet, Nebuchadnezzar began his siege of fortified Jerusalem. Deprived of food supplies, the population grew weaker, until at last Nebuchadnezzar was able to take the capital and destroy the first Temple in 586 B.C.E.

The Fast of Esther, was decreed by Esther for the Jews for public fasting and prayer on the day before the date set by Haman for the massacre of the Jewish people (the 13th of Adar).

The fast days of Yom Kippur and Tishah Be-Av are observed from the sunset of the previous evening. All of the others, the fast itself begins at sunrise of the day itself.

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The funds raised from this effort will be used to continue the support of the Spiritual Adoption Program. This project supports the day and night homes throughout Israel where children of tragic circumstances are loved and cared for from infancy to age six.

This year our effort will be dedicated to the memory of our late member Mrs. Fred Adler (Esther) who supported this project faithfully, having adopted 29 children since the Six Day War. A full adoption for one child for one year is \$360. A photo of the adopted child is mailed to the adopter.

Donor categories are Angels \$100, Guardians \$50, Sponsor \$36, Patron \$25, Donor \$18.

Donor Luncheon Chairman, Celia Brown; Treasurer, Bertha Gershan; Secretary, Martha Sonion; Prizes, Bella Mendelovitz; Ad and Memorials, Chaya Segal.

Majestic Senior Guild

The gala luncheon and installation of officers for the 1990-91 season will be held at the Marriott Hotel, Orms Street, Providence, Tuesday, June 26, at noon. There will be dancing, gifts, prizes and outstanding entertainment by "Heather and Her Friends." Four talented young performers, with song and instrumental accompaniment. The installing officer will be Peter Yosinoff.

The following appointees by the president to the executive board for one year terms are board for one year term are Miriam Miller, Ernest Cohen and Harry Stairman.

Chairpersons are Dr. Donald Bernstein, publicity; Sadie Goldstein, Ways and Means; Bertha Gershan, programs; Beverly Manocofsky, membership; Simon Chorney, charity; Pauline Kaufman, sunshine; Frances Dress, telephone; Jean and Joe Connis, hospitality; Irene Kozlau, historian.

All monies are now due for the "Me and My Girl" at the North Shore Theatre.

Balances for The Pines are due by July 10, 1990. A few reservations are still available. Call today. Don't miss this outstanding summer vacation.

Sisterhood Of Congregation Mishkon Tfiloh

A Sunday brunch meeting of Sisterhood Congregation Mishkon Tfiloh will be held at 11 a.m. on June 24, in the Mr. and Mrs. Jose Brundel Social Hall of the Synagogue at 203 Summit Avenue, Providence.

All members are urgently invited to attend this final meeting of the season.

Touro Fraternal

CRANSTON — Touro Fraternal Association, the largest independent Jewish fraternal order in New England, has elected its officers for its 72nd year, 1990-1991.

The Association, with headquarters here, has chosen Arthur Poulten of Cranston to serve a second term as chairman of the board of directors, and Robert T. Halpert of Providence and Michael D. Smith of Warwick as presidents of the Harmony and Friendship Lodges, respectively.

Other Association officers elected for one-year terms are Nathan Lury of Cranston, vice chairman of the board; Andrew Lamchick of Coventry, secretary; and Gerald Hodosh of Cranston, treasurer.

Harmony Lodge officers serving with Halpert are Joseph Shapiro of West Warwick, vice president; Morton L. Coken of Cranston, secretary; and Peter Hodosh of Cranston, treasurer.

Serving with Smith in the Friendship Lodge are Steven Resnick of Cranston, vice president; Judah Rosen of Cranston, secretary; and David Fink of Cranston, treasurer.

Re-elected to a three-year term on the Touro Board of Directors were Milton Bronstein and Peter Traugott of Providence; Robert Hodosh of West Warwick; Rodney Locke of East Greenwich and State Sen. David Sholes of Cranston.

