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UJA Drive Floats But Jewish Agency Sees Red

by Charles Hoffman

JERUSALEM (JTA) — An encouraging report on the progress of Operation Exodus, the special United Jewish Appeal campaign for Soviet Jewish aliyah, was overshadowed by forecasts of huge deficits in the Jewish Agency's immigration and absorption budgets over the next two years.

The national chairman of UJA, Marvin Lender, told delegates to the annual Jewish Agency Assembly that Operation Exodus has raised about 75 percent of its target of \$420 million, which is to be paid out over a three-year period. Kerem Hayesod will raise another \$180 million from Jewish communities outside the United States, for a combined total of \$600 million.

"In less than four months," said Lender, "we have raised \$311 million. And by the end of September, we hope to be able to transfer this year's share, \$140 million, to the Jewish Agency."

Lender pointed out that the pledges made to Operation Exodus, plus those made to the regular campaign (about \$775 million) come to more than

\$1.1 billion.

Most of the money raised so far has been from "big givers," he said, including 42 people who have given over \$1 million each. "The last \$109 million (of the \$420 million goal) will be the hardest, and will take lots of work," he said.

The fund-raising targets of Operation Exodus were set at the end of 1989, based on forecasts that about 70,000 Soviet Jews would make aliyah this fiscal year. Now, however, the Jewish Agency expects 150,000 newcomers to arrive this fiscal year from the Soviet Union.

The chairman of the agency's Budget and Finance Committee, Norman Lipoff, told assembly delegates that the larger numbers mean a projected deficit of \$280 million in the agency's budget for this year and next — for a total of more than \$600 million. The agency pays for the immigrants' transportation costs, half of their initial absorption expenses and various social services.

Lipoff, who is also the new chairman of the United Israel Appeal, described this situa-

tion as a "substantial emergency."

UJA leaders are reluctant to tamper with Operation Exodus at this point by raising targets in the middle of the campaign, which will be completed early next year. Israeli leaders, however, have been strongly urging UJA to raise more money this year for immediate aliyah and absorption needs.

Lipoff mentioned several alternatives for coping with the projected deficit that will be considered this week: cutting other agency programs, seeking increased U.S. government grants for absorption, raising more funds through Operation Exodus and reducing the agency's share of absorption services, with the Israeli government picking up more of the tab.

The assembly delegates listened attentively to a report by a leader of the Vaad, the umbrella organization for Soviet Jewish groups formed last December. The Vaad delegation is attending the Jewish Agency Assembly for the first time.

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Surdut Returns Home To Show Her Art

by Kathy Cohen
Herald Assistant Editor

Since leaving the Ocean State 20 years ago, Beth Surdut, 37 has roamed around tropical islands and has made a name for herself with her wearable art. Now she has returned.

She arrived in Providence last month to display at the Sun Up Gallery in Watch Hill. It was a homecoming of sorts —

this was the place where she and her friends used to paint bugs and florals with Japanese sumi-e brushes.

Born into a Jewish family enamored with the fine arts and education, Surdut was given support in her goals.

Depending on which island she's been to — Hawaii with its mauves and purples, or Jamaica with its gold tones — her colors

portray nature in all its forms whether the bright color combination of a t-leaf or the fiery colors of a volcano. Whatever Surdut sets out to do she feels that "although money is a necessity, we're (artists) trying to find something that gives you pleasure. But, if you're going to spend hours on something, you (the artist) better find something you enjoy."

What hits the viewer first with Surdut's designs are the dramatic dyes which are bordered within a gold-colored resist substance. As one looks again, the imagery of a waterfall or lush forest relays a depth of perception and motion.

The wearable art and wall creations have enabled Surdut to achieve a more immediate gratification than her previous forte of designing stained glass windows — a ten-year career. She was fascinated with the way the light shone through the glass, creating different shades and figures that would come to life, but it took months to complete one window as opposed to 2 or 3 shirts a day.

Before her art hit the *Washington Post's* fashion page in (continued on page 15)



NEW YORK — Former President Jimmy Carter, shown with Seymour Reich, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, told Jewish leaders that the United States needs to give Israel's new government "breathing space" to develop a peace policy. Photo by David Karp

Iran to Israel: 'No Thanks' But Other Jewish Groups O.K.

by Allison Kaplan

NEW YORK (JTA) — Though Iran has sent a public message that it does not want Israeli help in recovering from its disastrous series of earthquakes, it accepted relief funds from an American Jewish organization.

Representatives from B'nai B'rith International turned over a check for \$1,000 to the Iranian interest section of the Algerian Embassy in Washington.

The check is B'nai B'rith's initial contribution to help the earthquake victims. It and the American Jewish World Service have set up "open mailboxes" for contributions to aid the thousands of victims.

Humanitarian efforts on the part of the Jewish community "transcend any consideration of ideology and politics," B'nai B'rith President Seymour Reich said in explaining his organization's decision to contribute the funds.

Amir Zamani, first secretary of the Iranian Mission to the United Nations, said the assistance being offered by the American Jewish groups is "perfectly fine," as long as it is "humanitarian, not political" — meaning that there should

be no Israeli participation in their efforts.

Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy has offered the Iranians Israeli expertise in assisting earthquake victims. He reportedly passed his offer of help through the International Committee of the Red Cross and Red Crescent.

Israeli officials said that the Iranians have not formally refused their help through these channels. But Zamani confirmed news reports coming from the Iranian Foreign Ministry, which said that Iran would not take aid from either Israel or South Africa.

When asked why Iran did not want to take advantage of the experience of Israeli medical personnel in earthquake relief, Zamani replied, "Iran has announced that its emergency treatment centers are fully staffed, and there is no need for any medical personnel, let alone Israeli doctors."

He did say, however, that he had been informed that Iranian Jews had been instrumental in relief efforts in his country.

Uriel Savir, Israel's consul general here, called it "symp- (continued on page 16)



Beth Surdut

Inside the Ocean State

Day School Students Visit Washington



Students at Providence Hebrew Day School visited with Rep. Ronald Machtley.

The eighth grade class of the Providence Hebrew Day School went on the annual class trip to Washington, D.C. Rabbi Abraham Jakubowicz and Rabbi Mordechai Fried drove two 15 seater vans with the excited eighth graders inside.

They had an incredibly busy itinerary which included the United States Mint, Washington Monument, Vietnam Memorial, Arlington Cemetery, Lincoln Memorial, and the F.B.I. Building. Highlight of the sightseeing was a visit with

Congressman Ron Machtley who escorted them to the Senate Chambers. The last day included a visit to the Smithsonian Museum.

Students had many fundraisers during the year which helped raise money for the trip. The two newest members of the class, Russian students Elina Goman and Galina Mordukhovich were treated to a first-hand visit to their new nation's capital.

Exhausted but happy students returned to school after four fun-filled days.

College Chat: The Earth, The Animals and The Jews

by T.J. Feldman

In the days of Noah the Jews learned a powerful lesson when they were forced — along with animals — to take refuge for forty days and nights. Afterwards the Jews took better care of both the earth and the animals.

Today, however, there is no ark to shelter us from the environmentally unstable Earth. The problems in the environment will not simply dry up as the flood waters did. Instead, we have to face the problem in the hope of solving them, so that we can preserve the earth and the animals. It is not only our responsibility as Earth's inhabitants to preserve our environment, but our responsibility as Jews as well.

G-d created Earth, but G-d did not create such complex problems as global warming, hazardous waste and endangered species. People are responsible for these problems as they use aerosols; dump hazardous wastes, contaminating both land and water and cut down trees depleting rain forests. In short, the irresponsible actions of people have put the earth G-d created in danger.

Some of Judaism's ancient laws regulate certain actions like what Jews can eat (i.e., not mixing milk with meat), how they slaughter animals and other similar acts. These laws were created because, in ancient times, mixing milk and meat was considered unhealthy. The idea of eating healthy food was the basis for all the laws of Kashrus. While

health standards have changed over time, there are additional measures Jews need to take beyond the preparation and eating of food. I have no doubt that if the laws of Kashrus and other laws which regulate Jewish life were being applied today, the recycling and disposing of waste would be among them.

Sorting trash into different bins for recycling has been an extra task most of us don't enjoy, but we might as well accept it, because recycling is a reality. As space of the nation's landfills become more and more scarce, recycling will become very important. Recycling is one activity that we need to do to preserve the land and water. We also need to protect the rain forests, in order to save the lives of the animals which depend on them for life and to slow global warming.

These are just some of the steps necessary to preserve the earth and all its inhabitants — the animals deserve to have their rights protected — and in general the earth's upkeep is the responsibility of its dwellers. G-d created earth and G-d has shown us that it's not too difficult to destroy; just think back to Noah. The modern signals that the earth is in danger are reminders of how the earth is fragile. As Jews it's our duty to do what we can to avoid destroying Earth. Jews, together with all other people, have the resources to save Earth, if they act wisely. If they act foolishly the resources won't matter, because there won't be any Earth to save. Fu-

ture generations deserve to live on an earth, that's not polluted, abused or without all the care of people that makes the earth a place where everybody does their part.

