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## Miller to leave Beth-El



by John Chadwick

After two quiet years in Providence, Susan L. Miller, the first congregational woman rabbi in Rhode Island, will be leaving the pulpit at Temple Beth-El. She will be married later this year to Rabbi Richard S. Rhains. The two are planning to move to Chappaqua, New York.

But the 28-year-old New Jersey native says she will remain in the rabbinate, and will continue to "turn people on to Judaism."

"I want to show people how to lead a fulfilling Jewish life," she said last week from her office. And with an easy, straightforward charm, Miller seems well-suited to the task. Whether discussing the future of the Reform movement or the time she led "tot shabbat," she appears upbeat and unpretentious.

She grew up immersed in Judaism, the progeny of a very active Reform family from Clifton. In the seventh grade — while other students were scheming to skip Hebrew school — Miller quietly decided she would become a rabbi. "I think it was around the seventh grade," she said.

As an associate rabbi at Beth-El she has given bar mitzvah classes and has worked also with the confirmation groups. "I've always felt very welcome here," she says of her tenure at the temple.

The Reform movement began ordaining women in 1972. Nearly half of Miller's graduating class at Hebrew Union College were female, she said. Asked whether she thought women contribute something different or unique to the rabbinate, she said: "If you're asking a feminist I suppose (she) would say yes. I personally, don't walk around thinking I'm any different from any of my colleagues — I'm a rabbi. If people want to see more in it, that's their choice."

She sees Reform Judaism as having a good future — however she feels the movement must become more introspective in the 1990s. "I think the future of the movement is good, but I think that we have to focus more on ourselves — there are a lot of disenfranchised Jews out there."

Citing the Reform Religious Action Center in Washington, which works for a variety of social causes and issues on an international level, she says, "I think we need to reach out to our own Jews; we need to focus more on Jewish ideas and issues."

She mentions also a need for outreach and education for young adults, especially those who are beyond college age but who do not have families. "I think there's very little (Jewish programming) out there for them."

After attending the Reform conference in Seattle, Miller will finish up at Beth-El in July. She plans on seeking another congregational position near the area where she settles. A new associate rabbi is expected later in the month.

## Despite Arafat Connection, Jews Welcome Mandela

by Allison Kaplan

NEW YORK (JTA) — Nelson Mandela was warmly welcomed here by a wide spectrum of New Yorkers, including representatives of local and national Jewish groups, who participated wholeheartedly in the festivities.

A shofar was even scheduled to be blown in Mandela's honor during an ecumenical ceremony at Manhattan's Riverside Church, as part of a Yisroly "kudvat" (sanctus) enthusiastically greeted from Jewish groups are expected as Mandela travels to seven other U.S. cities.

"In a number of cities, the Jewish community relations councils are putting ads in local

papers and black papers welcoming Mandela," said Aviv, who was one of a small group of Jewish leaders who met last month in Cincinnati with another black anti-apartheid leader, Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

The deputy president of the African National Congress got his initial welcome from the Jewish community as organizational leaders joined those greeting him at Kennedy Intercontinental Airport. On hand for B'nai, Henry Siegman, executive director of the American Jewish Congress, and Al Vorspan, executive vice president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

All of those leaders but

Reich met in Geneva with Mandela on June 10, to seek a clarification of his views on Israel. It was after Mandela convinced them of his support for the Jewish state that most national Jewish groups decided to join in the festivities.

The Zionist Organization of America was believed to be the only national Jewish organization that refused to join the festivities, while other groups, such as Americans for a Safe Israel, declined to take a position. Executive of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

In New York, a dozen American Jewish leaders were to join religious leaders of other faiths in a meeting with Mandela be-

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## The Born Again Synagogue

by Kathy Cohen  
Herald Assistant Editor

Fifteen years after its reincarnation, the United Brothers Synagogue has become not only a surviving sanctuary, but a thriving and growing one due to the love and nurturing of its congregation.

Not many people outside of Bristol County know the 48-member congregation exists, and most Bristol residents are completely unaware of its resurgence.

But it's easy to see why people are oblivious to the nearly century-old synagogue. The congregation meets once a month for services and it remains closed during the summer. Also, a small staff — Robert Kaufman (as of June 1 he was sworn in as 1st Vice President) and his wife, Elaine, who are owners of a computer business — produce the newsletter and press releases. They can only do what their small budget and four hands allow.

The Chevra Agudas Achim (so reads the sign posted on the front of the synagogue which, in Yiddish, means United Brothers Synagogue) members are liberal about enrollment requirements — young and old or interfaith couples are welcome. They aren't particular about who joins — just a very accepting non-sectarian group

who are open-armed to pretty much anyone. (Although they call themselves Liberal/Reformist — they aren't associated to any particular branch.)

The congregation has always been non-sectarian. The Synagogue was founded by two groups of Eastern European immigrants some of whom lived in Bristol during the end of the nineteenth century. These men also formed the Young Men's Hebrew Association. The second wave of immigrants came

to Bristol with the National India Rubber Factory by way of Long Island in the early part of the twentieth century.

These immigrants had brought with them the basic ideals of Orthodoxy, but not in a completely traditional sense and research doesn't reveal whether they were ever associated with the Orthodox sect. However, in the present temple, built in 1916, services were at one time held with women

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# Inside the Ocean State

## JFS Home Care Service

The following cases are composites with the names changed to protect the clients' confidentiality.

George contacted Jewish Family Service as he was seriously ill and the prognosis for improvement was uncertain. He had no family locally and asked for a Home Health Aide to help with marketing, meal preparation and personal care.

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George was relieved that a Home Health Aide could help him. He had been a widower for several years and the home management tasks had never been easy for him, even when feeling well. Now that he was ill, he really couldn't cope. He also enjoyed the company of the Home Health Aide, for he was worried about falling while alone.

It was important for George to eat well to make progress in his recovery, and having kosher meals meant much to him. The Home Health Aide was also able to interface with his medical caregivers and explain to him about his medication and resolve other ques-

tions he had.

He worried about his situation and began to talk about plans for his final arrangements. This is not unusual in cases of terminal illness, and Jewish Family Service often helps a client make these arrangements if it will help ease his or her mind.

George is doing better now, and occasionally gets out to the JFS Kosher Mealsite in Cranston.

Another case did not have such a happy ending. The client passed away while our Home Health Aide was with her. The Aide immediately called Deborah Prinz, and all the necessary phone calls were made, including Hospice, her closest relative (living in another state), her Rabbi and the funeral director. Ms. Prinz and the Aide remained at the client's home until the undertaker came, and then closed her home, disposing of some perishables and making sure all was secure.

If there were no relatives, Jewish Family Service would have arranged to turn off the utilities and do what would be necessary to make the house ready for long-term closure, and would also arrange for the funeral services, select the casket, whatever was required for the proper treatment of the deceased. All would be done in accordance with the client's stated wishes and religious beliefs.

For further information about Jewish Family Service's Home Care Service, call the agency at 331-1244.

## Letters to the Editor

### To the Editor:

The priorities of the 1990's and 21st century must be reexamined. Most agree that in the '30s and '40s, the greatest external enemy of America and Western Civilization was Hitler and Nazism, whereas in the '50s through the '80s, the greatest threat was Stalinism and Communism.

Now clearly the greatest threat to America and Western Civilization and our future generations is the threat from within, i.e. the decline of the family. We must address this issue promptly and fully or we will just be another "been" civilization like Rome, Greece, and Spain.

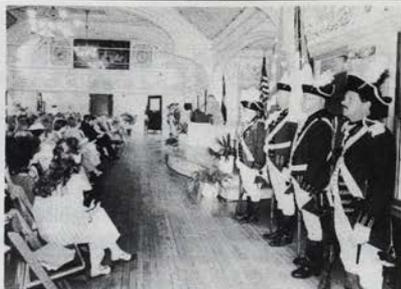
### Specifically I urge as follows:

1. Intensive emphasis on traditional values and moral training of our youth which can best be done in the religious school systems, including Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish day schools. This can and must be funded through the Voucher System and if necessary constitutional amendments.

2. Discouraging promiscuity and promotion of chastity which has resulted in epidemics as horrendous as the Bubonic Plague resulting in millions of illegitimate births, sexually transmitted diseases and fatherless children growing up in poverty.

3. A promotion of the family unit which is now in great danger and is essential to democracy, free society, and America.

Thomas W. Pearlman  
Providence



The unveiling of the Rhode Island Ratification Poster, an historical color graphic prepared by Dr. John Kaminski, director of the Center for the Study of the American Constitution, and Dr. Patrick Conley, chairman of the Rhode Island Publications Society. The ceremony, which included the Pawtuxet Rangers, Rhode Island Militia Color Guards as seen above, was held at the Roger Williams Park Casino, Providence.

### To The Editor:

A great deal of controversy has been raised by the recent suicide of Janet Adkins, an Alzheimer's Disease victim. We hope that this issue will not overshadow its cause, but hope that, conversely, it brings the much needed attention to this devastating disease called Alzheimer's.

At present, there are an estimated 4.5 million Americans suffering from Alzheimer's Disease. In Rhode Island alone, there are approximately 25,000 Alzheimer's Disease patients. As the elderly population increases, so does the incidence of Alzheimer's Disease. It is estimated that by the year 2050, 14 million people over the age of 65 will suffer from Alzheimer's Disease.

This disease affects not only the victim, but also the care-

giver and the family. The majority (80%) of patients are cared for in the community by a spouse or family member who is usually elderly and are themselves suffering from one or more health problems. The caregiver must be nurse, dietician, psychologist, social worker, nursing aid, etc. Their life becomes a "36 hour day" of caring for the patient. Because there is no known cause or cure for Alzheimer's Disease, the feeling of utter desperation is experienced by the family as well as the caregiver. The caregivers become emotionally and psychologically, as well as financially, exhausted.

The amount of funding for research and services MUST be increased to avoid the catastrophe for which we are headed. Aside from the personal tragedies to be expected, the health care system will be extremely overburdened. Funding must be made available to families to aid them while they wait for a cure.

Another issue in this case is the competency of the victims to make their decision to live or die after they have been afflicted by the disease. The question is, at what stage of the disease would the patients' decision be honored. Even at the early stages, it is felt that they are incompetent to make such a decision. To add to the complexity of the issue, a definite diagnosis of the disease is only attained after death through autopsy.

Even if the patients have made their decision long before the onset of the disease, either through durable power of attorney or a living will, at what stage of the disease are their wishes to be carried out and who will perform the final task?

We hope that the Janet Adkins incident will not soon be forgotten, and that her final wish, "You just make my case known" will be carried out. If more people are made aware of the devastation caused by Alzheimer's Disease, perhaps precautions can be taken so our children will never be faced with the difficult decision that Mrs. Adkins had to make.

John A. Holmes, Jr.  
President,  
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## The Duke of Braganza — A Dove of Peace in Hiding

by Michael Fink  
Special to the Herald

"Michael, I will make you Portuguese pancakes, sweetbread and coffee. I invite you to come to my house for breakfast with the King."