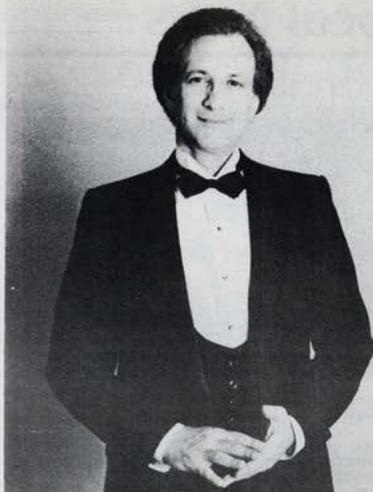
Congregation Ohave Shalom

Services at this Young Israel Congregation will be at 8:10 p.m. Friday evening, Shabbat morning will feature a sit-down Kiddush following services which begin at 9 a.m. Rabbi Jacobs will give his class at 7:15 p.m. Mincha will be at 8:10 p.m. Saturday evening, followed by the Third Sabbath Meal. Ma'ariv will be at 9:01 p.m. Havdalah is at 9:10 p.m.

All are welcome to participate in our services and classes during the summer and the whole year. During the week services are as follows: Morning - Sunday 7:45 a.m.; Monday and Thursday 6:40 a.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 6:50 a.m. Evenings - 8:10 p.m. when possible.

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Cantor David Lefkowitz will appear June 29 at Congregation B'nai Israel.

European Teens Seek Host Families In America

American Intercultural Student Exchange (AISE) is seeking host families for exchange students from Scandinavia, Europe, South America and Australia for the upcoming school year, 1990/91.

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Weight Watchers Celebrates Opening

MIDDLETOWN — Weight Watchers will celebrate the grand opening of their newest center in Middletown, R.I. with a week of festivities June 25-June 30, 1990.

An official ribbon-cutting ceremony, featuring Area Director Florine Mark and Michael Embury, Middletown's Town Administrator, will commence at 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 26. Members of the public from surrounding communities, as well as Middletown, are invited to attend the evening FREE OF CHARGE, enter raffle drawings and take home free Weight Watchers prizes.

Throughout the week, guests are invited to view cooking demonstrations, a fashion show and motivational speakers on a variety of topics. The Weight Watchers Center is located in Sherman Plaza at the corner of East Main and Valley Road. For meeting times and further information, please call 1-800-556-7416.

State House Thanks Scandinavia

State Senators David Sholes and Victoria Lederberg have introduced a resolution recognizing the rescue of Danish Jews during World War II and congratulating the organization "Thanks to Scandinavia."

The resolution states: "Jews in Denmark were sheltered by the brave and courageous citizens of that land and vanished overnight to the safety and sanctuary of Sweden. The rescue activities of the people of Finland, Denmark, Norway and Sweden stand as a beacon of man's valor, bravery and humanity."

"In 1963, the organization 'Thanks to Scandinavia' was established to memorialize the courage of the Scandinavians who saved thousands of Jewish lives — from the Holocaust. 'Thanks to Scandinavia,' with Victor Borge as the National Chairman and Richard Netter as President, has provided scholarships and grants to Scandinavian students for study in the United States."

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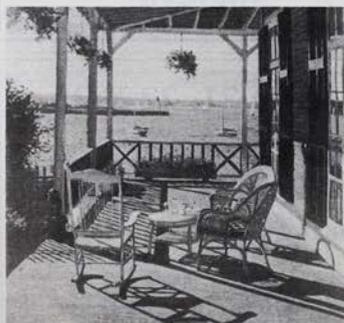
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Shorr Will Be Honored



Joseph Shorr will be honored June 29 and 30 at Congregation B'nai Israel in Woonsocket.

Congregation B'nai Israel will honor Joseph Shorr of 467 Prospect St. June 29 and 30 on the occasion of his 75th birthday and for his indispensable contributions to the synagogue for almost half a century.

The testimonial, including the dedication of a window in Shorr's name in the congregation chapel, will be held during services Friday at 8 p.m. and Saturday at 9 a.m.

The Friday night service will include a speaking program at which lifetime honorary president Samuel I. Medoff will speak, as will members of Shorr's family. The dedication will follow before the service is concluded and be presented by Dr. Harris D. Harnick, congregation president. A collation will follow in Darman Hall.

Following the Saturday service, a luncheon will be served to the congregation guests in Medoff Auditorium.