If we don't act today to save Earth, there won't be a tomorrow. The ambitious, selfish, materialistic ideals that were a key part of the 80's persona need to be replaced in the 90's by ideals of responsibility, teamwork and a realization that the earth belongs to everyone. Even Donald Trump, with all his money, can't save the earth.

It wasn't long ago that I used to litter, waste water and energy because I thought the warnings about wasting resources were silly and false. A course in environmental biology, and the pictures of what the earth looks like in some areas due to people's irresponsibility, changed my mind.

Despite all the warnings not everyone will become concerned with the environment, since old habits are hard to break. However, if this article makes the people who read it think twice about changing their ways to protect the environment, then I have accomplished my objective. As one person, I have only limited power, but when all people come together and unite to do something as noble and necessary as saving the earth, the potential is limitless.

The bottom line is this: EARTH NEEDS US AND WE NEED THE EARTH! It's a message I can't emphasize enough, and I know that it's one we've heard many times, but mine and everyone else's future depends on how seriously we take it. We can no longer turn our backs and run away, for only by remaining where we are and dedicating ourselves to Earth's preservation can we be successful.

Pawtucket Arts Council

The Pawtucket Arts Council has two exciting trips planned for this summer.

On Sunday, August 12, the Arts Council will be going to Tanglewood, summer home of the Boston Symphony Orchestra located in the hills of the Berkshire Mountains. Andre Previn, outstanding pianist, will be conducting and performing with the Boston Symphony. An All-Mozart program is planned including Serenata Notturna; Piano Concerto no. 24 in C minor, K 491; and Symphony no. 39. Cost is \$62 for Arts Council members and \$65 for non-members. Cost includes round-trip transportation and good orchestra seating in the pavilion at Tanglewood. Bus leaves Pawtucket City Hall, Roosevelt Avenue, 9 a.m. and returns approximately 7:30 p.m.

On Monday, August 20, the Council is off to Great Woods in Mansfield, Mass. The Royal Ballet with Dame Margot Fonteyn as guest commentator will perform selections from "Swan Lake" and "Sleeping Beauty."

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Bresler's balancing act . . .

Choosing Between Two Worlds

Orthodox devotee cuts his own way

by John Chadwick

Fishel Bresler is an Orthodox Jew with an unorthodox lifestyle.

"Unorthodox" because as a folk musician and vaudeville performer, he runs amok from the standard image of the Torah-observant Jew. A night owl, Bresler makes his living performing "gigs" around New England — engagements which often make him scramble to keep kosher and to make daily services.

While Orthodox Judaism does not prohibit its adherents from pursuing their particular calling, it remains a tradition bound to the home and family. As a bachelor and a bohemian, Bresler not only stands (and on Federal Hill, lives) apart from most of his co-religionists, but he creates a set of new pressures in the process.

And with many other young people reportedly accepting Orthodoxy, the situation does raise a question for the Ortho-

clad — alone in a bachelor pad packed with musical instruments, costumes and various artifacts he's collected along the way. A cryptic female voice on the answering machine jokingly asks for a "prescription for a can opener."

Clearly, Bresler enjoys being a musician and the life that goes with it and he is still deciding what aspects of secular American culture — which make up the bulk of his repertoire — are worth keeping. A

scruffiness of his beard or the lucidity with which he explains the dramatic changes he has voluntarily effected in his life.

And when the guitar is strapped on and he begins sounding out folk chords he still seems energized and completely at home. In fact, with out the yarmulke he could pass for a Cajun musician who doubles as a backwoods moonshiner.

While his commitment is unwavering, the pressures brought on by choosing halachic observance — without being ensconced in a comfortable career or immediate familial support — are considerable.

He was born Mike Bresler in Bridgeport, Connecticut and grew up in a secular home, attending services several times a year and celebrating the holidays with his family. He moved to Providence in the early 1970s and embarked on a career as an entertainer and performer.

He talks about his liberal upbringing and how that ironically led him into pure Torah Judaism — a movement which is many things but is decidedly not liberal. Says Bresler: "Real liberalism taught me that if

something is true or meaningful, you don't back away from it; you have the responsibility to attend to it, to find out more about it."

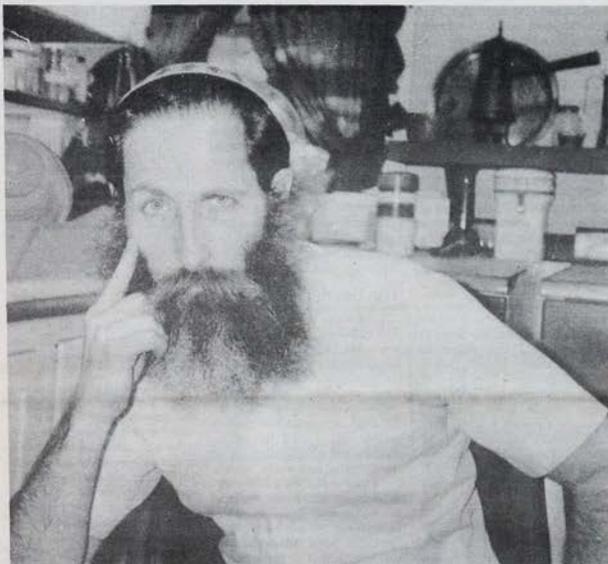
His introduction to traditional Judaism came when he was asked to prepare an ethnic program for the city department of parks and recreation. Having the opportunity to research traditional Judaism, he came upon Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer of the Chabad Lubavitch movement. "I wasn't aware I was searching for anything and I was not deeply dissatisfied with my life at that time," he says.

But he found Torah strangely provocative, and after delving into the mystical insights of the Lubavitch movement, he began experimenting with ritual observance: wearing tefillin and observing Shabbat. "Those things had a profound effect on me," he remembers. "Torah seemed to me to be an inclusive and cohesive way to look at the world."

But didn't Jewish law conflict with his liberal sensibility?

"In the process of learning, if I found something that was disturbing I would put my preju-

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Fishel Bresler: "Strongly independent."

A baal teshuvah — returnee to Judaism — for six years, the 40-year-old Bresler is one of many his age that grew up marginally Jewish only to subsequently (and recently) embrace Orthodoxy. But Bresler also remains substantially different from the caricature of the baby boomer "Modern Orthodox" — as depicted in Jewish and non-Jewish media since the now-famous article in *The New Yorker* several years ago. He is not a successful young lawyer with a wonderful home and with children who run joyously around him as he makes his way to shul on Shabbat. Actually, he's a bachelor who once quit a teaching position partly because he couldn't stand being at school at 8:00 in the morning.

dox movement: What happens to new adherents who are not family men?

One Orthodox rabbi familiar with Bresler says the situation is not necessarily a contradiction. "It just presents a whole new set of challenges," he says. "There may be an image of what the (Orthodox) person should be like; this does not make the lifestyle any less of an option for those who don't fit that image."

Bresler's commitment to balancing the bohemian lifestyle with his devotion to Orthodoxy has won him respect in the community — and has given him many tales to tell.

"I feel like I'm between worlds," he said last week. And that seems especially true as he sits — bearded and yarmulke-

wiry, intense man, there's something strongly independent about him; maybe it's the

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Choosing the Lesser Of Two Evils

by Major General (Res.)

Shlomo Gazit

The fundamental political and strategic decision facing Israel today is not between an ideal solution and a disastrous solution. Whether we hold onto the territories or offer "land for peace with security," we shall not be free of danger. Either course entails grave risks. Under these circumstances, we must look for the "lesser evil."

Military Consensus On Security

A virtual consensus exists among Israel's senior military experts that if a major Arab military force were deployed in advance in the West Bank, Israel could not defend itself against an all-out surprise offensive launched from the pre-1967 borders. Israel's eastern "security border" — i.e. the area in which Israel must enforce strict demilitarization and surveillance — must remain the Jordan River. Specifically, as long as a military threat exists:

a. The West Bank and the Gaza Strip must be demilitarized, allowing no significant Arab military presence;

b. IDF units must be stationed in certain strategic posi-

tions in those territories, to ensure that no Arab force could cross the Jordan River, easily establishing a "fait accompli"; and,

c. Israeli electronic intelligence installations must be stationed in the West Bank, to prevent a surprise attack.

Political Control Is Unnecessary

There is consensus in Israel on these minimal military conditions. The real argument is not over military options but between two political choices. Given Israel's need to retain effective military control over the area west of the Jordan River, must Israel also maintain political sovereignty over all of the West Bank? Most senior professional Israeli military men say "no." Strategic depth and effective military control can be retained without political rule over an alien population.

In 1988, I was among the nearly 200 retired senior IDF officers who formed the "Council for Peace and Security" to clarify this point to the Israeli public.

When Israel withdrew from Sinai, some argued that we would lose the strategic depth offered by this deep buffer

zone if we relinquished political sovereignty there. This argument proved false. In trading land for peace, we gained peace with Israel's strongest enemy, and still kept our strategic depth in Sinai. An immense strategic bargain.

Today, some of the same ideologues argue that we cannot retain control of the military situation west of the Jordan River without political sovereignty over every inch of territory. They are wrong again.

The Cost of Political Control

Those who conjure up frightening scenarios of imminent destruction following Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank rarely examine the dangers of continuing to impose our rule over another people. The occupation saps our national strength in many ways: it drains our economy, distracts our army, damages our international standing, and tears at the fabric of national unity and morale.