Carolina Matos, publisher of the *Portuguese-American* newspaper, my neighbor and friend, had first presented me to the Duke of Braganza, pretender to the throne of Portugal, a year ago at a banquet in Newport's Viking Hotel. Now Carolina wanted me to help arrange some stops for him during a private visit at her home near mine on Providence's east side. The John Carter Brown library has an excellent Portuguese and Brazilian collection. The RISD Museum of Art guards a small Portuguese treasure in its inner sanctum. She especially wanted her royal guest to set foot in the Touro Synagogue in Newport.

I couldn't keep a monarch waiting. I stepped through the garden gate a few respectful minutes early. I browsed among the potted herbs here and there on the patio. Don Duarte, as he is known, came downstairs, a rather tall, smiling figure sporting a dashing mustache, and put me at ease from my nervous pacing. "My

father tried to teach me two virtues — intelligence and charity. They both mean, let's sit down and have our orange juice."

I asked if he thought the sweetbread marked the Jewish sabbath. He agreed and added a footnote. "The late spring festival of the Holy Spirit, an Azorian celebration, offers an image of the dove of peace — the bird that flies freely from one dwelling place to another. This ecumenical symbol stands for the third phase of civilization when people will accept each other in friendship, the dream of the refugees from the Inquisition."

Don Duarte, devout and pious, surprised me by saying he believed Columbus was a Portuguese Jew whose interest in the Indians did not start out unkindly. The Indians in their simple garb struck him as inhabitants of an innocent Eden before the Fall. The greed that followed the discoveries tells another tale. The heir to the Portuguese crown, and the descendant of the Emperor of Brazil radiates a moral quality of gentle mysticism. He said the British crown gave rights to Indians that the independent Yankees denied them. Only the Portuguese got a bad rap.

The Duke of Braganza came into the world not in Portugal or Brazil but in Switzerland. His family had been exiled. His mother gave birth in the Portuguese embassy. They moved to Austria, where his father's sister hid British pilots and Jews. For this resistance she was condemned by the Nazis to be executed. Her life was spared and she survives today in Portugal.



The Duke of Braganza

We walked through Carolina's house, the walls a gallery of herb prints and antique maps, the doorknobs and archways identical to my house built the same year. We got into a Mercedes to drive off to Newport. The smooth move-

ment of the car gave rise to talk of voyages. My regal fellow traveler had been invited to Moscow to give a speech on Russian-Portuguese history. This odd context caught me off guard until he added that Easter bells rang for the first time since the Revolution. He was also invited to China with a stopover in Macao as a diplomatic gesture of welcome. Unlike many Americans, the Portuguese know geography by instinct. He describes each island among the Azores, Cape Verde and Sao Thome and Principe in topographic detail. "Environmentalists let the big foes of the whale — Japan and the Soviet Union — off the hook so to speak. But they pick on the Azorean fishermen, who go whaling from tradition and with courage. He asks what wisdom the whales may have beneath the seas with their huge brains, a dreamy question that charmed me."

At the Touro the president and historian of the synagogue, Bernard Kusinitz, greeted us at the door. He told us the Portuguese Jews felt secure in Newport. The escape hatch served only as a token symbol and memory.

He escorted Don Duarte to the pew where George Washington had sat, as well as the poet Robert Frost — and, a year ago, the president of Portugal, Mario Soares. We read the famous letter of our first president. It was because the ancestors of the Duke had exiled a religious minority that our Bill of Rights spelled out the separation of church and state. Rhode Island demanded this freedom for all Americans because that early Portuguese community had come here.

En route back to Providence, we passed by the great mansions as well as the Puritan colonial townhouses. The prince argued that it was a Portuguese Queen among his grandmothers who brought the fork and the tea ceremony to the Anglo-Saxon world. He spoke of his interest in the occult. Tarot cards can reach into your unconscious. You may tap the memories of your ancestors. He would like to visit Israel. He belongs to a group of Belgian Christians and Jews who hunt in Scripture for scientific as well as symbolic insights. He hinted that

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## Dorothee D. Maynard/Rogers President of Good Neighbor Alliance Corp.



Dorothee D. Maynard/Rogers, President of Good Neighbors Alliance Corporation.

by Kathy Cohen

After 18 years in the medical field as both an X-ray technician and as the director of an X-ray department in an emergency medical center, Dorothee Maynard/Rogers walked out. She felt the medical field was betraying patients by treating the insured clients better than the uninsured.

The next two years were spent dabbling in refurbishing furniture at her antique shop located in the basement of her home. It was supposed to be just a hobby, but it developed into a business.

"Many times we didn't even get paid for the items," she said.

Maynard/Rogers wasn't sure in what direction she should go, so she took the time to search for a career she would enjoy. This career, though, came about from talking to people. People would be asking for her help in locating reliable services and Maynard/

Rogers found she wanted to help them.

"Where do you find honest, dependable people in business?" said Maynard/Rogers. "People in general asked about services . . . where to find (a particular service) and I would refer people that had done business with me."

The referral business grew into a full-scale operation, which was incorporated in May 1982 as the Good Neighbor Alliance Corporation located in Cranston. She had help during the first year of the business from Sandra Kramer, a friend who had also left the medical world.

After the first year, Maynard/Rogers says, she was on her own and she went through what every business owner must do when just starting out — work long hours, worry about paying bills and take on all the other responsibilities necessary to run the company.

From the start, Maynard/Rogers handled all the sales. She called on companies who wanted to be publicized as being part of an alliance. They paid \$100 to enroll into her referral system and Maynard/Rogers' company would advertise for them through radio and newspapers.

By the second year she had accumulated 300 customers. During her regular meetings with these companies, they started asking for help with

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# Editorial

## AN OBSERVANT EYE

AVI SHAFRAN

### Masorti Movement Is An American Import

While self-promotional pieces by varied organizations and schools are commonplace in the *Herald*, the "article" in the June 14 issue purporting to "report" on the "Masorti" — or Conservative — movement in Israel, carries the practice to an outlandish degree. The "news organization's" acronym, WP25, might as well stand for "Wacky, Zany Propaganda Service" — for the immensely popular and successful movement fighting a repressive Orthodox establishment in the name of the people described in the piece simply does not exist.

Far from a native, spontaneous movement, the Israeli Conservative movement is essentially an unsought American import — and one largely ignored by the Israeli in the street. It is, further, a cynically engineered attempt to convince that citizen that a Jew can be an observant of the Judaism his ancestors readily died for as he

pleases and at the same time call himself "observant" — of some new "Judaism," complete with a rabbi's blessing. "Designer halacha" goes along with his designer jeans. This contention, the de facto essence of American Conservative Judaism, has resulted, in this country, in a huge number of caring, trusting Jews — men and women who would otherwise be living more observant lifestyles — abandoning all but the elements of Judaism that movement has deemed "sexy" (i.e. social justice, some of the more interesting holidays, a degree of dedication to the Holy Land, etc.). As it happens, many an American Conservative Jew has become disillusioned with that movement's pretensions.

Back to the article, though. It quotes someone as saying that 80% of Israelis do not call themselves religious, while 80% do identify themselves as "masorti" — slyly implying

that the movement that adopted that name — with an upper-case "M" — would be their choice for affiliation. Needless to say, the word "masorti," meaning something on the order of "traditional" or "Jewish by heritage" means precisely — and only — that to the average Israeli.

What he or she would say about the Masorti movement would likely be something on the order of "C'mon, chabibi, I know what observance is, and I know I'm not observant. I don't need to be told I'm anything but what I am: a good, non-observant Jew. Orthodoxy is the Jewish religion, and I reject its practice, even though I am a proud Jew." Quite a sane attitude, that. For, despite all the canards about how we Orthodox reject the Jewishness of non-Orthodox Jews, that lie is a vicious and intentional one on the part of the Conservative and Reform leadership in this country. We Orthodox believe that there are many ways to be a good Jew, and we do not judge the holiness or propriety of another; one's level of outward observance is not necessarily the indicator of the degree to which he pleases his Creator. Neither, though, can

any system that compromises Jewish observance — halacha, as it has been developed and codified for hundreds upon hundreds of years — ever be called Judaism, prefixes notwithstanding. Despite its protestations to the contrary, the Conservative religion is precisely that; any objective observer of it will necessarily concede that its agenda is self-serving, not G-d serving. It exists to make people feel better, not, as Judaism always has, to demand things of the Jewish people.

Most people don't even realize that the Conservative movement was created (as its very name attests) to "rescue" Judaism. The rationale, back at its inception, was that Orthodoxy did not stand a chance in the modern world, so some "middle-ground" between it and the rejectionist Reform movement was — it was felt — the only hope for salvaging any observance at all. It was fully expected that Orthodoxy would cease to exist entirely within a matter of a few years. Needless to say, it is that very Orthodoxy's stubborn refusal to die (and its unforgivable chutzpan in thriving and growing — the only Jewish move-

ment to grow by means other than the wholesale christening of well-meaning non-Jews as Jews) that so irritates the Conservative movement today. For, if Orthodoxy can indeed be successful in modern times, if there can be wholly observant and well-rounded doctors and lawyers, teachers, scientists and writers, if the Orthodox can wield intellectual, political and moral power in the modern world, then the entire raison d'être for Conservatism is rendered sterile.

There is, in truth, no such thing as a Conservative Jew, or a Reform Jew, for that matter. There are only Orthodox Jews — Jews, in other words, who are bound by the Torah — whether they actually choose to live observant lives or not. They are all Holy Jews, and it falls not to any other Jew to judge them. If "Judaism," though, purporting to create a "new" observance, one that preaches certain elements of halacha (like some elements of Sabbath law) without really caring if its members actually observe even those elements, can only be described — and charitably so — as a pretender.

Most Israelis, thank G-d, still (continued on page 14)

### The Big Charity Box

Don't worry. This isn't a solicitation for charity, nor a reminder to "Remember us in your will." It's not even a suggestion that you donate your used, but usable car, to a worthy organization. It's simply a look at just how valuable your "two cents" really are.

Most of us only think about IRA's in April. Although finan-

cial planners recommend putting aside money weekly or monthly, it ends up being easier on paper than it is in reality. Unless your company or bank takes the money out of your paycheck for you, like most people you probably find it difficult to save.

Interestingly enough, though, those practical financial planners' advice is not only good for saving. It's good for giving

charity, too.

The idea of giving a little charity every day has many benefits. Firstly, you get rid of some of that change jingling around in your pocket or purse. Giving charity, after all, doesn't have to mean sitting down and writing out a check. It can be as simple as putting a few pennies or nickles into a charity box that you hopefully have in your house and office.

### The Red Heifer

This week we read Chukat. Chukat begins with the commandment of the Red Heifer, an unusual mitzva which served to purify those who had become contaminated through contact with the dead. The Heifer was burned, and its ashes, mixed with water, were sprinkled on those who had become defiled. But the paradox was that, though it purified those defiled, it made impure all those who were involved in its preparation. Thus it is called a 'chok' (ordinance) — meaning 'law for which no reason can be given.'