Nationally renowned cantor David Lefkowitz, who since 1976 has been cantor of the prestigious and musically illustrious Park Avenue Synagogue in New York City, and who in his early years, in 1964-65, served as cantor for Congregation B'nai Israel, will chant both services.

Along with Dr. Harnick, the event will be presided over by Rabbi Joel D. Chernikoff, who will lead the services, and Edyth M. Wittes, former president and program chairperson.

Extolling Shorr's contributions, Mrs. Wittes said, "Joe's always been there for every single president who has come into office. He really feels a dedication."

"He's been acting rabbi, acting cantor, has been president and honorary president; he's officiated at funerals and at services, and he does it because he wants to," said Mrs. Wittes, the synagogue's first female president prior to Harnick's term.

"The real thing is we want to celebrate Joe's 75th birthday, and the congregation wants to show its appreciation to a man who has given his entire life to the synagogue and synagogue

Chapter, Aleph Zadik Aleph, and was president of the District 1 AZA, and the Woonsocket Zionist District.

He and his wife, the former Frances Blankstein, were married in Congregation B'nai Israel 45 years ago.

They have two children, Ellen R. Sevrant of Woodland Hills, Calif., who is assistant director of the Jewish Federation Council of Greater Los Angeles, and Irvin J. Shorr of Silver Spring, Md., an international child nutritionist, and one granddaughter.

Shorr was particularly proud that Cantor Lefkowitz will travel to Woonsocket to chant the services and bring an added aura to the festivities.

Cantor Lefkowitz is a graduate of the renowned Julliard School of Music in New York City, and has been featured in a WNET television documentary, "Hear Our Voices," about the history of cantorial music, along with other television specials. He has embarked upon a long-term project to record classical and contemporary masterpieces of Jewish liturgical music for distribution to new generations of worshippers.

"His voice is magnificent. It's as if you're going to a concert," said Mrs. Wittes.

Feinstein Recognized

On April 23, Alan Shawn Feinstein received the City of Cranston Humanitarian Award. A proclamation issued to the Cranston City Council from Mayor Michael Traficante recognized Feinstein for being chairman of the Crime Stoppers program, donating \$50,000 to the Cranston Adult Day Care Department, establishing a yearly scholarship for Edgewood residents, and founding the World Hunger program at Brown University.

Robert Stone
Receives Degree

Robert William Stone, son of Janie and Elliot M. Stone, was awarded the P.T.A. scholarship and became a member of the Stoughton Chapter of the National Honor Society from Stoughton High School in Massachusetts. He was one of 300 graduating students of which 39 were on the Honor Society.

Stone's grandparents are Ruth M. Stone of Cranston, R.I., and Hattie Adleman of Stoughton, Mass. He has been accepted at Colorado College.

Kmet-Slavit

Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Kmet of North Royalton, Ohio, announce the engagement of their daughter, Emmy Jean, to Michael Roy Slavit, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Slavit of Warwick, R.I.

Miss Kmet has a bachelor of fine arts degree from Ohio University. She is employed with the University of Georgia's bookstore. Mr. Slavit graduated from Brown University, received his master's degree from the University of Rhode Island, and his doctorate in psychology from the University of Texas at Austin. He is the director of the Psychological Counseling Center with the Southern College of Technology, in Marietta, Georgia.

The wedding will take place August 25, 1990, in Rhode Island.

Schoellers Announce
Birth

Richard and Lisa Robinson Schoeller of Needham, Mass., announce the birth of a daughter, Melissa Robinson Schoeller. Melissa was born June 1, 1990, and was named lovingly after her maternal great-grandmother, Minnie Liberman.

Maternal grandparents are Estelle and Bernard Klemmer of Pawtucket, R.I., and the late Arnold Robinson. Paternal grandparents are Patricia and John Schoeller of Bethlehem, Pa. Paternal great-grandmother is Mary Schoeller of Perkaskie, Pa.

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High Priest, although it is impossible for them all to become one. The level of High Priest is one of total self-sacrifice for G-d.