But the greatest danger posed by the status quo is the demographic threat. We cannot tolerate a 40% Arab-Palestinian minority, soon to become a majority, within Israel's present enlarged borders.

We are thrilled by the arrival

of new Soviet "olim," and Jewish immigration from the USSR will, no doubt, strengthen the 5:1 ratio of Jews to non-Jews within Israel proper. But Soviet "aliyah" will not solve our demographic problem if we try to absorb the territories.

Due to the differential birth rate between Jews and Arabs, a one-time event such as Soviet "aliyah" can only delay the problem by a few years. At the end of five years, even with an "aliyah" of 100,000 a year for a total of one-half million "olim," we will be exactly where we are today: 40% non-Jews and rising. Only those who have always ignored the demographic problem are now claiming that Soviet aliyah "changes everything."

"Jordan Is Palestine" Is No Solution

Desperately seeking a way out of this dilemma, some Israelis are now calling for replacing the Hashemite regime of Jordan with a Palestinian regime. I personally believe that this will ultimately occur. Furthermore, I believe that a "two state" solution, based on a Palestinian State on both banks of the Jordan River, has many advantages over a "two-state" solution based on

a Palestinian mini-state on the West Bank only.

But I have not yet heard how this "Jordan is Palestine" solution, with "Palestine" on the East Bank only, would solve our problem with 1.6 million Palestinian Arabs, living in the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip. What realistic alternative does this offer them? Annexation? Israeli citizenship? "Apartheid"? Or perhaps a "transfer" across the river, with all its bloody implications?

Requirements for Peace

Full peace will not be established in the Middle East for a very long time. It will require a different state of mind on both sides. It will require comprehensive resolution of all major points of difference between Israel and the Arabs, including relations with Syria, the resettlement of Palestinian refugees, and an agreed solution for Jerusalem. It will require some degree of social and political stability in the Arab-Muslim Middle East. These concerns reflect "red lines" in our bargaining positions with the Arabs that cannot be crossed.

But rather than passively wait for a miracle, we should embark now upon a process to

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Privacy Is It An Act?

We all cherish our privacy, our own "space." Shrubs and trees surround homes, telling passers-by not to even attempt to peek inside. Privacy is receiving a lot of attention now, especially with our constitutional rights on the subject being discussed in the courts. But, the constitution alone cannot insure privacy; it must be

insured by the way we live our lives.

In a different time and age, a non-Jewish prophet said of the Jewish people: *Ma Tovu* — "How goodly are your tents, Jacob. Your dwelling places, Israel." This blessing was in response to the manner in which the Jewish people arranged their tents in the desert;

never did a door or window from one tent face the same of another tent. People respected one another. When people needed privacy, they had it. But just as important as the privacy people were accorded inside their own homes, they had privacy outside, too; the Jews behaved in a modest manner.

The Jewish Rock

This week's Torah portion, Balak, relates the events following the encampment of the Israelites near the borders of the country of Moab. Balak, King of Moab, hired a renowned non-Jewish prophet, Bilaam, to curse the Jewish people. He hoped he would thereby bring misfortune upon the fledgling nation.

Bilaam ascended a hill, commanding a panoramic view of the encamped Israelites. After performing several pagan sacrificial rites, Bilaam waited for the proper inspiration to curse the people. G-d frustrated his intention in an unexpected manner. God caused Bilaam to perceive the good in the Jewish people. Normally, an evil person notices the bad in others, while a good person sees the positive.

In this case, a Divinely-inspired mood of prophecy and sense of goodness suddenly overtook Bilaam and, instead of cursing the Jewish nation, he blessed them in dramatic and beautifully poetic language.

In Bilaam's blessings there occurs a phrase: "I see him [the Jewish people] from the peak of the rock." (Numbers 23:19). Commentators explain that this is a reference to the rock-solid foundation of the Jews, namely, their ancestors. The prophet Isaiah, many years later, expressed the same idea when he exclaimed to the people: "Look to the rock from which you were hewn." (Isaiah 51:1) using the word Hebrew word "tzur" for rock. Tzur is more accurately translated as a "flintstone."

A flintstone has the remarkable property of producing sparks of fire when struck by another stone. Even more remarkable, however, is the fact that such a rock can lie immersed in water for hundreds, even thousands of years

without losing its fire-producing capability. If it is removed from the water and struck, a fiery spark is faithfully produced.

This quality of the flintstone is ascribed by the prophets to the Jewish people. A Jew can never lose his Jewishness. Even if he is submerged for years in a veritable ocean of non-Jewish influences, his spark of Jewishness can never be completely drowned or extinguished. With the proper approach and stimulation, the Divine spark of Jewish identity will surely be ignited; the spark can be fanned into a roaring flame.

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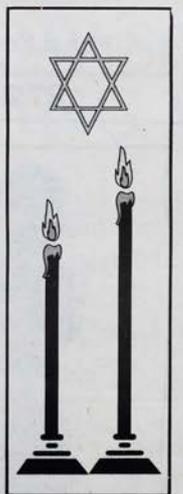
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The word "modesty" needn't conjure up puritanical visions of women in high collars, thick dark stockings and dresses down to the ankle. Modesty is more than the way a person dresses; clothes are just one part of the picture. There are private and public parts of our lives that we wouldn't dare reveal except to our most intimate friends, the same is true with our bodies.

When we say that the Jews had the privacy they needed inside their tents, it was not because they were behaving in a manner that would shock the neighbors. It was simply to keep those aspects of their lives which were personal, inside the home.

While we're trying to establish legally what privacy is and means, maybe we should take some time out to establish privacy, and modesty, as a value in our society.

Animal Rights in Washington

by Michael Fink
Special to the Herald

We stop by the local pet store every week to pick up feed for the rabbit, or for the parakeet, or for our pair of pigeons — or doves if that sounds better. My daughter, Emily, saw the sign pinned to the bulletin board. It said a march in Washington would take place in June for Animal Rights. Emily called the number to get the full scoop. Then she got back on the line to phone two junior high classmates, Ginger Dewing and Rachel Mansilla. Their group "Animals Count, Too" or "ACT" had made some loot from a giant candy sale. They got together and agreed to spend it and help pay for train fare to D.C. to join the rally.

Sure we were nervous about letting them go. We mothers and fathers dialed each other and dealt with the doubts. But Em, Rachel and Ginger make up a terrific trio, a band to contend with. They can handle themselves. Ginger and Rachel look like Mutt and Jeff and Em's voice can carry and convince. They've all been on stage together and shape a tough act. Mostly I was worried about the searing summer sun on her fair skin and the

cough she hadn't been able to shake off from a damp spring. We went out and bought her a strawbough hat with black band and ribbon and gave her the addresses and numbers of our friends who work for the government and live among the great national monuments. Reassuring presences.

We did check in once at the magic digits Emily had scrawled on a pad. We don't have high tech equipment in our house. Just our luck, we had a rotten connection and could hardly make out Em's voice at the other distant end of the wire. Emily, Ginger and Rachel had taken the tracks into a foggy void. We would see them on Monday when the coach pulled in under the new station. I showed up early at our modest new structure so opposite to the grandeur and splendor of the Union Station of D.C. where they had embarked. Three teenage girls of differing sizes all wearing similar straw hats with black bands and lugging heavy backpacks appeared round the columns of the subway. They carried the sticks that held up their local banner, tattered, like broken lances. Emily gave me a hug and showed off her battlescars. A rash of flea bites covered her

arms, legs, face, even in her eyesockets. They had stayed in a small apartment along with a menagerie of dogs, cats, mice, birds and other orphans and foundlings. Despite the hat she also bore a burn on her nose and high forehead. The wind kept blowing off her hat, she explained. A tornado and torrential rain had kept them housebound the day before the brilliant demonstration. The fleas had plenty of time to claim their animal rights over human flesh. The people in that pad were complete vegetarians, and Emily found her own views meeting an extreme point at the horizon.

This group of kids like to keep their views to themselves. They have club meetings behind closed doors. They guard their privacy. Even so, they were glad to share their adventures on the drive home. After all, the best part of a trip is getting back laden with a load of tales to tell. Superman had flown to Washington. Who sees the woes of the world and the sorrows of animals better than the flying golem who wants to rescue us all? Christopher Reeve gave a long speech which met both applause and protest. Emily said when he voiced an objection to

using animals for AIDS research, hisses moved over by the crowd. My Em basically likes common sense. She saw a band of naked nudists marching the whole distance of the parade route, to protest the abuse of beasts used for fur or even wool. She turned away from the terrorist slogans. When she was interviewed for local newspapers or radio shows, she had a ready speech. She told them, you shouldn't exploit an animal. You shouldn't escape from animals. That means, not face up to the cruelty imposed upon them when no one is looking. You must sanctify the creature and all creation, by which she meant that life is holy and must be thought of as sacred.

Em added that many religious groups turned out. She wasn't crazy about too much mysticism over real issues. Em

thinks the direction of the animal rights movement ought to be reasonable, as gentle in style as in purpose. In a cosmetic society, we use animals frivolously. But Em likes debate and knows there are sides and facets. She goes beyond bumper sticker one-liners.