Concerning the law of the Red Heifer, the Torah states: "This is the ordinance (chukat) of the Torah..." Chasidic philosophy explains that there is a slight nuance in the wording of the phrase and it should be read, "this is the ordinance of the Torah..." This would suggest that what the Red Heifer was the only chok, but rather that there is a special class of ordinances of which the Red Heifer is only one example. Indeed, among this class of ordinances we find the prohibition of eating the pig's meat or wearing clothes made of a mixture of wool and linen (shatnez).

There are actually two kinds of chukim (pl. of chok): those which could in principle be understood by human intelligence, but the details of which are beyond comprehension; and those which are entirely beyond the scope of human understanding.

While the commandments of not eating pig's meat or wearing shatnez are of the first category, the law of the Red Heifer belongs to the second category. Its laws are entirely beyond understanding.

There is, however, good reason to understand the second category of chukim. For, when

a commandment is partially open to human understanding, an "inner voice," or outside detractors could argue that it is not Divine in origin. "How could G-d command something which on the one hand is accessible to human reason and on the other hand is inaccessible to it?" the detractors might ask. "And if they are not Divine commandments, they are not binding."

But since the Red Heifer is entirely inaccessible to reason, it cannot be "refuted" by the inner voice or the nations of the world. All they can do is to "prove" the law by saying, "What meaning has this commandment for you, and what is its reason? Admittedly you have to obey the word of G-d, but in doing so you are doing something which to the human mind is completely meaningless and irrational." And thus, a person might be provoked concerning performing this commandment.

The ordinance of the Red Heifer must be performed simply because G-d so decrees. It must be performed with joy, as if one understood it completely, although it is totally beyond understanding. This is the only way that it can be properly fulfilled.

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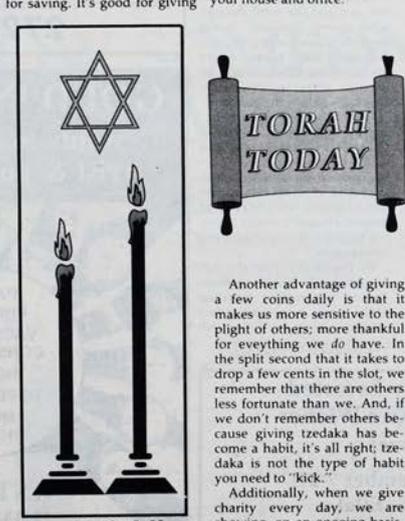
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## The Born Again Synagogue

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and children seated separately from the men.

Prior to the standing temple, the first congregation of the United Brothers Synagogue was chartered on June 11, 1900 by Louis Molasky, Joseph Szymanski, Max Molowsky, Charles Goldstein, Nathan Marks, Aaron Markoff and Isaac Eisenberg. The synagogue met in member's homes until a building on John Street was purchased and moved to Richmond Street in 1908.

"The Brotherhood" always had a minyan, so services could adhere to Jewish tradition. Instead of having a rabbi lead the services, the Brotherhood appointed a gabbai to help on the High Holy Days. There was never a large enough congregation to support a rabbi and that is still the case today. Today Cantor William Crausman, of Warwick, volunteers his time to lead services.

In contrast to how most congregations began, the United Brothers Synagogue sprang from the life of the community (of the YMHA) rather than the

burial of the dead. The majority of the Jewish congregations, in the early twentieth century, began as Jewish burial societies.

The differences between the original residents of Bristol and the newcomers from Long Island lead to some anomalies — such as the placement of women. A Mrs. Baron, for example, sat on the main floor of the synagogue with the men but she also held a seat in the ladies section.

Although Bristol has been predominantly Catholic, that has never deterred the small group of Jews from interacting with congregations of several churches in the area. St. Mary's Church (Catholic) donated some of the pews to the synagogue (which are still in use) and the founders of the temple were aided in their search for a building by Dr. George Lyman Locke of St. Michael's Episcopal Church, who also donated his services to teach Hebrew.

### Post-War "Branching Out"

The life of the Jewish community was strong and ori-

ented towards the traditional social life of Orthodox Jews until World War II, when the second generation began branching out to other towns seeking growth and prosperity.

The congregation became inactive during the 1960's and remained so until 1975 when, at the inspiration of several people, the temple was open again to new and old congregants.

Instrumental to the reopening of the temple were: Alton and Gloria Brody, Elaine Kaufman, Nancy Hillman, Dora Leviton and Rabbi Shankman, from Temple Hahonim, who said that he'd "take over from here and be the rabbi here, too — just a name," to prevent it from closing.

It was in 1973, when Mrs. Leviton telephoned Hillman concerned about the town (of Bristol) "taking away the synagogue."

When asked about what the town of Bristol wanted to do with building, Hillman said she wasn't sure but that she told Mrs. Leviton she would speak to Rabbi Shankman about it.

"I said (to Shankman), 'I want you to come with me,'" said Hillman, "and we entered the temple and when we walked in all the paint had come down like cobwebs. The paint had peeled right off and you had to go like this..." — Hillman waves her arms like she's doing the breaststroke. "It was in terrible condition. I went over and got my scout troop and the youth group and said, 'Have I got a project for you...'"

Since the refurbishing, the congregation has held a few weddings and bar mitzvahs as well as the naming of newborns. Also, the temple has offered services for all High Holy Days. In 1979, in celebration of the 80th anniversary, a reunion took place at the temple of all but two of the descendants of the chartered members.

The mixed congregation has grown from 28 members when it first reopened to 48 and the new president, Dr. Maurice Lipson, has said that he would like to oversee the growth of new memberships and programs like Sunday school and adult education.

The congregation has been looking to set up educational programs for both the young and old for several years. The children of families holding memberships have had to attend religious schools in neighboring towns, says Hillman.

"It serves its purpose. It's really for adults," says Hillman. "There's nothing that would pull in whole families. It's very good for services where adults



Inside the United Brothers Synagogue.

can take part, but most families with children go to Barrington or other places, because there's no Sunday school provided. If you want your child bar or bat mitzvahed, then you have to get private tutors."

Gloria Brody says that some United Brothers members hold memberships at other synagogues. In addition, a group known as the Friends of the United Brothers Synagogue had been formed for those who wish to contribute to the rebuilding of the historic synagogue, but do not want to become active members.

Alton and Gloria Brody first moved to Bristol in 1972. The couple were members of another temple when they met Nancy Hillman. They found out about United Brothers and became very interested. Eventually, Crausman said he would volunteer his services.

Most people who've entered the synagogue, says board

member Gloria Brody, feel that special "homey" feeling when they walk into the partly shingled, partly stone building.

"The whole spirit captures your heart," says Mrs. Brody, "it's the most satisfying thing in my life. It's a lucky place..."



Outside the United Brothers Synagogue.

### CORRECTION

In the May 31st edition of Around Town, there was an article about attorney and author Harley Gordon's book, *How to Protect Your Life Savings from Catastrophe*. The 800 telephone number was printed incorrectly. It should have read 1-800-242-5955. The book, as previously indicated, is also available from the publisher, Financial Planning Institute, P.O. Box 135, Boston, MA 02258. The price is \$19.95 plus \$2.50 postage and handling.

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# World and National News

## Jewish Groups Influence Civil Rights Bill

by David Friedman

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The support of most Jewish organizations for the Civil Rights Act of 1990 could tip the balance on whether President Bush vetoes or signs the bill.

Bush, who has said he would like to sign the bill if he can be assured it will not lead to hiring quotas, has been impressed that Jewish groups support the legislation.

"Jewish groups bring a special perspective to the issue of quotas," said Jess Hordes, Washington representative of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

He was referring to the use of quotas earlier this century by American universities and employers to limit the number of Jews they would accept for admission or placement. That historical experience has made

Jews wary of supporting affirmative action programs that contain specific numerical hiring or promotion goals.

"The fact that we have come to the conclusion that this bill would not result in quotas" could be a factor in the president's decision, Hordes said.

However, one Jewish group, Agudath Israel of America, has opposed the bill, because the Orthodox group fears it could lead to employers imposing their own quotas to avoid the threat of expensive lawsuits.

The legislation was introduced by Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) and Rep. Augustus Hawkins (D-Calif.), in order to strengthen protection against discrimination on the basis of race or sex that was weakened by five Supreme Court decisions in 1989.

The Senate is expected to

approve the bill within the next few weeks. In the House of Representatives, it has been approved by the Education and Labor Committee, but still needs to be voted out by the Judiciary Committee before going to the full House.

Some supporters of the bill are pushing for floor votes in each house during the American visit of African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela, who addressed a joint session of Congress on June 26.

Bush has held a series of meetings with representatives of black, Jewish, Catholic, Hispanic, Asian-American, civil rights and women's groups, in order to get their views on the Kennedy-Hawkins Bill.

The Jewish representatives were: Meyer Eisenberg, chairman of ADL's national legal affairs committee; Judith Golub, legislative director in the Washington office of the American Jewish Committee; and David Zwiebel, Agudath Israel's general counsel.

In a letter sent to Bush recently, Zwiebel said Agudath Israel supports a provision of the law that would hold employers accountable for intentional illegal discrimination.

The bill would allow victims of job discrimination to seek compensatory and punitive damages. Up to now, they could only sue for back pay, attorney's fees or a court order to reverse a dismissal or denial of promotion based on discrimination.

"We do not believe that holding employers responsible for the full consequences of their unlawful intention is likely to lead to the implementation of unlawful quotas," Zwiebel said in his letter to Bush.

But Zwiebel believes the bill's provisions on unintentional discrimination are too broad and could lead to "kitchen sink complaints" that would require huge legal expenses by employers.

"Rather than risking legal exposure, many employers would likely adopt numerical



Four cantors sing to a packed concert audience in Vienna's Stadttempel Synagogue. The concert was sponsored by the Society for the Advancement of Cantorial Arts and the Gila and Haim Wiener Foundation. The cantors are, from left to right: Yaacov Motzen of Montreal; Isaac Goodfriend of Atlanta; David Bagley of Toronto, and Alberto Mizrahi of Cleveland. The concert was part of a Cantorial Festival tour to five countries to revive the art of the cantor.

quotas to avoid problems," Zwiebel said.

Golub of AJCommittee called this argument a "red herring."

She said that before the Supreme Court reversed the 1971 decision in Griggs vs. Duke Power Co., the court for 19 years had ordered employers to remove subjective tests and other barriers to employment, without ever once imposing a numerical quota. Nor did employers during that period set up quotas on their own, she said.

Supporters of the bill point to an agreement recently worked out between Kennedy and Sen. John Danforth (R-Mo.) on unintentional discrimination that they believe has effectively eliminated the threat of quotas from the legislation.

Danforth and several other Republicans, who were concerned about quotas, now support the bill.

As explained by Danforth, the Senate version of the bill now drops the requirement that employers prove that job qualifications are "essential" to their businesses. Instead, employers would only need to show that hiring practices bear "a substantial and demonstrable relationship to effective job performance."