Any Jew, if he so desires, may attain the level of the tribe of Levi, though he is not obliged to do so. With regard to the tribe of Levi, Maimonides states that "they were singled out for Divine labor and service, and to teach His just and righteous paths and laws..." He goes on to say: "Not only the tribe of Levi, but all individuals whose spirit moves them... are sanctified [i.e., are deemed] to be 'holy of holies.'"

There are three general degrees in Divine service: mitzvot, Torah study, and total self-sacrifice for G-d. Performing mitzvot involves interaction with the physical world and elevating it to holiness. Torah, however, always remains aloof from physicality. Total self-sacrifice for G-d transcends the bounds and limitations of Torah and mitzvot, enabling the individual to unite with G-d without restriction.

G-d desires that the soul be clothed in the body, transforming the world into a dwelling place for Him through the service of mitzvot and Torah. Still, all Jews should desire to reach the high-priestly state of self-sacrifice. For this desire leads to selfless dedication to G-d, enabling the individual to perform mitzvot and study Torah utterly without qualification.

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the Lost Tribe

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Spirit rises into the abstract sky above nature like Hashem above Eden. Wiesenthal never boasts that he made up this theory, which dates back before Colonial settlements. But he thinks that tomorrow fresh digs will drive the theory forward. Hebrew letters mark on ancient stone tablets. Jewish research always gets into the shapes of letters, a kind of archeology of calligraphy. Of course, it is hard to judge people out of the past. But Wiesenthal brings them forward into the present, by the magic wand of his pen.

As spring turns to summer and we salute our Independence I think of the role Jews have played in shaping the nation. For me my grandfather who walked across Europe and built chairs in Providence was the Wandering Jew. The Finks are the Lost Tribe of Israel, pitching a tent in a new outpost on the East Side. Jews carry jokes from town to town. They carried folktales from continent to continent. Like a violin that plays upon its strings the melodies of the world, the Jews of time transmit and interpret the search for truth, justice and beauty.



Movie Premiere RI/Project AIDS

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cancer" in the gay community, known today as AIDS.

Rolling Stone magazine called "Longtime Companion" funny, touching and vital! The best American movie this year." Gene Flatley of *Cosmopolitan* magazine called it "a beautifully written and directed film persuasively acted by a first-rate cast!"

The benefit premiere has been made possible through the generosity of Samuel Goldwyn Productions and The Avon Cinema. Kenneth R. Dulgarian, owner of the Avon, explains, "AIDS should be a matter of concern to everyone. As a national health problem, it affects all of us, whether directly or indirectly. So we all should share the responsibility of supporting people with AIDS and HIV infection, educating the public about prevention, and, of course, finding a cure. It's up to each of us to help eliminate this terrible disease, each in his or her own way."

Rhode Island Project/AIDS, beneficiary of the premiere, is the only community-based, multi-service AIDS organization serving Southern New England. Founded in 1985, the Project provides direct support services to people with AIDS and HIV infection, risk-reduction education services, and advocacy services on behalf of all people affected by the epidemic. The Project's anonymous toll-free AIDS Hotline can be reached by calling 1-800-726-3010.



Bea Rosenstein of the Rhode Island Bicentennial Foundation accepting the Rhode Island Ratification Poster, on behalf of Mayor Joseph R. Paolino, Jr., who sponsored the foundation. Dr. Patrick Conley, chairman of the Rhode Island Bicentennial Foundation and the Rhode Island Publications Society is making the presentation. Directly behind the presenter is Dr. John Kaminski, Director of the Center for the Study of the American Constitution and seated on the stage is Justice Florence K. Murray, Chairman, Rhode Island Supreme Court Historical Society.

The poster, "Rhode Island in the Revolutionary Era 1764-1790," was prepared by both Dr. Kaminski and Dr. Conley.

This ceremony took place at Roger Williams Casino during the Rhode Island Ratification Celebration.