Rachel forces the matter further. She stands against the fur trade, the mass industrial farming, and the hamburger life style. Ginger and Rachel took charge of preparing the banner they held aloft on the long procession to the Capitol, among 24,000 others.

I'm glad they traveled with a reason besides tourism. The T-shirts read, not "Don't Have a Cow," but "Don't Eat a Cow." Covered in calamine lotion against fleabites and sunburn, they bring a bit of D.C. back to R.I.



WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS?

by Louis M. Pulner, Esq.

Dear Attorney Pulner:

My son and his wife (now ex-wife) were divorced 13 months ago and since that time, I have been repeatedly denied the opportunity to visit with my two small grandchildren who live in Narragansett. My son moved out West and he has not been successful in helping me to see them. My grandchildren and I are both missing out on so much and I don't know what to do about it.

Milton, Providence

Dear Milton:

See an attorney. Statutes have been enacted to provide grandparents in positions like yours with a means to secure visitation rights. You must establish certain criteria to the court's satisfaction as well as overcoming the presumption that the parents' decision to keep the grandchildren away from you is a reasonable one. If you do this, the Family Court can establish a regular visitation schedule for you and enforce it by order of the court. Good luck to you.

Dear Attorney Pulner:

I was riding my bicycle one Saturday afternoon when all of a sudden, an unleashed dog came running off of a porch into the street and began to run alongside me biting my leg again and again. I finally was able to kick the dog and ride away, but haven't stopped shaking yet. I called the police and provided them with the street address and a description of the dog. Fortunately, I wasn't hurt but I easily could have been. Shouldn't that dog's owners be punished for their dog's actions?

Marjorie in Woonsocket

Dear Marjorie:

Yes. City ordinances provide for fines to be assessed to dog owners in circumstances as you have stated. Further, state laws exist establishing dog owner liability for much larger measures of damages in the event one is injured by a dog that is away from its owners' premises and unleashed. Compensation for medical expenses, lost wages, and pain and suffering

are just some of the claims available. If the dog has a history of vicious behavior, punitive damages may be assessed in addition to compensatory damages.

Dear Mr. Pulner:

As a hobby, my daughter has been making beautiful jewelry for the last year or so and now wishes to begin a business out of our basement. What does she need to know before doing so?

M.J.—Pawtucket

Dear M.J.:

First, your daughter should determine whether or not your home is zoned for such a business venture. I would suspect not, and recommend you seek legal counsel to be sure. At the same time, a decision as to whether or not she wants to be a sole proprietorship or a corporation should be made. If she is to have any employees, payroll taxes will have to be paid and certain insurances may be required by law. I would recommend your daughter contact the Small Business Administration (SBA) for further information and guidance before jumping in head first.

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Modern Orthodoxy Discussed At Convention

by Elena Neuman

SPRING GLEN, N.Y. (JTA) — Orthodoxy, the oldest branch of Judaism, has enjoyed increasing membership, burgeoning congregations and a renewed vitality in recent years.

But with young converts and previously nonpracticing Jews returning to traditional Judaism, the modern Orthodox movement in particular has been forced to re-examine its philosophy, goals and ways of dealing with halachic questions in the 1990s.

These were some of the issues rabbis were discussing at the annual convention of the Rabbinical Council of America, held two weeks ago at the Homowack Hotel here in the Catskill mountains. The RCA is the largest Orthodox rabbinic group in the world and represents mainly modern or centrist Orthodox leaders.

"The Orthodox movement has to reject every form of triumphalism, as Orthodoxy is on the rise today," said Rabbi Norman Lamm, president of Yeshiva University, in a keynote address.

At the same time, Lamm warned that Orthodoxy has suffered a loss of prestige because of "Orthodox-bashing" by its detractors. The way of moderation is open to attack of extremists. We must not be intimidated, nor must we compromise on principle or policy," he said.

With their synagogues packed with ba'alei teshuvah, or returnees to tradition, rabbis at the convention and in their various synagogues are struggling with the problem of implementing halachic law in the 1990s while maintaining the moderate, secular approach

of modern Orthodoxy.

"There can be two approaches to halachah," remarked Ezra Rosenfeld, director of Zomet Israel, in a presentation on technology and science. Zomet Israel is an Israeli-based organization that applies science and technology to halachah. "One: halachah was meant for humans in a real world; or two: halachah cannot deal with modern realities," Rosenfeld said. "Where should the line be drawn? Who should draw it?"

Rosenfeld displayed a collection of Zomet's "Shabbos contraptions" — the Shabbat telephone, a samovar for drawing hot water, a Shabbat ophthalmoscope, a gas timer for the stove, to name a few — that make Jewish observance easier in a modern world.

But gadgets or no gadgets, rabbis are still struggling with halachic conundrums. What does a disabled person dependent on an electric wheelchair do to get to synagogue on Shabbat? Can a woman carry her child to shul without an eruv? Should a woman who is the elected chairman of the synagogue board be allowed to address the congregation from the bimah?

These are questions that the ba'alei teshuvah are asking and the answers they are finding are, more often than not, by the book.

"We're opting for absolute truths," said Rabbi David Stavsky of Temple Beth Jacob in Columbus, Ohio. "Halachah has to be as true for everyone in the 1990s as it was in the days of the Ba'al Shem Tov (1698-1760). It can't be flexible and subject to the winds of change.

"We can be liberal," he said.

"But if liberalism comes in loggerheads with Torah, and Torah is emet (truth) then liberalism must bend to Torah, and not Torah to liberalism. If you make too many dents in the framework, then the whole structure would come tumbling down."

It is this reliance on the basic framework of halachic tradition, the rabbis say, that has led to the success of the modern Orthodox movement in America.

"Orthodoxy is successful because it has engaged modernity and retained an inner strength by not compromising its principles," said Rabbi Jeffrey Bienefeld of Young Israel of St. Louis.

The recent growth of modern Orthodoxy is a product of our time, Stavsky says. It began as a result of the Vietnam war and the counter-cultural movement of the '60s and grew in the '70s and '80s as young Jews began to search for a more spiritually satisfying way of life.

"American Jews are a very successful flourishing group, but many have not flourished in the spiritual world," said Rabbi Marc Angel of the Spanish-Portuguese Synagogue in New York, who was elected two weeks ago as the first Sephardic Jewish president of the RCA. "There is a sense of rootlessness. They want to find out where they come from."

And modern Orthodoxy is an attractive option, says Freundel. "It took 40 or 50 years to develop an American style of Orthodoxy. Orthodox leaders were all European and very traditional before," said Freundel. "But Orthodox Judaism has now put on American clothes."



Presidents conference in tribute to Abba Eban — More than 100 Jewish community leaders joined in saluting Abba Eban at a luncheon tendered by the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations in celebration of the Israeli diplomat's 75th birthday. Seymour D. Reich (left), Presidents Conference chairman, termed Eban "The most eloquent spokesman for the State of Israel" in presenting the former foreign minister and U.N. ambassador with a plaque containing a replica of the mezuzah on the synagogue in Prague.

Plan To Reform Diaspora Education Still Alive, Despite WZO Opposition

by Charles Hoffman

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A plan to reform Diaspora Jewish education programs was rescued from possible defeat recently by Diaspora leaders, who mustered a large majority for it in the final session of the Jewish Agency Assembly.

The plan calls for the establishment of a Jewish Education Authority, run jointly by Israeli and Diaspora leaders. The authority is supposed to consolidate and streamline the Jewish education programs of the Diaspora now run by the Jewish Agency and the World

Zionist Organization, which spend about \$50 million each year in this area.

It appeared earlier last week that the plan was doomed, after it was narrowly rejected by the WZO General Council. Since the Jewish Agency is run jointly by the WZO and Diaspora leaders, the WZO vote was seen by some as a veto of the plan.

The Diaspora community and fund-raising leaders, however, were determined to push the plan through, despite WZO opposition.

For years, Diaspora leaders have resented the fact while the WZO is funded by their contributions, they have very little say in how the WZO runs its educational programs, which are supposed to serve Diaspora youth.

The Jewish Agency Assembly, which has 398 members, passed a resolution giving agency and WZO leaders one more chance to iron out their differences over the plan. It called for a revised plan to be presented to the Jewish Agency Board of Governors in October.

The resolution says that if agreement is not reached by that time, each of the partners in the Jewish Agency "may consider such action as they deem appropriate with respect to Jewish education."

This is seen as a threat that if the WZO continues to resist reform, then the Jewish Agency will set up its own Jewish education department and stop funding WZO programs.

Most of the resistance in the WZO comes from the Likud forces, which include the Zionist Organization of America, and from Mizrahi, representing Orthodox Zionists. Within the WZO, the plan was supported by the Reform and Conservative movements, Hadassah, Labor and Mapam.

Despite their initial resistance to agency action on the plan, Likud and Mizrahi have decided to cooperate in setting up the authority.

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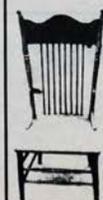
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Rabbi Says Anti-Semitism Has Gone 'Out of Fashion' French Jews Facing Division

SAO PAULO, Brazil — Although anti-Semitism persists to some degree in Latin America, it has definitely gone "out of fashion," according to the spiritual leader of South America's largest congregation.