This lower standard will bar discrimination without forcing employers to adopt surreptitious employment quotas," Danforth said. He said that House managers have agreed to this change.

The Kennedy-Danforth amendment "should resolve once and for all legitimate concerns" about quotas, Golub said.

Hordes said that ADL believed the original bill would not result in quotas, and the amendment "further reduces the possibility."

He said that it makes it easier for an employer to prove the necessity of its employment practices.

But Agudath Israel still feels the language is too burdensome on the employer. The employer should be able to show that his practices are "more than insubstantial, but less than essential or indispensable," said Abba Cohen, the group's Washington representative.

Hordes observed that no one on either side wants quotas. But the debate has come down to a question of semantics over whether this would be the result of the legislation.

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## The King Speaks Out

NEW YORK — "Because of television there will never be another Holocaust," TV interviewer Larry King told some 3,000 persons at Sutton Place Synagogue here.

The nationally-syndicated radio and TV host was the guest of Rabbi David B. Kahane in the second program of the synagogue's 10th annual "Jewish Town Hall" series.

"Television, with its watchful eye and its global approach will insure that the events that took place in Nazi Germany could never occur again," Mr. King said, adding:

"If there had been communications satellite TV in 1939, Ted Kopel would have had Hitler on 'Nightline' the day his troops invaded Poland to ask him 'why?' He continued:

"Communism is dead in Europe because of TV. Once television gives people a glimpse of what freedom is like, they'll demand it for themselves and there'll be no stopping them."

After regaling his audience with reminiscences about his boyhood experiences in the Bensonhurst section of Brooklyn — "there were no gangs, no crime, just clubs" — the award-winning interviewer turned serious under Rabbi Kahane's penetrating questions.

• On Gorbachev: "He's the most popular foreigner ever to come to the U.S. The Administration should support his efforts to restructure the Soviet Union."

• On fears of German re-education: "Russia has more to fear than does the U.S. We must keep a watchful eye, but there is no way to keep apart these people who want to be reunited."

• "No Media Plot Against Israel" — An allegations of media bias against Israel: "There is no media plot against Israel. No one in the media is deliberately out to get anyone. It's simply that the perception of Israel as the beleaguered underdog has been changed by astute Arab

public relations. It would be foolhardy to ban TV cameras from any part of the occupied territories."

• On whether the U.S. should continue its dialogue with the PLO in the wake of the recent failed terrorist attack on Israeli beaches: "Yes, I live in a world of dialogue. I don't believe that continuing the dialogue means the U.S. will ever sell out Israel."

• On racism: "It's still a major issue in the U.S. There is nothing I despise more than racism. It's dumb; it has no purpose. I've never understood what a person's color or faith has to do with ability. Because of our history, Jews are the last persons in the world who should be racist."

Correspondents Wanted

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# Catholic and Jewish Leaders Unite Over Schools

by Elena Neuman

**NEW YORK (JTA)** — The National Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Synagogue Council of America have teamed up on a campaign to bring morality and ethics back into the American classroom.

In an unprecedented joint statement issued recently in Baltimore, Catholic and Jewish religious leaders call for a national mobilization of teachers, parents, lay leaders and government officials to make morality and human values crucial elements of the American public school education.

"We are losing our children," the statement says, citing a host of problems plaguing today's youth, including drug addiction, depression, suicide, promiscuity, crime, AIDS, teen pregnancy and alcoholism.

"From our perspective as religious leaders, these maladies are only symptoms of a deeper and more basic problem: a lack of fundamental values," the statement says. "Yet we persist in cheating our children of this critically important education."

Values such as honesty, compassion, integrity, tolerance and loyalty are not being stressed in the public school system, says the statement, which is titled "A Lesson of Value."

The statement was developed over an 18-month period in the course of regular meetings between the Bishops Conference and the Synagogue Council, an umbrella group representing the rabbinic and congregational bodies of Reform, Conservative and Orthodox Judaism.

The document itself was drafted by Auxiliary Bishop William Newman of Baltimore and Rabbi Joel Zaiman, president of the Synagogue Council.

According to Zaiman, the reluctance of American educators to instill moral and ethical teachings into their courses stems from sensitivity to the issue of the separation of church and state.

## Informant-Rabbi Resigns Post

**PRAGUE (JTA)** — The Council of Czech Jewish Communities last week accepted the resignation of Rabbi Daniel Mayer from his post as rabbi of Prague and the Czechoslovak republic, following his confession that he had served as a government informant under the ousted Communist regime.

Mayer confessed to having signed a cooperation pledge for the Czechoslovak secret service a decade ago, at the age of 22.

The council took into consideration Mayer's assurances that he had never knowingly done any harm to any individual and that he had done his best to serve the Jewish community. Nevertheless, it concluded that for moral and political reasons, the rabbi could not remain in his present post.

The Prague Jewish congregation, however, offered to employ Mayer, the only person in the country with a rabbinical degree, in its ritual questions

"But we're not advocating sectarian values," he said in an interview. "America is built on shared values like patriotism, compassion, respect for persons and property, and the notion of individual freedom. These are values that all Americans share in common, and yet they're not being taught."

In fact, the statement says that by excluding such shared moral values from the curriculum, the educational system actually undermines them.

The problem, says Archbishop William Keeler of Baltimore, who co-chairs the ongoing dialogue between the Bishops' Conference and the Synagogue Council, is that the wrong values are being taught. "Values are being taught, but they are values not rooted in a more ancient tradition of individual human dignity and worth," he said in an interview.

To illustrate his point, Keeler cited the example of sex education classes. He complained that children are being taught about contraception and disease prevention, but not about the mutuality of a sexual relationship, marriage and love.

"We would like to see the components of great civic virtues specifically folded into the teaching process," he said.

To accomplish this, the Synagogue Council's Interreligious Affairs Committee and the Bishops' Conference's Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs have proposed a number of recommendations:

- the establishment of state committees to create new morality concensus curricula;
- the convening of conferences of teachers, administrators, parents and students at the state and local levels;
- the creation of educational programming in the media to complement school curricula; and
- the underwriting of special school programs by foundations.

division, allowing him to work as a teacher of religion and the Hebrew language.

Mayer received his ordination from the Rabbinical Seminary in Budapest, the major rabbinical school in Eastern Europe. It was in 1979, during Mayer's second year at the seminary, that he was recruited by the secret service. Without consulting the council and his congregation, Mayer had decided to run as a candidate in the parliamentary elections held earlier this month. During inquiries into the histories of all candidates running for seats in the new parliament, Mayer's cooperation pledge to the Communist secret police came to light.

Once the information was revealed, Mayer — publicly acknowledged his role and withdrew his candidacy.

The removal of Mayer from the post creates a problem for the Jews of Prague, according

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The two groups also hope to formalize their partnership with the establishment of a joint commission that would meet regularly to evaluate matters in Congress and the courts that relate to the promotion of values in America.

"If this effort gets buried, it's because no one will take up our call. If it can be demonstrated that there is no risk to the school bodies and the notion of church and state, then I think it can be implemented," Zaiman said.

Both Zaiman and Keeler agree that "A Lesson of Value" is not the answer to all of the various social ills facing American youth, but they say it is a step in the right direction.

"We don't say this solves everything. But what we do say is that a child with a poor self-image who doesn't have a sense of deeper values is going to be more likely to tumble into drugs," said Keeler.

But others will have to join in, Zaiman said. "It has to be a broad effort." The statement is calling on all faith groups to help create enough pressure to put the issue on the national agenda.



Cantor David Bagley of Toronto (left) conducts a memorial service in the crematorium of Terezin concentration camp in Czechoslovakia during a five-country cantorial tour sponsored by the Society for the Advancement of Cantorial Arts and the Gila and Haim Wiener Foundation. With Cantor Bagley is Cantor Viktor Feuerlicht, president of the Jewish Community of Prague.

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## Your Table is Ready

Restaurant Review

### Sometimes Change Is Good

by Pamela F. Tcath

Are you sick and tired of eating at restaurants where you can't translate the food into English? What about places that try to tell you it's O.K. to eat flowers? Restaurants that won't acknowledge children under the age of 16? Or, worst of all, restaurants that don't serve food, but "cuisine"? Well, you can forget about all those places and check out the *Brass Rail Tavern* in Seekonk.

Ever since the change has been made (new ownership) there have been nothing but improvements.

My guest and I had maybe a four-minute wait on a Tuesday night. This restaurant does an

incredible business, but you never feel left out or ignored. The staff is very courteous and attentive.

Once we were brought to our table, we got directly down to the business at hand. We were torn between the vast selection of appetizers. There were over 15 to choose from. I eventually opted for my old standby — nachos. At the *Brass Rail*, they will substitute nacho cheese with potato skin cheese at no extra charge for those of us who do not like spicy foods. My partner chose the buffalo wings, which he said were delicious. They were hot and spicy, but most importantly, not too greasy.

Deciding on an entree was harder than the appetizers. Between the regular entrees and the daily specials you have over 20 selections to pick from. My guest decided to have the surf and turf. I picked the steak teriyaki. The steak was cooked exactly as desired, but the potato could have been cooked longer and been hotter. My guest enjoyed everything that was placed before him, and still had room for dessert, which was warm apple pie with vanilla ice cream. There were huge chunks of apples, but the amount of cinnamon, he said, was a little too much.

There are big plans for changes at the *Brass Rail Tavern*.

A new hot and cold salad bar/ buffet is being introduced for the summer. It will consist of cold, fresh vegetables as well as complementing salads. On the hot side will be hors d'oeuvres, soups and even freshly sliced roast beef. Downstairs, what used to be a nightclub/disco is now *Frank Santos' Laugh Connection*. There is stand-up comedy and a hypnotist on appointed nights of the week.

On Sundays there is a delicious brunch buffet. The fare ranges from brunch traditional such as eggs and bacon and goes to the opposite end of the spectrum with seafood Newburg or sweet and sour chicken.

The *Brass Rail Tavern* is very easy to get to from 195, and is an excellent choice to bring the family for a good, hot meal, where everyone can pick what they want and not break the budget. The atmosphere definitely leans toward the casual side. Big booths and low-hanging lamps make for a private dining experience, though — an excellent place to come after or before shopping or the movies.

The *Brass Rail* is located on 1125 Fall River Ave., Seekonk, Mass. They are open 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays they're open until 12, and Sundays they're open until 10 p.m. A non-smoking section is available. They are handicapped accessible. AMEX, VISA, MC are all accepted. Call (508) 336-8254 for complete information.

## Cool Fun At New Bedford's Zeiterion Theatre

From Merlin's magic to the adventures of Peter Rabbit, the Zeiterion Theatre's Summer Youth Festival 1990 is guaranteed to make sure you won't hear any choruses of "I'm bored!" this summer. The series, sponsored by Shaw's Supermarkets, begins July 11 and runs through August 8, with performances at 10:30 a.m. Tickets are on sale now.

On July 11, two-time Emmy Award winner Marshall Izen takes children on a delightful fantasy through a land where rags, bags and cardboard boxes turn into puppets of knights, dragons, a pop-up book and a most unusual Snow White. Favorite storybook characters are woven with classical music into a "tour de force that keeps audiences enthralled" (CTC Critiques).