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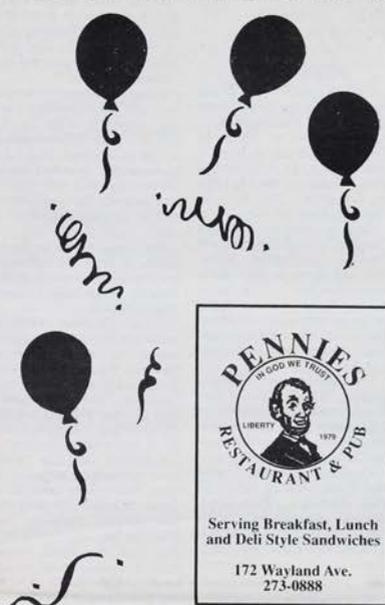
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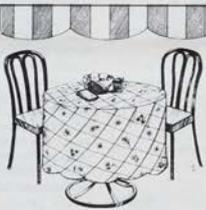
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Obituaries

REBECCA L. GOLDSTEIN WARWICK — Rebecca L. Goldstein, 77, of 1 Sholam Drive died Saturday, June 16, 1990, at Miriam Hospital. She was the widow of Harold Goldstein.
Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Philip and

Ilda (Mover) Greenberg, she lived in Warwick for 10 years. She previously lived in Cranston.

Mrs. Goldstein was a member of Temple Torat Yisrael and its Sisterhood, the Jewish Home for the Aged, and a Majestic Senior Guild. She was

a past president of the Sholam Tenants Association, and a volunteer at Miriam Hospital. She was a member of the Cranston-Warwick Chapter of Hadassah.
She leaves a son, Arthur Goldstein of Warwick; a daughter, Phyllis Lichaa of Portsmouth; a brother, Louis Greenberg of Warwick, and four grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Monday, June 18, at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

sister, Rose Stone of Los Angeles, Calif.; two brothers, Morris Yanoff of Chicago, Ill., and Irving Yanoff of Santa Fe, N.M.; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Private funeral services were coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was at Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon, Mass.

BESSIE WOLOFF

PROVIDENCE Bessie Woloff, 91, of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., a sales clerk at Shepard's Department Store for over 25 years before the store closed, died Thursday, June 14, 1990, at the home. She was the widow of Joseph Woloff.

Born in Meriden, Conn., a daughter of the late Morris and Pauline (Goldsmith) Miller, she had lived in Providence most of her life.

Mrs. Woloff was a member of the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged and Congregation Mishkon Tiloh.

She leaves two brothers, Nathan "Emis" Miller of East Providence, Louis Miller of Providence and two sisters, Rose Miller of Providence and Ilda Dun of Meriden, Conn.

Graveside services were held Friday, June 15, in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Post Road, Warwick. Arrangements by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

RHODA NEWMAN

NORTH MIAMI, Fla. — Rhoda Newman of 280 Sierra Drive died Monday, June 4, 1990, at Oceanside, Long Island, at the home of her daughter, Caryle Katz, whom she had been visiting. She was the widow of Benjamin Newman.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late David and Regina (Green) Jacobson, she lived in North Miami for 25 years.

She leaves a sister, Sheila Hochberg of Mashpee, Mass.; two brothers, William and Jack Jacobson, both of Cranston, and three grandchildren.

The funeral was held in Long Island. Burial was in North Miami.

LOUIS YANOFF

PEMBROKE PINES, Fla. — Louis Yanoff, 79, of 9220 S. Hollybrook Lake Drive, owner of the M. Samas Co., and the Jewel Manufacturing Co., Providence, until retiring as president in 1967, died Monday, June 11, 1990, at Hollywood Memorial Hospice, Hollywood. He was the husband of Mildred (Samas) Yanoff.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., a son of the late Joseph and Gussie Yanoff, he moved from Providence to Pembroke Pines 18 years ago.

Mr. Yanoff was a member of Temple Beth-El, Providence, the Crestwood Country Club, B'nai B'rith and the Redwood Masonic Lodge.

Besides his wife he leaves a daughter, Joanne Summer of Pawtucket; a son, Michael Yanoff of Littleton, Colo.; a

Jewish Leaders

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The Israeli government "should not be judged by the parties or the platforms, but by what they do," Hoenlein said. "I think everyone will agree that we've got to give this government a chance."

Lifton disagrees. "If the government has enunciated a policy it intends to follow and that policy is to increase settlement in the West Bank and Gaza, parts of the American Jewish community will feel free — and properly so — to criticize that stated policy as such," he said.

But some American Jewish critics of Shamir's right-wing policies appear willing to give the new government a chance, at least initially.

Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Reform movement's Union of American Hebrew Congregations, congratulated Shamir, saying he is "gratified that a government is now in place in Israel and that the great task of moving toward peace may now be resumed."

Schindler said that "whatever differences some of us may have with various of Prime Minister Shamir's specific policies, American Jews stand as one with Israel as a free and democratic nation homeland of the Jewish people in its struggle to live in security, peace and prosperity with its neighbors."

Concern Over Impact On Immigration

The continuing influx of Soviet Jews into Israel has made American Jewish concern over the political situation even more intense than usual.

Those committed to Soviet Jewry have noted with concern the fact that Ariel Sharon, a strong proponent of settlement in the territories, is set to be named minister of housing, with special responsibility for Soviet Jewish immigration.

The Soviet Union, the United States and various European countries serving as transit points for Soviet Jews bound for Israel have all warned that settlement of the immigrants in the territories could impede the flow of olim.

Shoshana Cardin, chairwoman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry and a member of the Jewish Agency Board of Governors, said that American Jews would make clear that they do not want political concerns interfering with the immigration and absorption of Soviet Jews.

But alongside the worries over the future of U.S.-Israel relations, there is also a sense of relief in the American Jewish community that after eight years of Labor-Likud coalitions, the Israeli government will be speaking with one voice — even if it is a voice with which many disagree profoundly.

"There is now a clear-cut right-wing government and a clear-cut opposition party," said Lifton. "The blending of the two gave off confusing signals."

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Extremist Groups

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headed Jew Best is even now setting the stage for the final bloody conflict of Armageddon.

Forbes also managed the 1988 presidential campaign of another white supremacist, Louisiana State Rep. David Duke, and orchestrated the World Peace Day Crusade in 1981, which sought the release from prison of Nazi leader Rudolf Hess.

"He's a hard-core Neo-Nazi, and there's no doubt about it," said Daniel Levitas, director of the Center for Democratic Renewal, an Atlanta-based organization that tracks white supremacists.

"He's not like David Duke or Thom Robb, but he's definitely in the second rank of leadership of the neo-Nazi party in the U.S."

Forbes has become increasingly active in Arkansas politics in recent years. He ran unsuccessfully in 1986 for the lieutenant governorship and in 1988 tried to run as a write-in candidate against Sen. Dale Bumpers (D-Ark.).

"There's no way by now that any one in this state could not know who Forbes is or what his affiliations are," said Pharr of the Women's Project. "He puts out a lot of hate literature here. He whips up the literature and makes a new group, whatever the issue is."

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Summer Tips To Safeguard Kids

Summer's a great time to gather the family together and explore the state's natural resources — from the woodland campgrounds and fresh water lakes in the north — to the spectacular beaches in the south. But, nature does hold an element of risk and the pediatric experts at Rhode Island Hospital want your children's memories of this summer to be of the warmth of the sun and the sound of the surf, not the sting of a needle and the screeching siren of an ambulance.

To help eliminate some of the hazards associated with summertime fun, the hospital has compiled these safety tips for parents to consider when planning outdoor activities.

First, what would appear to be the most obvious safety risk, is the one most often underestimated — the backyard pool. The Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates that as many as 350 children under five drown every year in the United States. "Never leave your child unattended in a yard where there is a pool — not even for a single second," stresses James Linakis, M.D., a pediatric emergency medical specialist in Rhode Island Hospital's trauma center. Children, especially toddlers, move very quickly and are not capable of judging their abilities. Drowning has been called the "silent accident" because there is rarely a cry or splash to alert a parent to the problem.

Many of these drownings occur at a nonswimming time when no one is around or suspects that a child could be near the pool. Linakis offers these other safety measures for families who have pools:

- Install a fence directly surrounding an in-ground pool. The fence should measure at least four feet in height and have a locked gate (some cities mandate higher fences). Above-ground pools should have removable ladders so children aren't tempted to climb.

- A solar pool cover is not to be used as a safety guard — it cannot support a child's weight. In fact, these covers are not adequately secured to the edge of the pool and if a child steps on the cover, he could become entangled and be unable to free himself.