Rabbi Henry I. Sobel, of Sao Paulo's Congregacao Israelita Paulista, says very few anti-Semitic and anti-Zionist acts are being committed in Latin America today because "people from all walks of life, from the most sophisticated intellectual to the most illiterate peasant, sense that it is wrong to discriminate against another human being because of his religious beliefs."

The rabbi cited this development in a previously unreported talk at the 25th biennial conference of the World Union for Progressive Judaism in London last month.

Rabbi Sobel warned, however, that the erosion of anti-Semitism in Latin America "does not mean that the population would never respond to a demagogic intent on disseminating anti-Jewish hatred."

At the same time, he cited recent cases showing how official sanctions against anti-Semitism are helping to create a climate in which anti-Jewish discrimination is no longer regarded as acceptable behavior. In Brazil, he said, a group of neo-Nazis has tried to obtain official registration of their political party but were rejected by the Supreme Electoral Court under the new Brazilian constitution that prohibits any form of racial or religious discrimination.

A neo-Nazi publishing house in Rio Grande do Sul, a southern Brazilian state, was successfully sued by the local Jewish federation and ordered by the court to withdraw its anti-Semitic books and videocassettes from all stores in the country.

A Catholic-Jewish Dialogue
Rabbi Sobel also attributed the growing social disapproval of anti-Semitism to close collaboration in recent years between the 150,000-member Brazilian Jewish community and Catholic religious leaders.

More than 90 percent of Brazil's 130 million people are Catholics.

The Jewish spiritual leader said that through the National Conference of Brazilian Bishops, a *Guidebook for Catholic-Jewish Dialogue* has been prepared and distributed to all dioceses and archdioceses in the country. The bishops have also succeeded in eliminating anti-Jewish references from all Catholic textbooks used in Brazilian schools.

Human Rights and Jewish Rights

The key, Rabbi Sobel said, lay in the Jewish community's policy of working "side by side" with church leaders to fight anti-Semitism "in the greater context of opposing all forms of discrimination and championing every cause that promotes equality and social justice."



Rabbi Henry Sobel

"Jewish concern for the rights of the underprivileged "generates respect for our rights as Jews," he said, adding: "A parochial battle against anti-Semitism is a lost battle."

The rabbi, a member of the Reform movement, noted that when the new Brazilian constitution was being written two years ago and the leaders of the national Jewish umbrella organization, Confederaçao Israelita do Brasil, were invited to present their views, they asked for no special protection for Jews.

"What was emphasized," he recalled, "was the need to guarantee equal rights and opportunities for all minorities,

regardless of race, color, religion, ideology or social class, and to ban all forms of discrimination as a crime punishable by law."

The Brazilian Jewish community has also successfully striven to maintain harmonious relations with all levels of government, according to Rabbi Sobel. When the new Brazilian President, Fernando Collor de Mello, made his first official trip abroad, his initial meeting was in New York City with the president of the World Jewish Congress, Edgar M. Bronfman. Rabbi Sobel and other leaders of Brazil's Jewish community were invited to accompany Mr. Collor on the Presidential plane to the United States and participated in the meetings at which the Brazilian President described as "a mistake" Brazil's 1975 support of the Arab-sponsored UN resolution equating Zionism with racism.

'The Danger of Inner Erosion'
In his address, Rabbi Sobel warned against accepting the theory that anti-Semitism alone is the issue that bonds Jews as a people. He called such a concept "a sad sign of alienation," adding that the real threat Jews face today is from within — the danger of inner erosion and assimilation. "The most pressing tasks of Latin American Jewry are 'to remain Jews' and 'to re-discover and redefine what it means to be a Jew and a Zionist,'" he said.

"Here in Brazil and across Latin America," Rabbi Sobel said, "the most urgent problems are the need to bolster 'Jewish identity, Jewish education, Jewish values and Jewish culture.' Increased Jewish observance and self-pride, he said, strengthens the Jewish people from within. "Non-Jews respect us more when we affirm our origins and our faith," he asserted.

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Tourists inspect the remains of the Shuni Fortress amphitheater, excavated by JNF as part of its development of Jabotinsky Park, between Zichron Yaacov and Binyamina, Israel.

by Edwin Eytan

PARIS (JTA) — The head of the largest Orthodox Jewish organization, claiming it is "the only true representative" of France's 600,000 Jews, has declared war on its secular counterpart.

Benny Cohen, president of the Consistory, openly challenged CRIF, the umbrella body of major French Jewish organizations.

"CRIF consists of many organizations but these represent nothing at all," said Cohen, a 40-year-old businessman of North African origin. "I don't see for whom they speak or whom they represent," he said in an interview with the Jewish periodical, *Jour J*.

The battle shaping up seems to stem from ideological and social differences no less than the traditional one of religious versus secular conflicts.

The Consistory's new leadership is generally of North African origin and is politically closer to Israel's right-wing than the leadership of CRIF, which traditionally has been considered the political spokesman of French Jewry.

Jewish circles believe that a letter sent earlier last month by former CRIF President Theo Klein to Israeli President Chaim Herzog, urging direct talks with the Palestine Liberation Organization may have triggered Cohen's outburst.

The Consistory, once part of CRIF, seceded in 1986 after the

parent body decided to join the European Jewish Congress, an affiliate of the World Jewish Congress.

Local Jewish leaders suggested privately that Cohebn may be making an open bid to replace CRIF President Jean Kahn as the Jewish community's political spokesman. "The new Consistory leadership is far more representative than CRIF," Cohen declared, adding that "this has been recognized" by the government.

He alluded to the fact that President Francois Mitterrand personally visited the chief rabbi of France to express his sympathy and outrage after the ancient Jewish cemetery at Carpentras in southern France was vandalized on the night of May 9-10.

CRIF, created in the immediate post-war years, consists of 64 Jewish cultural, social and educational organizations and institutions.

They include the country's main Jewish fund-raising body, Fonds Social Juif Unifie, which runs most of the Jewish schools and social welfare agencies, the United Jewish Appeal, Jewish Agency and Alliance Israelite Universelle.

The Consistory controls the Orthodox synagogues, elects and appoints rabbis, including the chief rabbi, and administers most religious institutions such as ritual slaughter, burial societies and rabbinical courts.

L.A. Times Sues Hebrew Paper

by Tom Tugend

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — The *Los Angeles Times*, the largest circulation daily in the United States, has filed a lawsuit against *Israel Shelanu*, claiming that the Hebrew-language weekly and Shmuel Shmueli, its owner and editor, have persistently pirated its news stories and photographs.

Israel Shelanu (*Our Israel*) is published in New York and Los Angeles and has a wide readership in the Israeli community.

In the bulky complaint filed in U.S. District Court, the *Times* cites six specific cases in May 1989 and five in November of "blatant and inexcusable appropriation of the *Times* copyrighted articles and photographs."

In 10 of the cited cases, Israel Shelanu allegedly reproduced photos which had appeared in the *Times*.

In the eleventh case, dealing with an item about "Miami Vice" star Don Johnson buying

a home in Beverly Hills, Israel Shelanu also plagiarized the article, said Kelli Sager, the attorney representing the *Times*.

To back up her contention, she submitted the original *Times* article, then the *Israel Shelanu* version, and thirdly a translation from the Hebrew back into English.

Sager said that the *Times*

wrote a warning letter to Shmueli last November, which had never been answered.

Sager said she will seek statutory and punitive damages and a preliminary injunction against further use of *Times* material by *Israel Shelanu*.

Phone calls to Shmueli at his offices in Los Angeles and New York were not returned.

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AROUND TOWN

by Dorothea Snyder



Iris and Jack Minkin are fans of plovers. They're at the booth of waterfowl decoratives by George Abatiello, smiling with approval in center background.



Hy Comen likes this watercolor by Carole Berren Cohen. Carole, who instructs classes in watercolor, was "proud and excited" that five of her students were among the artists at the Narragansett Art Festival. "One was a prize winner!" she exclaimed.



Meryl Woolf points out to Eric Dansicker an eye-catching scene painted by watercolorist Claire Goodman, all from left.

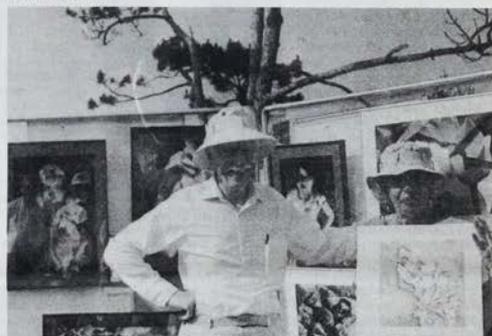


Susan Sugarman admires a Don Bousquet shirt held by Peter Gardiner, executive director of the South County Museum. The t-shirt was among items sold at the Museum's booth during the Art Festival.

Art By The Sea



Cal Wellman would rather dip into a bag of candies than have a charcoal drawing by Janis Stevens. But Janis is equipped with a hand puppet to get Cal's attention.



Photographer Arthur Swoger with artist wife Rachel, who holds up one of her paintings. Arthur's pictures have filled the windows at Tiffany's in New York and a collection of his images was used in an episode of "Sesame Street." His photographs have been widely published.