On July 18, the madcap Wright Bros. turn anytime into zanytime. With a mix of juggling, humor and pantomime, the Wright Bros. will keep kids and adults laughing over their contagious brand of fun.

The Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad, Magic Show on July 25, will get everyone in the audience to feel the magic. Magician Landis Smith and friends will astound young and old with amazing characters and whirlwind effects in one of the country's most exciting magic shows.

Acclaimed singer/songwriter Rory brings her loopy, groovy kind of music to the Zeiterion August 1 for a morning of hilarious antics and singing-along. The inventor of "Kid-rock," Rory ranks as one of the

most popular young people's performers, giving stiff competition to Rosenshontz and Canada's Raffi. Her music is an upbeat blend of rock, pop, bebop and blues kids can sing along with. Kids and parents will hear their favorites — including "Bubblebath" and "You're Driving Me Crazy." Finally, on August 8, The Greenbread Players & Jack return with "The Adventures of Peter Rabbit." Lavish sets and colorful costumes make for an enchanting production filled with bright melodies that bring to life the classic story of Beatrix Potter's "Peter Rabbit."

Performances in the Summer Youth Theatre Festival 1990 happen Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. Tickets are \$4.50 each, general admission. Subscriptions to all five shows in the series are \$18. Group rates are also available. Tickets are on sale now at the Zeiterion box office at (508) 994-2900. Individual tickets are available through Ticketmaster at (617) 931-2000 and all Ticketmaster outlets.

The Zeiterion Theatre is located at 684 Purchase St. in downtown, historic New Bedford. The theatre is fully accessible, air-conditioned and there is plenty of free parking.

The Zeiterion Theatre is funded in part by the Massachusetts Cultural Council; the Arts Lottery Councils of Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Freetown, Marion, Mattapoisett, New Bedford, Rochester and Westport; the City of New Bedford; and the New England Foundation for the Arts.

## Perishable Theatre Starts Eighth Season With A Howl

The Perishable Theatre begins its eighth summer tour for young audiences with a world premiere performance of "The Coyote Stories," an original work with music based on an ancient American Indian legend. The performance is on Saturday, June 30 at the Orwig Music Center, Brown University. Curtain time is 2 p.m.

To encourage attendance by families, the Theatre has set admission at only \$35 for groups of one to four, with a \$3 charge for each additional

person. The admission price is tax deductible, and benefits the Perishable's continuing efforts to bring live performance to inner cities, nursing homes, hospitals, recreation departments and other nontraditional theatre venues.

"The Coyote Stories" were adapted by playwright David F. Eliet, with music by composer Nancy Rosenberg. Eliet and Rosenberg have collaborated on many of The Perishable's most successful original pieces, including the critically acclaimed "East of the Sun, West of the Moon."

The piece features Old Man Coyote, part benefactor and part rascal, who is credited for creating the earth and bringing fire to the "New People." Episodes that are both hilarious and touching, Old Man Coyote shows audiences of all ages the perils and pleasures of humankind's tenuous relationship with the natural world.

After the premiere, "The Coyote Stories" will tour throughout Southern New England, with more than six shows scheduled through August. Staged by renowned director Mark Lehrman, the cast includes Perishable regulars Michael Thibeault, Ka Lohman and Maggie McMillan, and newcomer Pa Boyer.

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## A Cult Fascination

Rebecca by V.B. Halpert  
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Patricia McGuire, Brian McEleney, Cynthia Strickland, Ed Shea, and Fred Sullivan, Jr. in Trinity Repertory Company's production of "Rebecca," adapted and directed by Tina Landau. Set and Lighting design is by Rob Murphy, costumes are by William Lane, and sound is by Nevin Steinberg. "Rebecca" runs through July 15. Performances are scheduled Tuesdays and Sundays at 7 p.m., Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$22 to \$30. Photo by Ron Manville.

For those of us of a certain age" the novel, *Rebecca* by Daphne du Maurier has a cult fascination. We read it once and then read it again, and then again, and again. To reinforce the images and the lines that creened from the page, there was the wonderful old movie that starred Sir Laurence Olivier, Joan Fontaine, and Judith Anderson. And we have seen that again and again and will again. It never palls. It never bores. For that reason the production at Trinity (Du Maurier wrote the play, too) is especially welcome.

The happy news is that the Trinity production does not detract from the warmly held memories, but allows us to enjoy them and to cherish new ones retrospectively. The strength of the production flows from Tina Landau's adaptation and direction, Rob Murphy's set and lighting effects, and the collective cast's excellent performance.

On stage is a huge staircase upon which much of the action occurs. As the central focus of a large country mansion the staircase broods over a huge fireplace — large enough for the heroine to cover in — a huge mirror that eerily reflects the action, and appropriate manorial pieces of furniture. At the top of the staircase glitters a mesh kind of curtain behind which figures can move and stare out at the action below.

The set enhances the story line, the spooky, soul-satisfying story of the second Mrs. deWinter, the heroine and narrator, who is never once addressed by her name, whatever it may be. The 21-year-old bride of Maxim deWinter arrives with him at Manderley, his country estate, to find that the atmosphere is supercharged with the memories of his first wife, Rebecca.

Patricia McGuire plays the second Mrs. deWinter endearingly. She is by turns timid, frightened as a faun, playful as a kitten, and unabashedly in love with her new husband. For her the worry is whether the ghost of Rebecca will bedevil her marriage. Even the way McGuire moves, contributes to the character: the little

turns of the shoulder, the movement of her head she defers to the monolithic housekeeper, Mrs. Danvers. As Mrs. Danvers, Cynthia Strickland is frightening, her white face sternly set under her coal black wig. Brian McEleney is restrained and taut as Maxim deWinter. Those sitting close enough to the stage could see his facial muscles tighten as his character's tensions increased.

To help the deWinter mystery unfold and to enable Maxim to overcome his guilt and the burden of it is a wonderful cast of convincing and engaging personalities. Maxim has a tweedy and outspoken sister (Janice Duclos) and a hasty, mustached, brother-in-law, Major Giles Lacey (William Damkoehler). Not only do Duclos and Damkoehler set up contrasting counterparts to McGuire and McEleney, they serve as affectionate caricatures of the genry that is the backbone of "merrie olde England."

Ed Shea plays Frank Crawley, the unwaveringly loyal friend of and general factotum to Maxim deWinter. His British accent is flawless, not too much, not too... Shea gets all the nuances out of the character of Crawley; his patience, his discretion, his charm. He is the kind of best friend that everyone yearns to have.

Larger than life, bustling, terrifying to Mrs. deWinter, irritating to the other characters, Jack Favell (Fred Sullivan, Jr.) vaults onto the scene. A petty little con man and lover of Rebecca he manages to move his audience from amused contempt to sympathetic pity. As the perfect country-house butler, Frith, Gerry Leaper is admirable, and Timothy Crowe is convincing as Colonel Julian.

In a kind of post-Edwardian, pre-World War II British English, the story unfolds, the mystery unravels, and the audience warms to Mrs. deWinters' discovery — their own adolescent fantasy come true. Mrs. deWinter lives out that fantasy: the early belief that the beloved loves another; the heady discovery in the denouement that the beloved loves not another, but oneself.

## Pawtucket Arts Council

## Music Festival

The Blackstone Valley Summer Music Festival will be presented again this summer at Slater Memorial Park in Pawtucket. Every Sunday from July 1 through August 26 2-4 p.m. music concerts will be held which are free to the public. They take place at the bandstand near the duck pond at Slater Park.

A variety of music ranging from popular to jazz and country will be featured over the nine-week summer series. The line-up includes: Arthur Medeiros Swing Band on July 1, Duke Belaire Orchestra on July 8, Eddie Zack and the Hayloft Jamboe on July 15, Tommy Rotondo Orchestra on July 22, Jim Burke and the Dixie All Stars on July 29, Red McDonald and Friends on August 5, Paul Borrelli Orchestra on August 12, Art Tancredi Orchestra on August 19, and Norm Lacaille Sextet on August 26.

The sponsors of this year's Music Festival include the Pawtucket Arts Council, Recreation Division of Pawtucket, City of Pawtucket, Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce, Music Performance Trust Fund Local 198 of the American Federation of Musicians and donations from businesses and private individuals.

For more information contact the Arts Council at 725-1151.

## Artists Exhibit

An exhibit of works by artist members of the Pawtucket Arts Council will run from June 20 through July 18 at the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Included are paintings in oil, acrylic, and watercolor; drawings in pastel, charcoal, and pen and ink; photographs and handwoven baskets and rugs.

Among the participating artists are Ron Bianco, Leone Cargill, Rose Coppa D'Amore, Leon Emma, David Gold, Carl Reiner, and Beth Voso, all

of Providence; George W. Dawson, Flying Shuttles, Sybil Heerdegen, Ed Hines, Laurie Lynn Lawton, M.A. Podolak, Aaron Usher, and Sandra Yeghian of Pawtucket; David Bochanowski, Charles C. Cleer III, Mary Kosowski, and Bonnie Lee Turner of Lincoln; Gail Rose of Cumberland; Herbert Brown and Dolores Harbach of East Providence; Janet Judge of Greenville; Hiroko Shikashio of North Providence; Patricia Sheridan of Warwick; Margaret E. Nelson of Attleboro; and Sally Caswell and Birdie Corbett of Seekonk, Mass.

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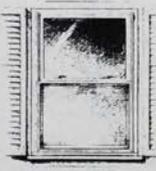
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## Lefkowitz Returns To Woonsocket

Nationally renowned cantor David Lefkowitz will return to Woonsocket this weekend to chant services at Congregation B'nai Israel. Lefkowitz served as cantor at B'nai Israel in the early part of his career.

The services will be conducted on Friday, June 29 at 8 p.m. and Saturday at 9 p.m.

Lefkowitz has had a wide-ranging career both in religious and secular music. Educated at the University of Pittsburgh, the Cantors Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary, and The Juilliard School, he possesses a lyric tenor the quality of which has elevated him to the forefront of the cantorate, while simultaneously allowing him to pursue an active and highly praised secular career.

Following positions in Brooklyn, N.Y., and Paterson, N.J., Lefkowitz assumed the post of cantor at Park Avenue Synagogue in New York City in 1976. The synagogue already had a long and illustrious musical reputation, and Cantor Lefkowitz has found fertile ground there for his multifaceted talents. He continues the tradition, established in 1943 by his predecessor, Hazan David Putterman, of an annual Friday Evening Service of Liturgical Music which encourages and commissions the composition of new music for the Sabbath Eve service. In 1977 he inaugurated an Annual Saturday Morning Service of Classical Liturgical Music to revive, and very often premiere, music from the rich, but by now largely unknown, heritage of the great choral synagogues of Europe.