- Always have lifesaving equipment such as a long pole and a life preserver nearby.

- Every parent should know CPR. Knowing the correct way to administer CPR could save your child's life. "The difference between life and death occurs pool-side, not in the ER," warns Linakis. Contact your local chapter of the American Red Cross to enroll in a certified CPR course. You'll feel secure knowing you can intercede in an emergency.

Linakis also cautions parents to be alert by the ocean. Be aware that the undertow is a real factor in your child's ability to safely swim in the ocean. And don't underestimate the strength of waves — they could quickly overpower a child.

The very fact that fun at the water is often dependent upon sunny, warm days can pose a very painful safety risk — sunburn. But, dermatologist Germaine Camishon, M.D., says families can certainly enjoy the outdoors without the fear of sunburn, simply follow these guidelines:

- Avoid exposure to the sun during the peak hours of 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If this is not possible, frequently apply sunblock. Products containing a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 are generally adequate protection for most people. However, if you are very fair skinned and never tan, you may need a higher SPF. Products are now available with SPF's of 40 or more and are quite effective.

- To be most effective, sunblocks should be applied a half-hour before going out into the sun, and should be re-applied after swimming or sweating.

- Camishon cautions parents to cover all exposed parts of their children's skin. Don't forget the parts in your child's hair and his ears. Cover these areas with clothing or sunblock.

- Good news for teenagers concerned with acne. Sunblocks are available that are oil-free. These alcohol based products come in a clear gel. However, be aware that some are not waterproof.

- People prone to cold sores should protect their lips with a lip balm that has a SPF of 15. The sun can cause these type of sores to form.

If your child gets caught out in the sun without sunblock and gets a burn, Camishon recommends that the best treatment for a sunburn is the application of cool compresses to the burn area to release the heat. If the burn is severe and blistering, seek medical attention.

The sun and warm weather is also a factor in helping to produce another safety hazard and that is poison ivy. Phil Johnson, Ph.D., director of the Rhode Island Poison Center suggests parents tell their children to follow this simple rule when playing outdoors: Leaves of three, let them be, it's probably poison ivy. Johnson says the plant grows in shiny clusters of three leaves. If your child is exposed to the plant, here's what you can expect: "The toxin usually takes from one to four days to manifest."

- A rash will appear only on areas of the skin that have been

exposed to the toxin. The rash itself is not contagious — the child must come in direct contact with oil from the plant. Therefore, make sure to carefully wash all articles of clothing the child was wearing at the time of exposure. Johnson warns that toxin covered clothing is the most common cause of spreading the rash. Also, be careful when handling the family pet. Although animals are not affected by poison ivy, they can carry the toxin on their fur.

- The rash will be quite itchy and can last up to three weeks. Johnson recommends using calamine lotion.

Johnson also cautions parents to remember to keep insecticides and fertilizers out of the reach of children.

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Moderate Defense Chief Faces Challenges of Intifada

by Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Moshe Arens began his first day in office as Israel's new defense minister by extending a gesture of good will toward the Palestinian population.

Security sources announced that a West Bank Arab college near Jerusalem, shut down since the intifada began more than two years ago, would be reopened.

Whether the gesture will set the tone for Arens' tenure as defense chief remains to be seen.

The Lithuanian-born, American-educated former aeronautical engineer is no novice to the defense establishment.

He served as defense minister in the Likud government of Prime Minister Menachem Begin, replacing Ariel Sharon, who was ousted from the post in 1982 for allowing excesses in the Lebanon war.

At that time, Arens pursued a policy of moderation toward the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, based on his political credo that coexistence between Arabs and Jews in the territories is possible without territorial concessions by Israel.

Arens was later appointed minister in charge of Arab affairs, which gave him responsibility for Israel's 700,000 Arab citizens.

Again he was guided by his ideological mentor, Ze'ev Jabotinsky, who believed the Arab population should be treated as equals.

But Arens differentiated between "positive" Arabs, who cooperated with the Jewish political establishment, and "negative" ones, who opposed it. He also tended to favor other minorities, such as the Druse and Circassians, who serve in the Israel Defense Force.

While Arens avoided friction with Israeli Arabs during his tenure, there was no love lost between them.