Matthew D.J. Stuart shields himself from the sun's rays while a couple of young lads concentrate on the pastel artist's drawings.



Photos by Dorothea Snyder

Arts and Entertainment

'Guys And Dolls' Packed With Punch

by Dorothea Snyder

In an autobiography written in 1974 about his 26 years in the theatre, Hal Prince called "Guys and Dolls" one of the best musicals he'd ever seen. Now, 16 years later, I'd wager the acclaimed producer/director would repeat his statement.

That Broadway musical fable, now at Theatre-By-The-Sea, gives truth to that axiom. It's a show that exudes with musical dash and a circle of distinct characters that come together like two cymbals on impact.

The music and lyrics were written by Frank Loesser, son of a piano teacher who disliked popular music. Loesser brought his classical background together with the popular medium he loved in his "Guys and Dolls" musical score such as "Fugue for Tinhorns" and his Broadway inspired "Luck Be a Lady."

"Guys and Dolls" is based upon the characters Damon Runyan knew so well... an assortment of horseplayers, gamblers, showgirls and petty gamblers, who lived a little below the borderline that divides lawlessness from civic morality. Smug, they considered themselves smarter than people who worked for an honest day's pay.

The genius of "Guys and Dolls" portrays them sans glamour. Loesser's music and lyrics characterized them with total frankness. Every song defines a character. Every song is a winner. It's impossible to leave without humming a melody of songs, one distinctly different from the next.

Take this factor and combine it with Theatre-By-The-Sea's company who does justice to this wonderful production with some extraordinary casting. Rusty Riegelman as Miss Adelaide is flawless in her comedic timing and great vocal talents to match. She aims to march her fiancé of 14 years to the altar; Nathan Detroit, played well by Michael Calkins, coyly stalls the event.

The story also centers around Sarah Brown (Sally Ann Swarm), a Saver-of-Souls Missionary. Sky Masterson, played by Garrett Walters, is a big-time gambler, who falls in love with Sarah and to gain her lifetime commitment, promises to bring 12 lost souls to the mission for a prayer meeting. Swarm, as Sarah, is charmingly innocent and sweet in song. Walters is confident but not tough enough, yet he pairs up well with Sarah and the two sing several lovely numbers together... "I'll Know," and "I've Never Been In Love Before."

Salty Brine is delightful as a grandfatherly Salvation Army officer, Arvide Abernathy, who stirs a sniffe or two with his absolutely heartwarming song to Sarah, "More I Cannot Wish You."

Kim Story does nicely as Nicely Nicely Johnson as well as Larry Parrish as Benny Southstreet. They're Runyan-esque characters all right.

Jeff Modereger's sets, backdrops and frontdrops are strikingly gorgeous. Broadway scenes that roar with the tumult of Times Square and the Hot Club. One exceptional drop is a magnificent Gauguin-like floral design with a splendid splash of color.

Cecilia Friedrichs' costumes are great... zoot suits, Fifties fedoras, pin stripes, dazzling fashions. Choreographing on Matunuck's stage is a challenge, but always appears so easy when the curtain goes up. Dance numbers are skillfully handled by director Pamela Hunt and Michelle Yaroshko.

It's nostalgic to see musicals like "Guys and Dolls" and wish there were more around like this one. That's entertainment! "More I Cannot Wish You" is to hie to Matunuck and treat yourself to a delicious trimming of Theatre-By-The-Sea's 1990 season!

"Guys and Dolls" to be performed through July 22nd at Theatre-By-The-Sea, Matunuck. Tickets are \$18 and \$20. Call 401-782-TKTS or 1-800-401-782-TKTS outside Rhode Island.

A Love Story with a Jagged Edge

"Burn This" by Lanford Wilson will be presented by Brown Summer Theatre for two weeks, Tuesday, July 10-Saturday, July 14 and Tuesday, July 17-Saturday, July 21, 1990. All performances will begin at 8 p.m. in the Isabelle Russek Leeds Theatre, 77 Waterman St. (at the marquee) on the Brown University campus. Tickets are priced at \$10 and may be purchased or reserved by calling the Box Office at (401) 863-2838 during business hours Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tickets for senior citizens 65 and over and students with a valid ID are \$8. Tickets are by reserved seating and very limited, especially for Friday and Saturday evenings, so it is best to purchase early.

The third play presented by Brown Summer Theatre is "Burn This" by Lanford Wilson who is the author of "Talley's Folly" and "Fifth of July." "Burn This" is a recent Broadway blockbuster which will have the audience fascinated with four violently opposing characters and their interrelationships following the sudden, senseless death of a friend and relative. The drama exposes explosive emotional wounds. The director, Jay Dorff, received his Master of Arts in Theatre Arts from Brown University in 1986. His directing credits at Brown include "How I Got That Story, Like a Floating Thing, Division Street" and last summer "Baby with the Bathwater."



Garrett Walters as Sky Masterson and Sally Ann Swarm, Sarah Brown, in "Guys and Dolls" at Theatre-By-The-Sea in Matunuck through July 22nd.

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Local News

Friday, July 6 — Thirteen days in Tammuz. Candle-lighting is at 8:03 p.m. Minchah at 7 p.m.

Saturday, July 7 — Fourteen days in Tammuz. The Torah reading today is Parshas Bolok. Morning services 9:30 a.m. Kiddush follows immediately. Minchah at 8:20 p.m. Ma'ariv at 9:10 p.m. Havdalah at 9:15 p.m. Shabbush concludes 9:14 p.m.

Sunday, July 8 — morning services at 7:45 a.m.

Tuesday, July 10 — Seventeen days in Tammuz. The fast of 17 Tammuz is one of the four fast days ordained by the prophets to commemorate tragic historic events occurring in our history. This day is a 24-hour fast, exactly as Yom Kippur. The fast inaugurates a three-week period of mourning for the destruction of the Temple. On this day five tragedies befell the Jewish people. Moshe smashed the original tablets after descending from Mount Sinai and finding the

Jewish people worshipping the Golden Calf; daily sacrificing was stopped due to a lack of sacrificial animals; Apostomos burnt a Torah Scroll; a Heathen idol was brought into the Temple; the Walls of Jerusalem were breached by Titus' army which ended in the destruction of the Second Temple. Morning services are scheduled for 6:15 and afternoon services for 7:30.

Morning services for Monday and Thursday are at 6:30; Wednesday and Friday at 6:45. Minchah for the entire week is at 8 p.m. except Tuesday, July 10, 7:30 p.m.

The Jewish Year Calendar

A holiday is on its way! Which will it be: a gay and fun-filled one like Purim or Chanukah? A solemn and sobering one like Yom Kippur? Whichever it is, it will mean ceremonies and family gatherings, a time for thought and for prayer. We will be reminded of our past, and the present will become endowed with rich

Sons of Jacob

meaning for most holidays celebrate important events, and serve to keep the memory of these great and illustrious moments alive.

The more we know about our holidays and about the Jewish customs and ceremonies of Judaism, the richer our daily lives will be — regardless of our successes or unfortunate failures, for all of our festivals belong to the Jewish year and the Jewish year is part of our heritage — of each of us. It is part of belonging to the Jewish people. The Jewish year is ours to have and to hold, and the only time it slips away is when we pretend it isn't there.

Who is the bearer of holiday tidings? The Jewish Calendar, of course. When we study the calendar to make us aware of the holidays, we will begin the fascinating and very rewarding task of learning our Jewish heritage.

The story of the Jewish calendar begins in the days when our ancestors were a

farming people. They had to know in advance when the seasons began and ended, and they needed more detailed divisions of the year than just summer and winter.

They found that they could get a lot of information by watching the moon. When the first sign of a crescent appeared, the Great Sanhedrin (the Jewish High Court) in Jerusalem proclaimed the new month. Soon they discovered that it takes the moon 29½ days to circle the earth. Twelve moon months added up to 354 days. Here was a puzzle. If they followed the moon-calendar, they would sometimes celebrate Passover in the winter instead of the spring, and the planting seasons would be completely confused. So they made a combined moon-and-sun calendar, because the earth circles the sun every 365 days. To make up the difference an extra month was added to the calendar seven times in every 19-year cycle. This is the reason

the months in the calendar are moon-months (lunar) but the year is a Sun Year (solar).

The "number" of the Jewish year is determined by the number of years since the creation of the world as accounted for in the Bible.

The entire Jewish Calendar follows the pattern set by our festivals as fasts.

This is a birds-eye view of the Jewish Calendar. If your interests persist — please join us!

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Read the Herald!

Leukemia Society Looking for a Few Good Teams

The Rhode Island Chapter of the Leukemia Society is looking for a few good teams to participate in the 3rd Annual Tug For Life, tug of war competition. This exciting event is scheduled for Saturday, July 21, at Narragansett Town Beach beginning at 1 p.m. The competition is open to anyone interested in putting a team together.

Each participant must pay or raise \$35 in sponsorship pledges in order to be eligible.

All teams are limited to a total weight of 1,000 lbs.

Tony Mascaro of WPRO-FM and Ken Bell of WLNE TV 6 will act as referees for this crazy event. Prizes will be awarded to the top individual fund raisers. The winning team will receive a trophy, while the highest fund raising team will receive a trophy and an appearance on the Society's 4th National Teleview in August. In addition, incentive prizes will be awarded to each person

raising over \$35.