During the summer of 1978, Lefkowitz began to study a small collection of manuscripts by the great 19th century Russian synagogue composer David Nowakowsky, which had been donated to the Park Avenue Synagogue music library. His recognition of the importance of the music led him to trace the composer's descendants who, in turn, were so impressed with his initial efforts and his great appreciation for the value of the work, that they ultimately entrusted to him the complete manuscript collection which contained choral works for the liturgy and psalms, organ works, violin, piano and vocal pieces.

### NCJW Awards Scholarships

Rhode Island Section, National Council of Jewish Women awarded six \$750 scholarships in a ceremony recently held at Highland Court, Providence.

The recipients are Janet Alexander of Cranston, Karen Block of North Kingstown, David Cohen of Wakefield, Alex Margolin of Providence, David Miller of Warwick, and Anna Pavlotsky of Providence.

Selection of the students chosen is based not only on academic achievement and financial need, but on involve-

ment in voluntary service to others, exemplifying one of the basic principles of NCJW. Funding for the scholarships comes from the proceeds of NCJW's Annual Community Service Award Luncheon held in May and several family foundations and grants.

Founded in 1893, National Council of Jewish Women is the oldest volunteer national Jewish women's organization in the country. There are more than 100,000 members in 200 sections who are dedicated to community service and social action to improve life for all.

Lefkowitz has appeared as soloist in concerts throughout the United States, Canada, Israel and Europe and has had leading tenor roles with the Pennsylvania Opera Festival and the Jacksonville (FL) Opera Company performing in operas by Donizetti, Rossini and Verdi. He has been a soloist, singing Mozart, with the New York Philharmonic under conductor Neville Marriner; in performances of oratorios by Handel, Haydn and Horneger conducted by Abraham Kaplan; with the Dayton Youth Chorale, in world premieres of several new works conducted by Jerome Kopmar; and he has continued to present solo recitals of art songs by the master composers.

A WNET television documentary, "Hear Our Voices," about the history of cantorial music featured Lefkowitz, as did "More Than A Singer," a film co-produced by the Cantors Assembly and the National Foundation for Jewish Culture, which was premiered at a New York University film festival. WABC-TV presented an hour-long special, "Night of Awe," a traditional Shabbat service telecast from Park Avenue Synagogue, which was shown nationwide in two successive years, and which is available on video-cassette. In addition, Lefkowitz has embarked on a long-term project to record classical and contemporary masterpieces of Jewish liturgical music, making them accessible to new generations of worshippers, musicians and other devotees of hazzanut.

Presently, Lefkowitz serves as President of the American Society for Jewish Music, Vice President and Music Director of The David Nowakowsky Foundation, and on the Executive Council of the Cantors Assembly.

## Flynn Elected President

Mrs. Priscilla J. Flynn of Charlestown was elected president of the Rhode Island Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs (BPW) for the 1990/91 year, as the organization's 53rd annual convention held recently at the Sheraton Islander Inn and Conference Center, Goat Island, Newport. The installation ceremony was conducted at the Saturday evening banquet by the national federation representative, Pat Taylor of Ballwin, Mo., the first vice-president of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. (BPW/USA) and a member and past president of the Arkansas B.P.W. Federation.

As president of the state organization, Flynn is on the national board of directors of BPW/USA, and will head the Rhode Island delegation at the national convention in July in Charlotte, N.C. She is business manager at Wilson Publishing Co., Wakefield, and is a twenty year employee of the firm. She is a member and past president of the Charho B.P.W. chapter.

Flynn holds an associate degree in business management, with highest honors, from the Community College of R.I. She is a member of the New England Press Association and the New England Newspaper Association.

Other 1990/91 officers installed at the Newport convention are: Valerie A. Perry of East Providence, president-elect/first vice-president; Karen L. Lytle of Charlestown, second vice-president; Jane M. Parenteau, North Kingstown, recording secretary; Maureen N. Guilbault, Pascoag, corresponding secretary; Janice L. Deal, North Kingstown, treasurer; and Barbara J. Silva of East Greenwich, state federation nominating committee chairman.

### Brown Bag Club Tours Recycling Facility

The Brown Bag Club of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence, will be touring the Material Recycling Facility on Shun Pike, Johnston on Tuesday, June 26, at 10 a.m.

Participants will follow the entire recycling process during a one hour tour at no charge. Those who are interested are to meet at the plant at 9:45. Take 295 (west toward Johnston) to Plainfield Pike exit. Go right onto Route 144, follow for 4½ miles, take right onto Greenhill Road and follow signs to Central Land Fill. The facility is just past the land fill. Meet back at the Center at noon for lunch. Bring a brown bag lunch; dessert and beverage will be provided. Donation is \$1.

The Yiddish Vinkel will meet at 2 p.m. directly following the Brown Bag Club.

For more information on these events call Lisa Goodman at 861-8800.

## Shirim Klezmer Performs for Day School



Shirim Klezmer Orchestra performed in concert at the Ruth and Max Alperin Schechter Day School on May 17 at 10:30 a.m. in the first annual Arthur Einstein Memorial Concert.

"Klezmer," literally "musician" in Yiddish, combines Middle Eastern music, the dance beat of Romania, Poland and Russia, and the Dixieland feel of the roaring twenties in America. Klezmer music developed primarily for weddings and other Jewish celebrations. It is a very old tradition, starting in the Middle Ages, and many of the tunes are probably hundreds of years old. Because it is a "folk" music, it was not often written down, but was passed down from one generation to the next.

With audience participation, clapping hands and stamping feet, Shirim took the audience on a joyful musical-historical journey through Turkey, Eastern Europe, ending up emigrating to America, and demonstrating how the music continued and changed.

The Shirim Klezmer Orchestra performed on clarinet, tuba, trombone, piano, tambourine and violin, with songs in Yiddish, Hebrew and English. The group traveled through the audience to give students a flavor of what it was like in the

little Shtetls of Eastern Europe where the klezmer came to town. The highlight of the performance involved dancing in the aisles, as teachers and students took to their feet and danced traditional Eastern European line and circle dances along with the music. It was an unforgettable morning of music!

The Einstein Memorial Concert is funded by the Einstein family in loving memory of Arthur Einstein. Arthur Einstein was born in Odessa, Russia, where he was educated and became a piano professor at the Imperial Conservatory of Music. In the 1920's he came to Providence and became the Music Director and organist of Temple Emanu-El, introducing the synagogue music of Odessa and Europe. He also initiated a Kadima Choral Society which presented concerts at Brown University. Arthur loved children, and he often taught campers at Jori to love music by playing on improvised instruments. Essie, his lifelong companion, and his sons, Ralph and Ted, and their families have established the Arthur Einstein Memorial Music Fund to perpetuate Arthur's memory by providing annual concerts of Jewish music to the children of the Alperin Schechter Day School.

## Jewish Vegetarians Conference

The Jewish Vegetarians of North America will hold its annual conference from July 26 to July 29 at the Imperial Resort Hotel in the New York Catskill Mountains. Join other singles and families for a weekend of in-depth discussions, Sabbath services, delicious kosher vegetarian meals, and healthy recreation. Guests will be treated to a vegetarian cocktail party.

Topics to be discussed will include Judaism and teachings of health, Judaism and animal rights/animal welfare, and Judaism and the environment. Debra Wasserman, author of *No-Cholesterol Passover Recipes and Meatless Meals for Working People* will give a cooking demonstration. Also featured will be a cooking demonstration by the best selling authors, David and Nikki Goldbeck.

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For more information on the Jewish Vegetarians conference, write to Box 1463, Baltimore, MD 21203, or call (301) 366-VEGE.

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**Saturday, June 30** — Seven days in Tammuz. The Torah reading is P'chukas. Morning services (Shacharis) 8:30. Kiddush follows immediately. Minchah is at 8:25 p.m. followed by the "third" meal. Ma'ariv 9:11 p.m. Shabbos concludes at 9:17 p.m. The Havdalah service is at 9:20 p.m.

**Sunday, July 1** — Morning service at 7:45. (Thursday evening, Tammuz 13, should be rectified, the Blessing of the moon; and if this is missed it can still be done Friday evening. Morning services for Monday and Thursday are at 6:30, and for Tuesday and Friday at 6:45. For Wednesday, July 4, morning services are at 7:45. This is the U.S. Independence Day. Minchah for this week is at 8:20 p.m.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Alex Goodblatt for their 57th wedding anniversary! May you both have many more healthy years.

### Jerusalem 1948 to 1990

On May 14, 1948, the Arab states attacked the newly established State of Israel. Prior to the invasion, the Arabs had blockaded Jerusalem and, within two weeks of Israel's declaration of independence, they succeeded in driving the Jews out of the Old City.

Ben-Gurion remained hopeful of recapturing the city, but he discovered that the international community's principal concern during the war was the protection of Christian holy places. In contrast to the Jordanians who indiscriminately shelled Jerusalem and other areas, the Jews fought with sensitivity.

When the war ended, East Jerusalem and most of the other holy shrines were in the hands of the Jordanians. Ben-Gurion was unmoved. On December 5, 1949 he said "Jerusalem is an integral part of Israel history; in her faith, and in the depths of her soul, Jerusalem is the 'heart of hearts' of Israel."

A nation which over 2500 years has always maintained the pledge vowed by the banished people on the rivers of Babylon, not to forget Jerusalem.

Up until 1952 the General Assembly continued to call for the internationalization of Jerusalem. In 1950 the Soviet Union, however, withdrew its support for this idea. The U.N. then lost interest in Jerusalem until Israel recaptured the city in 1967. The first Knesset was sworn in during 1949, and the Israeli parliament has met continuously in Jerusalem since

December of that year. By 1972, 23 of 47 diplomatic missions in Israel were in the capitol. Today only two remain — Costa Rica and El Salvador.

While Israel was building West Jerusalem, Jordan was destroying the Old City. After all hostilities had ended the Old City's historic Jewish Quarter was destroyed. Fifty-eight synagogues were destroyed or desecrated by the Jordanians as cowsheds, stables, or public toilets. 75% of the 50,000 tombstones in the hallowed Mount of Olives Jewish cemetery were broken, uprooted, or desecrated.

In violation of the Israel-Jordan Armistice Agreement of 1949, Jews were barred from visiting their holy sites. In applying for a visa to Jordan, Jews had to provide proof they were not Jewish. Christians were prohibited from expanding as they wished. Their schools had to teach the Koran, along with the Bible, and, not surprisingly Jerusalem's Christian population dropped from 25,000 to 10,800 between 1948-67.

Christian Arabs were given access to their holy places only on Christmas and Easter. Muslims, like Jews, were completely banned from visiting their shrines.

This all changed in 1967. At 9:30 a.m. on June 5 Israel sent a message to Jordan via the U.N. "We shall not initiate action against Jordan. However, should Jordan open hostilities, we shall react with all our might and the king will have to bear the full responsibilities of the consequences." Hussein ignored the warning and launched an attack. Israel counterattacked and gained control of Jerusalem on the 7th of June.

Afterward, General Moshe Dayan declared that Jerusalem had been liberated, and that Israel had returned to that most sacred shrine, never to part

from it again. And to the followers of other religions, the Christians and the Muslims, he promised that their freedom of worship and all their religious rights will be safeguarded. Israel has never deviated from those words of pledge.