But the situation now is fraught with peril. The intifada is in its 30th month and shows no signs of abating. It could easily spill into Israel proper.

Unexpectedly, a prominent Palestinian activist has given a backhanded vote of confidence to the new Likud government.

Faisal Hussein of East Jerusalem, who advocates non-violent resistance to Israeli rule in the territories, said he preferred the new regime to the national unity partnership between Likud and Labor that it replaced.

"Finally the government will talk with one voice, and perhaps it will be able to make decisions," Hussein said.

He acknowledged it may decide to crack down harder on the intifada. "If Shamir intends to wage war against us, we shall stand firm and return war," he said, adding that nothing will break the intifada.

Arens steps into the shoes of Laborite Yitzhak Rabin, the former defense minister whose tough but controlled security measures in the territories won the support of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

In Rabin's view, the Palestinian uprising could be contained, but not quelled, by military measures.

Likud moderates shared that view. But hard-liners, not moderates, are now ascendant in Likud, and Arens paradoxically, is not likely to enjoy the confidence reposed in Rabin.

For one thing, he will have to deal with the resurgent power of Sharon, who has made no secret that he coveted the defense portfolio. He has boasted frequently that if given free rein, he could end the intifada in a matter of days.

Arens' first test will come the next time the territories erupt in violence, as they did for a week last month, after a lone Jewish gunman massacred seven Arab day laborers near Rishon-le-Zion.

He will have to decide whether to let the IDF deal with the situation as it has in the past — with restraint in such areas as the use of live ammunition — or by introducing much harsher measures to please Sharon.

If Sharon decides to breathe down Arens' neck, the new defense minister may have no choice but to demonstrate that he can be tough.

Sharon is minister of construction and housing with special authority for the absorption of Soviet Jewish immigrants. In that capacity, he can throw the territories into turmoil by settling Soviet Jews there.

The Insurance Scene

Checking Up On Your Life Insurance Coverage

Life insurance is appropriately named, since adequate coverage can allow your loved ones to continue their lives free from the financial burdens that your untimely death might cause. Preparing for this eventuality can ensure that the emotional loss they suffer is not compounded by financial loss. But you can't simply buy a life insurance policy and forget about it. Life insurance needs change along with your financial and personal circumstances.

To keep pace with these changes, you should periodically review your life insurance policies with your financial advisors. This analysis should be conducted in the context of your entire estate plan: wills, trusts, and any other components. This systematic review is especially important in light of ever-changing tax laws that may complicate your estate. The following discussion highlights the areas on which to focus during your policy review.

Naming beneficiaries: Some of the most common life insurance errors involve the naming of beneficiaries. You should review these provisions whenever there is a change in family status caused by birth, death, marriage, divorce, or your relocation to another state. Taking the time to review your designation ensures that

your heirs will be treated fairly. For example, if you give your son and his new bride the downpayment for their own house, you may want to even things out by naming your daughter as beneficiary of your life insurance policy.

Naming your spouse as sole beneficiary may be a testament to your love, but it may not be prudent life insurance planning. Should you both die in the same accident, you'll have forfeited your right to decide who collects the insurance proceeds. It is good practice to designate "contingent beneficiaries" in the event the primary beneficiary doesn't survive the insured.

You can choose a settlement option that provides for periodic payment of insurance proceeds to your beneficiary.

Viewing life insurance as a flexible planning tool is a strong argument against naming any beneficiary irrevocably. This designation means you'll have to get that person's permission to change beneficiaries in the future or to borrow against the cash value of the policy. Again, divorce and remarriage can compel revisions, and it's unwise to close off your options.

Providing for special needs: You may want to use separate policies for different purposes or different beneficiaries. This strategy can help provide funds for distinct needs, such as funeral expenses, and allocate bequests to various relatives.

Settlement options: You'll want to consider various settlement options for paying out insurance policy proceeds gradually rather than dispensing them in a lump sum. Or you can elect a provision that mandates a waiting period before the entire amount is paid out to the beneficiary.

Life insurance policies offer a wide array of choices. You should carefully evaluate your policies to make sure they accurately reflect your intentions and complement the other elements of your overall estate plan.

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