Past champions include NLE Carpentry and Olympus Gym. Apollo Health & Fitness, Champions Gym, Newport Athletic Club, One Pelham East, Sherwood Ultra Sports Center, Suburban Fitness, Bill Strong Enterprises, and World Gym are among the teams who have participated in the past. Not only in this competition a battle of strength, but a battle against the number one disease killer of children. All proceeds from the "tug" benefit leukemia patient aid and research programs.

If you are interested in putting a team together or need further information, please contact the Leukemia Society at 943-8888. You won't want to miss the fun!!

Sidewalk Fine Arts Fair

The Architect's Galleries located on 259 Water St., Warren, is having a Sidewalk Fair featuring fine art, antiques and gourmet dining on the waterfront on July 4, 5, 6 and 7 from 12:30-7 p.m. For more information call 245-9690.

Smith joins Sugarman

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Two names that have long been synonymous with outstanding religious service to the Rhode Island and nearby Massachusetts Jewish communities are joining forces to continue that tradition.

On July 2, the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel here will become the Sugarman-Smith Memorial Chapel. At that time, Michael D. Smith of Warwick will be named chief executive officer of the Chapel's parent firm, Dade Service Company. Smith, 45, is the son of Jacob S. Smith, Cantor Emeritus of Temple Torat Yisrael, Cranston, and the grandson of the late Rev. Meyer E. Smith.

The Sugarman-Smith Memorial Chapel will continue to operate out of the former Max Sugarman Funeral Home at 458 Hope Street at the corner of Doyle Avenue.

Smith, who has been associate director of the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel for the past six years, said this name change reflects his more active and deeper involvement in the operation of the chapel.

Smith, his wife, Marilyn, and their three sons reside in



Michael Smith

Warwick and are members of Temple Am David, Warwick. He is a member of the Temple's board of directors, president of the Friendship Lodge of Touro Fraternal Association, a member of the Religious Committee of the Jewish Home for the Aged of Rhode Island, a member of Redwood Lodge of the Masons and of Post #23 of the Jewish War Veterans of Rhode Island.

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Milestones

Sandy Gold 1st Am David Service Award Recipient

Temple Am David of Warwick proudly announces that the winner of the first annual Lifetime Service Award is Sanford (Sandy) Gold. Mr. Gold was presented the award at a June 1 Shabbat dinner, which also included the installation of Temple officers. A plaque engraved with Mr. Gold's name will hang in the Temple's Past President's room. Space has been left on the plaque to engrave the name of future years' honorees.

Sandy Gold has been a member of Temple Am David for nearly 20 years and for much of that time has served on the Temple's Board of Directors. He is one of the two primary organizers and operators of Friends of Temple Am David, a fundraising organization that runs, among other things, the Temple's popular bingo. Sandy has played a central role in maintaining the temple's programmatic and financial viability. He is always ready to help whenever asked and has organized many progressive dinners and raffle dances. He has actively supported and contributed to the Temple's youth activities, in particular U.S.Y. (United Synagogue Youth).

Commenting on Sandy's receiving the Award, Rabbi Scott White said, "Sandy Gold's many years of devotion and hard work have been indispensable in maintaining our community's ability to function. His unflinching enthusiasm, especially for our youth programs, has helped make them very fulfilling and excit-



Sandy Gold

ing. I congratulate him on being the first recipient of this important award."

Temple President Bob Silverman, said, "Sandy is one person who consistently does the work of several. He typifies the best in the spirit of Temple Am David's membership. His work makes it possible for a moderate sized congregation to support and offer the many quality programs and services of a large temple."

Sandy is the husband of Estelle Gold and the father of Susan Gold and Linda Gold Salk. He is in the creative department of Leonard Monahan Lubars and Partners, Providence's largest advertising agency.

Spector Receives MBA

Cindy M. Spector, daughter of Joan and Jordan Bergel of Cranston, has received her Master's Degree in Business Administration from Northeastern University. She received her Bachelor of Science in Finance and Insurance from Northeastern University in 1984.

Cindy is employed as a multi-currency software consultant specialist for ITS Associates in Wellesley, Mass.

Cindy is married to Steven Spector and they make their home in Bedford, Mass.

Kuszek-Cohen



Michelle Lisa Kuszek and David L. Cohen, of Casselberry, Fla., were married June 3, 1990 at Temple Emanu-El in Providence. The bride is the daughter of Lois Kuszek of Contoocook, N.H.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Cohen of 55 Mountain Laurel Drive in Cranston.

The bride, who wore a satin lace and beaded gown, was given in marriage by her mother. Her bouquet consisted of white roses. The maid of honor was Miriam J. Cohen, the sister of the groom. The matron of honor was Lisa Donahue, the aunt of the bride. The bridesmaids were: Cara Cohen, the groom's sister, Debbie Strino, Robin Aronson and Rene Quillette. The bridesmaids wore peach satin dresses.

The best man was Louis Aronson, the groom's cousin. The ushers were: Frank Sicola, Louis Pulner, Robert and Jonathan Cohen (the groom's brothers) and Jeff Donahue.

The couple will reside in Casselberry, Fla.

Brenner Receives Degree

Jeffrey S. Brenner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald M. Brenner, 395 Woodland Road, Woonsocket, received the Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree from the Washington College of Law at The American University, at graduation ceremonies held recently in Washington, D.C. Mr. Brenner served as managing editor of the *Law Review* and has been published in the *R.I. Bar Journal*. He also served as secretary of the Student Bar Association.

A 1983 high honor graduate of Woonsocket High School, he received a B.A. degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1987, majoring in political science.

He has accepted a position as a judicial clerk for the R.I. Superior Court.

His mother, Miss Elizabeth Epstein of Rochester, N.Y., who received her undergraduate degree at Brown University, also received the J.D. degree this year from Washington College of Law at The American University. They plan to marry in August 1990.

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Cranston-Warwick Hadassah

Cranston-Warwick Chapter of Hadassah announces a pool party luncheon to be held on Monday, July 30, for prospective members. The luncheon is to be held at the Villa Del Rio Club House in Warwick starting at 11:30 a.m.

Mrs. Ruth Ross and Mrs. Nellie Lobello, co-chairladies of the event, indicated that anyone wishing to join the Cranston-Warwick Chapter is invited to attend. Any regular member of the chapter who brings a prospective member is also welcome.

Reservations can be made by calling Ruth Ross at 781-2478 or Nellie Lobello at 467-4154. Reservations should be made by July 18, 1990.

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Andrew Glucksman Inducted Eagle Scout



L. to R: Rabbi Scott White, Suzanne Glucksman, Andrew Glucksman and Barry Glucksman.

Boy Scout Troop 10 of Warwick is proud to announce its first Eagle Scout. On June 10, in a formal Eagle Scout Court of Honor, Andrew Glucksman, 18, of Warwick was inducted into the highest rank of scouting. The ceremony was performed at Temple Am David of Warwick, with scoutmaster Fred Summers and scouting committee chairman Jerry Aron presiding. Troop 10 is sponsored by the Men's Club of Temple Am David.

Andrew is the son of Barry and Suzanne Glucksman of Warwick. He has two brothers, Richard and Daniel. Andrew is a 1990 graduate of Pilgrim High School and will be entering the University of Rhode Island in the Fall, where he plans to major in marketing. He has been actively involved in scouting since he was 11.

Besides scouting, Andrew also enjoys art and music, biking, skiing, tennis and sailing. While at Pilgrim High School, Andrew was a member of the History Club. He participated in the Model Legislature and for two years was a member of the Pilgrim team that debated cases at the R.I. Supreme Court and Federal Supreme Court in a statewide program of mock trials. The students act as witnesses and attorneys and are coached by members of the Rhode Island Bar.

Andrew was also a member of the Pilgrim High FBLA, Future Business Leaders of

Congregation Ohave Shalom

The Young Israel of Pawtucket will have services this Friday night at 8:10 p.m. This Saturday morning services will be at 9 a.m. with kiddush to follow. At these services Irving Schild will be called to the Torah in honor of his forthcoming marriage.

Saturday afternoon Rabbi Jacobs' class will be at 7:15 p.m. Mincha is at 8 p.m. followed by the Third Sabbath Meal. Ma'ariv is at 9 p.m. Havdalah is at 9:10 p.m.

Tuesday, July 10, is the fast day of the Seventeenth day of Tamuz (Shiva Asar B'tammuz). Haircuts and weddings are prohibited for three weeks. The fast begins at 4:08 a.m. and concludes at 9:07 p.m. Services Tuesday morning begin at 6:30 a.m. Evening services are at 8 p.m. Otherwise the regular schedule of services will be the following week.

A class is being organized in the study of tractate makot using the art scroll edition. For information call 724-3552.

America. He received the Rhode Island FBLA 1989 award as best marketer of the year for Rhode Island. He has been vice-president for marketing for his school chapter. He also has been involved in junior achievement and taught business fundamentals to students in the Greene Elementary School in Warwick.

Andrew's Eagle Scout project entailed the supervision of a group of scouts who sorted out dozens of boxes of old religious books and articles and assisted in their burial at Lincoln Park Cemetery.