## Cranston Senior Guild

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**July 22** — The Newport "Star Clipper" luncheon train (sold out).

**August 8** — "Mame" at Maturuck Theatre-by-the-Sea (sold out).

**August 22** — Special added attraction — Wednesday matinee "Phantom of the Opera" the play with music. Buffet lunch. Coachlight Dinner Theatre. East Windsor, Conn. Limited choice seating. Don't delay — make your reservations now! Call Beverly Jacobson at 274-9586.

**September 9-13** — Las Vegas Bonanza! 5 days-4 nights at the fantastic "La Mirage Hotel and Casino" including many extras. Space is still available. Deadline is August 10. For more information and reservations call Beverly Jacobson at 274-9586.

**September 26** — "Fiddler on the Roof" at the North Shore Music Theatre with a buffet lunch at Augustine's. Available seating. Chairperson is Janet Richman 461-7108.

First meeting of the season will be held on Wednesday, September 5, at Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston, R.I.

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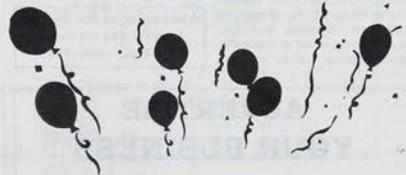


### Tedeschi-Dowling

Mr. and Mrs. Armand E. Tedeschi, Jr. of 183 Glen Rd., Woonsocket, R.I., announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill Ellen of 4 Smithfield Rd., No. Providence, R.I. to Richard Michael Dowling of 10 O'Donnell Ave., No. Smithfield, R.I., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dowling, 10 O'Donnell Ave., No. Smithfield, R.I.

Miss Tedeschi graduated from Bishop Feehan High School and The American University with a B.S. in nursing. Mr. Dowling graduated from Mt. St. Charles Academy and Merrimack College with a B.S. in management.

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Four Levels of Yiddish language and literature, from beginners to advanced, will meet in the morning; and the entire student body will meet in the afternoon for lectures on subjects related to Yiddish arts and culture. The outstanding faculty includes: Eva Gutman, Dr. David Kaplan, Lea Elash, Wendy Bilig, Toby Rosner, Leonore Sones, Carol Ingall, Ada Jill Schneider, Herman Brown, Moli Prebluda, Dr. George Goodwin, Eleanor Horowitz, Rabbi Daniel Liben and Anat Ein Dor.

On Friday Cantor Brian Mayer, accompanied by Bela Miller, will conclude the week's activities by performing Yiddish music.

Students bring their own dairy brown bag lunches and Yiddish Eldercamp provides "coffee and tea" each day. The cost for the entire week is only \$40 per person.

If you have a love of Yiddishkeit and would like to spend a *freilich* week, call for a Yiddish Eldercamp application, (401) 331-0956.

### Bergel Honored

On May 19, 1990, at a ceremony in the Hassenfeld Center, Brandeis University, Dick Bergel was the recipient of the Charlie Napoli Distinguished Achievement Award. The award is presented annually to graduates that were athletes at Brandeis and have gone on to distinguish themselves.

Mr. Bergel is a member of the class of '57. He is the president of retail store operations, Montgomery Ward, Chicago, Ill. He is the brother of Arthur Bergel and Barbara Domenico. He is the son of the late Irving and Anna Bergel. He is married to Myrna Kaplan Bergel and resides in Northbrook, Ill. They have two sons, Gary and Mark. Mr. Bergel is a former resident of Providence and graduated from Mt. Pleasant High School, class of 1953.

### Miller Receives Degree

David S. Miller, the son of Joel and Ann S. Miller, graduated from Pilgrim High School in Warwick, on June 7 with a class rank of four in a class of 303 students.

During school Miller accomplished many feats such as: National Honor Society, R.I. Honor Society and Foreign Language Honor Society.

His other accomplishments were: winning the Sons of Italy Award for Outstanding Student of Italian Language, Century III Leadership Award, Louis Armstrong Award for excellence in jazz and receiving an award from the National Council of Jewish Women. He has received a letter of commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Board.

As an active student, Miller was on the staff of his school's literary magazine, had played on their tennis club, wrestling team and weightlifting club. He played tenor saxophone in school concerts, marching and jazz bands and also for four years he's been listed as Who's Who Among High School Students. Miller has been Regional Vice President of B'nai B'rith Youth Organization.

David is planning to pursue an education in either teaching or medicine while attending the University of Massachusetts in Amherst in the Fall.

Miller is the brother of Andrea Miller and grandson of Edward and Evelyn Wasser and Estelle Miller, all of Warwick, R.I.

### Landesberg Graduates

Ilise J. Landesberg, daughter of Arlene and Melvin Landesberg of Medfield, Mass., graduated summa cum laude from Northeastern University.

She earned a bachelor of science degree in computer science. She is a member of Phi Kappa Phi honor society and a recipient of the Sears B Condit Honor Award.

She is employed by GTE in Waltham, Mass., as a software engineer.

Her maternal grandfather is Samuel M. Silverman of Providence, R.I. Her paternal grandmother is Harriet Landesberg of Cranston, R.I.

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### Lerman Graduates Magna Cum Laude

Jill Lerman of Providence, R.I., daughter of Maxine Lerman, graduated magna cum laude from Auburn University, College of Veterinary Medicine, Auburn, Alabama.

Dr. Lerman resides and will be practicing in Gainesville, Fla.



### Toni Lenzen Tinberg Receives Law Degree

Toni Lenzen Tinberg, daughter of Joseph and Edith Lenzen of East Providence, was graduated with honor from Suffolk University School of Law. Toni was graduated from Shea High School in Pawtucket, where she was Valedictorian of her class. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Brandeis University. Toni now resides in South Attleboro with her husband, Howard Tinberg, Ph.D.

Before enrolling in Suffolk University, Toni spent a year in the Peoples Republic of China with Howard, where they taught English at a university. Toni is now Associate Director of Personnel at Suffolk University.

### St. Dunstan's Day School

Among students of St. Dunstan's School, Providence, who attained the Honor Roll for the fourth quarter of the academic year, were the following:

Juli Silverman, grade 12, daughter of Meredith Marks and David Silverman, both of Providence; Allison Marks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Marks of Providence; and Deborah Feldstein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Feldstein of Providence.

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State law requires financial institutions to honor the DEA identification as valid for the

purpose of cashing municipal, state and federal checks under \$750.

In addition, the DEA mobile ID unit will be at the following locations in July: Tuesday, July 10 from 1-3 p.m. at the Woonsocket Senior Center, 84 Social Street, Woonsocket; Wednesday, July 11 from 10 a.m. - noon at the J.L. Caruolo Center, 830 Oakland Beach Avenue, Warwick; and Wednesday, July 25 from 1-3 p.m. at Tiverton Senior Center, 207 Canonicus Road.

Senior housing units, senior centers, and other agencies interested in hosting the DEA mobile ID card unit at their site should contact Carmen Albert at 277-2880.

## Pawtucket-Central Falls Hadassah

The Pawtucket-Central Falls Chapter of Hadassah has named Janice Ziegler, Ruth Shein, Ruth Goldstein and Ruth Blustein as delegates to Hadassah's 76th National Convention on July 15-18 in New York City. Rosalind Bolusky will be a delegate from the Western New England Region.

Elaine Kroll, a resident of Providence, will be awarded a National Leadership Award at the Convention. She has served our Chapter as president, vice-president in charge of fundraising and program, treasurer, ad-book chairman and donor dinner chairman. She is very active in the community and served on the Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood Board, is a committee member of the National Council of Jewish Women, has been active in school affairs, is a member of the Miriam Hospital Women's Association and the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged.

Hadassah's Annual Convention includes four days of working sessions on a broad range of issues of concern to American Jewish women, and on Hadassah's projects and programs in the United States and Israel. Janice Ziegler, Chapter president, emphasized the importance of these issues. About 300 delegates from the United States, Israel and many foreign countries are expected to attend the event.

Hadassah has 385,000 members nationwide, is the largest Jewish organization in the United States and maintains a network of projects in health care, career education, youth welfare and land reclamation. Here in the United States Hadassah provides its members with programs in Jewish education, Zionist and American affairs and leadership development. Marlene Post of Manhasset Hills, N.Y., and Barbara Tirschwell of New City, N.Y., are convention co-chairmen.

## A Life In Revue

"Groucho, A Life In Revue" premieres in Boston at The Theatre Lobby at 216 Hanover Street on Tuesday, September 11. Co-authored by Arthur Marx (Groucho's son) and Robert Fisher, the production's director is Sam Jerris, Artistic Director of The Theatre Lobby. Mr. Jerris directed the 1986 National Tour of "Annie."

The show stars Les Marsden, who has been associated with the Marx family and "Groucho" since its inception. He performed in the New York and London productions as Harpo/Chico, a role especially created for him by the co-authors.

Performances starting September 11 will be: Tuesday through Friday evenings at 8 p.m. and Saturday evenings at 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Matinees: Wednesdays at 2 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Tickets: \$15.00 to \$24.00 Group rates and special lunch-dinner show packages are available. For more information, write or call The Theatre Lobby at 216 Hanover Street, Boston, MA 02113, (617) 272-9872. Anthony Capodilupo is owner/producer.

## Bar Mitzvah Services

Ordinarily, Jewish children who wish to become Bar Mitzvah or Bat Mitzvah (meaning 'son of the commandment' and 'daughter of the commandment') are enrolled at a synagogue's religious school or Jewish Day School between the ages of four and nine. They would then study several years and ultimately study the specific training to be Bar or Bat Mitzvah in the final year. Reading instruction, taught in the first year, though, would be a requisite, without which they couldn't begin their Bar/Bat Mitzvah training.

But what if the parents have neglected to enroll the child at an early age? Almost all synagogues and Temples will decline to accept children aged 10 and over because the new children would be behind the other children. The solution to this problem has been arrived at by a former religious school teacher, Jay Dreznick of Englishtown, N.J. It is called Bar Mitzvah Services.

Bar Mitzvah Services will arrange for private lessons in the home for one to five years, teaching a child, first, to read Hebrew, and thereafter, assigning the child a Bar/Bat Mitzvah recitation appropriate to the date selected for the ceremony. The ceremony may be held on any day the Torah is read after the child's 13th birthday (utilizing the Hebrew calendar for the determination). The Torah is read every Monday, Thursday, all Jewish Holidays and twice on the Sabbath at morning and afternoon services. Bar Mitzvah Services will make all arrangements for a private ceremony in the family home or at a caterer. If some families stipulate or prefer that the ceremony be held in a Synagogue or Temple, arrangements can be made for that also.

Bar Mitzvah has an agreement with a half dozen such Temples to bring in private families for such a service. The requisites for such a ceremony are a prepared child, miyyan (quorum of 10), Torah scroll and officiant. These criteria are almost the same among Orthodox, Conservative, Reconstructionist and Reform Jews. Bar Mitzvah Services own the

Torah and Mr. Dreznick is the officiant. The Torah Scroll is a handwritten copy of the five books of Moses on parchment made from the skins of a Kosher (ritually acceptable) animal. It is mounted on rollers and is the holiest object in the Jewish religion. As part of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah service, the child may be required to read from the Torah Scroll, which is extremely difficult to do without the proper preparation, because it is written in Hebrew letters without any vowels, punctuation or tune symbols to indicate the proper chanting. Even a knowledgeable person must prepare intensively ahead of time.

Bar Mitzvah Services is also available to the families of religious school dropouts. A child may resume his or her studies at home. Reading is reviewed or is taught anew, and thereafter the child is assigned the specific recitation commitment to his or her Bar/Bat Mitzvah date.

Many students of Bar Mitzvah Services are products of interfaith marriages. Many others have minor learning disabilities, such as dyslexia. Others choose the service because the child is a very active participant in an after-school activity such as Little League or other sports, and the family has chosen to give the after-school activity the priority. Still others live in isolated communities, where large distances discourage traveling to a Synagogue.

BAR MITZVAH SERVICES is located at 750 Pelham Pkwy. So. Bronx, N.Y. 10462. Phone numbers are (201) 762-5090 or (212) 931-2652. They will begin teaching in this area this week. Local teachers have been retained to accommodate interested local families.

## Cranston High School East

The Cranston High School East Thunderbolt Band and Emerald Encore Colorguard has been invited to march in the Bristol Fourth of July Parade.

According to the Bristol Parade Committee, the Cranston East Band will be one of the few Rhode Island high school units in the parade. Whereas many of the state's bands are not able to participate as a result of depleted ranks due to graduation, the Thunderbolt Band students have enthusiastically accepted Bristol's invitation.

Cranston East's band director, Mark Colozzi, states that he is fortunate to have such a dedicated group of students. "This past year was extremely productive for us. We did more performances than ever, in-

cluding football half-time shows, parades, and field-show competitions throughout New England."

This fine group of musicians also performs as a concert band. In Colozzi's opinion, this has been the finest concert band during his tenure as a band director. The Cranston East Concert Band participated in the Rhode Island State Band Festival which is sponsored by the Rhode Island Music Educators Association. The band performed level five and six repertoire, considered extremely challenging for high school bands. Comments from adjudicators were quite favorable.

The Cranston East Band has enjoyed a renaissance this past school year and is looking forward to continued growth and quality musical experiences.

## Sampson Navy Veterans

The Sampson WW-II Navy Veterans, Inc. has joined the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans and other such groups as a recognized Veterans organization. This recognition comes from the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense in Washington.

The Sampson WW-II Navy Veterans, Inc. first met in 1987 and was organized at a meeting at the VFW Post 6433 in Waterloo, N.Y. Forty-eight Navy Veterans comprised the original group. Today the membership exceeds 2000 and is rapidly growing as more and more "Sampson Salts" become aware of the existence of this organization and their Navy Alma Mater.

One of the goals of the organization is to establish a Memorial at the site of the former Naval Base which is now a state park. This Memorial would be dedicated to the honor of the WW-II Navy Veterans who were stationed and/or assigned to that facility. Much memorabilia of the Sampson Base has been collected and will be placed in the Memorial upon completion. This memorial will serve as an historical site for the Sampson Veterans. The public can visit the site and relive the days when Sampson served as one of the largest Naval Training stations on the East Coast.

The original flag pole, erected when the base was opened in 1942, still stands at

Sampson. A monument, in honor of all who served at the N.T.S. from 1942 to 1946, is also planned to be erected at the base of the flag pole.

The Sampson WW-II Navy Veterans, Inc. will be holding their 3rd Annual Reunion on September 7, 8, 9, at Sampson in Waterloo, N.Y. Two banquets are planned to accommodate the large contingent of Navy Veterans who gather each year to renew old acquaintances, swap sea stories and war experiences, and revisit the site where their Naval careers began. A bus tour is planned on Saturday, Sept. 8.

Charles Abrams, State Director of the Rhode Island group, indicated that any person who served in the U.S. Navy during WW-II and was stationed and/or assigned to the Sampson Naval Training Station (near Romulus, N.Y.) and was honorably discharged is eligible for membership. Dues are \$10 per year. Spouses and blood relatives are welcome to join and participate in the Auxiliary at \$10 per year.

Charles Abrams can be contacted for additional information at 110 Julia St., Cranston, R.I. 02910 or call (401) 941-6841.

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# Obituaries

**SAUL BERMAN**  
BAL HARBOUR, Fla. — Saul Berman, 80, co-owner with his late brother of the former Trading Post in West Warwick and the former Food Fair in Newport before moving to Florida, died June 16 at home. He was the husband of Elizabeth P. (Polya) Berman.  
Born in Providence, he was a

son of the late Benjamin and Annie (Brady) Berman. He moved to Florida 35 years ago.  
Mr. Berman was a meat retailer in West Warwick and Newport while living in Rhode Island, and retired after 60 years in the food industry. His wholesale beef companies in Florida included the Arrow Beef Corp., Universal Meats

and the Sunshine State Foods.  
He was a founder of Mount Sinai Hospital, Miami; a patron of the Miami Heart Institute, and a member of the Jewish Federation. He was a 32nd-degree Mason and a member of the A&A Scottish Rites Temple.  
Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Eugene B. Berman of San Francisco; a daughter, Bonnie S. Berman of Bal Harbour; a sister, Bessie Hood of Providence, and a grandson.  
The funeral and burial was held Monday, June 18, in Miami.

**LILLIAN ROBINSON**  
PROVIDENCE — Lillian Robinson, 76, a resident of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., a sales clerk at the former Outlet Co. for more than 30 years before retiring 20 years ago, died Thursday, June 21, at the home.  
A lifelong resident of Providence, she was a daughter of the late Louis and Ida (Greenberg) Robinson.  
There are no immediate survivors.  
A graveside service was held Friday, June 22, at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

**LOUIS SACAROVITZ**  
PROVIDENCE — Louis Sacarovitz, 83, of 21 Alexander St., a printer for more than 40 years before retiring in 1980, died Monday, June 18, at home. He was the husband of Eva (Boxer) Sacarovitz.  
Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Rubin and Rebecca (Zinnenberg) Sacarovitz.  
Mr. Sacarovitz was a past president of the Rhode Island Jewish Fraternal Association, a former secretary of Shaare Zedek-Sons of Abraham, treasurer of the South Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association, and a member of the Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association.

Besides his wife he leaves two sisters, Eve Klibanoff of Providence and Rose Marks of Cranston.  
The funeral service was held Wednesday, June 20, at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

## Despite Arafat Connection, Jews Welcome Mandela

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for an ecumenical service at Riverside Church. Sources said the religious leaders would be asked to pledge that they will oppose any relaxation of U.S. sanctions against South Africa until it abolishes the apartheid laws and grants full amnesty to all political prisoners.

According to Aviv, who was on the committee planning the Riverside Church ceremony, the number of invitations extended to the Jewish community to participate in the Mandela festivities has been generous.

She said that Mandela's representatives have made special efforts to avoid stirring up controversy on the Palestinian issue, in order to protect Jewish sensitivities.

"Efforts to include Palestinian children at the Riverside service were rejected, so as to not make it a political event," Aviv said. "The Jewish community has been given special consideration."

Despite this, Bronx Rabbi Abraham Weiss chose to protest Mandela's past statements comparing Israeli policies to South African oppression and his embrace of Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat.

Weiss, who is religious leader of the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale, an Orthodox con-

gregation in the Bronx, led a vigil outside Gracie Mansion, the mayoral residence where Mandela was to stay, and demonstrated during the welcoming ceremonies in front of City Hall.

Aviv said she was not aware of any similar protests planned for Mandela's scheduled visits to Boston, Washington, Atlanta, Miami, Detroit, Los Angeles and Oakland, Calif.

The religious leaders set to meet with Mandela are Bernice Balter, executive director of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism; Albert Chernin, executive vice chairman of NJCRAC; Rabbi Jerome Epstein, vice president of the United Synagogue of America; Rabbi Alfred Gottschalk, president of Hebrew Union College; Rabbi Norman Lamm, president of Yeshiva University; Rabbi Henry Michelman, executive vice president of the Synagogue Council of America; Rabbi A. James Rudin, director of interreligious affairs for the American Jewish Committee; Rabbi David Saperstein, co-director of the Reform movement's Religious Action Center; Schindler; Rabbi Ismar Schorsch, chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary; Siegmund; and Rabbi Binjamin Walfisch, executive vice president of the Rabbinical Council of America.

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## Informant-Rabbi

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to Desider Galsky, president of the Czech Jewish community.

"We need a rabbi, but prior to Mr. Mayer's taking up of the rabbi's post, we had not had any for about 10 years," Galsky told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

For the time being, a rabbi from abroad may be invited to serve temporarily in Prague, if the problems of language and finances can be overcome.

Galsky also mentioned possibly hiring the writer Karol Sidon, who had to leave Czechoslovakia years ago as a signatory of the Charter 77 human rights document, which President Vaclav Havel also signed as a dissident playwright.

After leaving the country, Sidon studied at the Jewish studies department of Heidelberg University in West Germany. He plans additional studies at Ariel Yeshiva in Jerusalem, which may qualify him to become the new Prague rabbi.

The plans also depend, however, on the availability of funds from Jewish charitable institutions, Galsky said.

The Prague rabbinical post is a prestigious one, once held by Rabbi Yehudah Loew, the famous 16th-century rabbi who legend says created the Golem. Loew, famous for his Talmudic wisdom, was known by the acronym "Maharal."

## Masorti Movement

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realize that. Despite the slick Conservative propaganda, the vast majority of the people of Israel — even those who are rabidly anti-religious — see the "Masorti" movement entirely for what it is: a Johnny-come-lately, attempting to insinuate itself into the Israeli equation just like it is trying, after the Orthodox risked life and limb for decades to bring Judaism to Jews in the Soviet Union, to gracefully dance onto what it perceives as a lovely new stage in a newly accessible Soviet state, and establish an opportunistic presence there. Similarly, after decades of Orthodox maintenance of Judaism's standards in Israel, the Conservative movement would now like to arrive on that set with fanfare and aplomb. What it is not counting on, though, is the stubborn Israeli refusal to be convinced that Judaism is really something different than it has been for the past two millennia.

The average Israeli may not love the Orthodox "establishment" in his country, but he knows that it is the Orthodox who make up, far and away, the bulk of Jews immigrating to Israel, and the Orthodox who — even if he himself chooses otherwise for his own life — will always uphold the tried and true standards of the Judaism of the ages.

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- July 17 — Israel, a journey by RISD professor Michael Fink.

- July 24 — African Dream (Namibia, Botswana, Cape of Good Hope and more) — travel adventures with Nancy Messinger.

- July 31 — Springtime California — head west with prize-winning photographer Charlie Miller.

- August 7 — Newport in the Gilded Age — travel in time to a more opulent era with historian John Hogan.

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