At his induction as Eagle Scout he received a proclamation from the President of the United States. Senator David Sholes delivered to Andrew a citation from the Rhode Island Senate. Andrew was also given a certificate of recognition from the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Last February, Andrew had won the Ner Tamid award, the Jewish award for scouting.

Troop 10 of Warwick is a non-sectarian Boy Scout troop open to any boys age seven and up interested in scouting. Further information can be obtained by calling Joyce at Temple Am David, 463-7944.

Striar JCC Presents Iris and Ofer

On Thursday, July 12 the Striar JCC, 445 Central St., Stoughton, Mass., presents Iris and Ofer as part of their Concerts in the Courtyard Series. Seating begins at 6 p.m. and music starts at 6:45 p.m. Refreshments for sale. Iris and Ofer are a musical duo who blend traditional Israeli music with contemporary music.

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You can:

- Fill out the accompanying form and mail it by July 26 to the U.S. Census Bureau address printed on the form;
- Call a toll-free number, 1-800-999-1990, and give pertinent census information; or,
- Visit one of two walk-in census assistance centers in Providence or one in Central Falls and receive personal assistance in filling out a "Were You Counted?" form.

Assistance is available in a variety of languages. Here are the locations and times of operation:

- 1) Urban League of Providence, 246 Prairie Avenue, Providence, 1 p.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 5-26;
- 2) Smith Hill Center, 110 Ruggles Street, Providence, 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Wednesdays and at the Smith Hill Center's Food Closet, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 5-26;
- 3) Central Falls Community Center, 361 Cowden Street, Central Falls, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday, July 5-26.

Toll-free telephone assistance is available seven days per week from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. through July and is offered in several languages. All personal information is totally confidential by law. The numbers are:

- English: 1-800-999-1990
- Thai: 1-800-288-1984
- Spanish: 1-800-283-6826
- Cambodian: 1-800-289-1960
- Korean: 1-800-444-6205

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Summer Dungeons and Dragons Class at JCCRI

Experience adventure this summer at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence. The Youth Department is holding a Summer Dungeons and Dragons class with Dungeon Master Phil Hiron on Mondays, July 9 through August 13, from 1 to 4 p.m. The class is open to children and youth entering grades 4-12. The fee is \$8 per child per class; participants pay only for the sessions attended, in advance or at the door. Minimum for each class is 5 participants; maximum for each class is 10 participants.

For more information please call Michele Bram at 861-8800.

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A graduate of the American Bankers Association National Consumer Credit School at the University of Oklahoma, Miss Bader attended the Community College of Rhode Island and the American Institute of Banking.

Miss Bader, daughter of Mrs. Nathan Bader of East Providence, and the late Mr. Bader, is a member of Credit Professionals of Rhode Island, the Rhode Island Business and Professional Women and serves on the Board of Directors of the Credit Executives of Southeastern New England.



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Expulsion from Spain, Remembered

NEW YORK — Mr. Mauricio Hatchwell, President of the International Jewish Committee for Sephard '92, announced the Committee's endorsement of two programs as "official Sephard '92 projects," part of an extensive program to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the expulsion of the Jews from Spain. Sephard '92 was formed to educate the public about the events leading up to the expulsion, the subsequent dispersion of Sephardim (Jews of Spanish origin), and the rebirth and growth of Sephardic Jewry throughout the world. The announcement came following a meeting of the Board of Sephard '92 here.

In 1492, as Spain prepared for Columbus' departure for the New World, more than 400,000 Spanish Jews were given the choice to convert to Christianity or be expelled from their homeland by King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella. With little hope and much despair, about half of Spain's ancient Jewish community chose to leave. They settled in countries on both sides of the Mediterranean — including the Ottoman Empire, North Africa, the Netherlands, Portugal, France, Italy, and the Caribbean. Some even found their way, via Recife, Brazil, to New York in 1654. Those Jews who left Spain became the nucleus of today's Sephardic community, which numbers 2.2 million people.

For the 1992 commemoration of the expulsion the American Jewish Congress, in cooperation with Sephard '92, is developing tours to 12 different countries with a Sephardic history. Some will be traditional tours and others will be led by scholars who will lecture throughout the visits. Among those programs in the planning

stage are: "In the Footsteps of Maimonides," which will take visitors to various parts of Spain including those most frequented, as well as those not usually on typical itineraries; visits to Tiberias and Sedad in Israel, and to various cities in Turkey, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria. Cruises will also be offered with stops in Mediterranean ports.

"By My Spirit," originated by a group of young leaders from the International Jewish Forum, will be a one-day gathering intended as an act of faith and fellowship to be held in Toledo, one of the major focal points for the 1992 commemoration. On May 4, 1992, people from all over the world will converge on Toledo to participate in "By My Spirit."

The activities will begin with a gathering at sunset, augmented by cultural and artistic events including: photography and historical exhibitions; performances by theatrical groups and artists featuring musical presentations from Sephardic traditions; and a presentation of a Biblical Garden to the city. The program is scheduled to include a celebratory concert by the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. Then, in a symbolic journey on behalf of the exiles who never reached the Holy Land in 1492, "By My Spirit" will continue to Israel where, in Jerusalem, additional activities will take place to coincide with Israel's Independence Day.

"The title 'By My Spirit' is a Biblical quote from Zechariah that says 'Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit says the Lord,'" explained Michele Bokobza, one of the founders of the projects. "This experience will offer Jews and non-Jews the opportunity to join hands in an affirmation of humankind's eternal hope for

tolerance and acceptance. As such, we are very pleased to be part of the official program for Sephard '92."

Sephard '92 was founded by His Excellency, Yitzhak Navon, formerly both the President of Israel and the Minister of Culture and Education. Nobel Prize winner Elie Wiesel is the honorary Chairman, and Mauricio Hatchwell Toledano of Madrid, is the President. The Committee is spearheaded by the World Sephardi Federation and its internationally respected President, Nessim D. Gaon.

Sephard '92, headquartered in New York, was organized to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the expulsion of the Jews from Spain and to bring to the world the totality of the Sephardic experience. Through a broad range of international activities over the next several years, Sephard '92 will provide information and a perspective on the events leading up to the expulsion, the tragedy of the Inquisition, and the survival and ensuing development of the Sephardic Jewish world. Since the history of the Sephardim includes several centuries of coexistence with Christians and Muslims, Sephard '92 hopes to promote better understanding among all the peoples of the world.

Individuals or groups who would like more information about Sephard '92 and its endorsed projects, including the American Jewish Congress' Sephardic tours and "By My Spirit," should contact Sephard '92 headquarters: International Jewish Committee for Sephard '92, 515 Park Ave., Suite 600, New York, N.Y. 10022 (212) 308-1992.

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In this 1921 photo, a geography class uses relief maps to teach these blind students at the Jewish Institute for the Blind in Jerusalem, part of JDC's efforts to sustain the Jewish community in Palestine and promote its economic development.



Founded to relieve the suffering of the Jewish communities of Palestine and Europe caught in the agonies of the First World War, this 1919 photo, one of the earliest in the JDC archive, shows JDC leaders overseeing the first post-war shipment of kosher meat to the starving Jews of Poland.

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Self-Sufficiency For Soviet Jews Is Objective Of JDC

by Charles Hoffman

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Training Soviet Jews to develop their own Jewish community life will be the guiding principle of the Joint Distribution Committee's work in the Soviet Union for the near future, according to JDC director Michael Schneider. In an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Schneider said that the JDC "will be helping Soviet Jews reach greater self-sufficiency by training religious and communal functionaries, and by holding experiments in income-making projects."

In the next few months, JDC will start courses in Israel for about two dozen religious functionaries and a similar number of community organizers.

The religious functionaries will be trained to lead religious services, hold life-cycle events, serve as ritual slaughterers and perhaps also as mohalim.

Among the income-producing projects being considered are matzah baking, Jewish book shops, kosher wine making, Jewish tourism and publishing.

There is now a widely shared Jewish agenda for Soviet Jews, Schneider said, "with aliyah as the number one priority. No one wants to do anything to hamper this. But even with a massive aliyah,

there will still be a residual Jewish population that has no Jewish knowledge or communal infrastructure.

"As fast as Jews are being moved out (of the Soviet Union), we are bringing Jewish knowledge in, and with the same sense of urgency, since no one knows what will happen there."

Part of JDC's self-sufficiency program in the libraries of Jewish knowledge in the Russian

language being shipped to organized groups of Jews in 22 cities.

The basic library contains 212 titles, although over 200 more titles are available.

The library includes fiction, modern Hebrew literature, religious texts, prayer books, Bibles, guides to the Jewish holidays, books about Israel and the Holocaust, and a four-volume abridged edition of the Encyclopedia Judaica.

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JOEL A. ORCHOFF
PROVIDENCE — Joel A. Orchoff, 56, of 395 Angell St. died Wednesday, June 27, at home.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Jacob and Brina (Brinson) Orchoff.

Mr. Orchoff was a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston.

He leaves a brother, Ross Orchoff of Inman, S.C., and a sister, Judith Burke of Branford, Conn.

A graveside service was held Thursday, June 28, at Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon, Mass. Arrangements were by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

ISIDORE PAUL

ROSLINDALE, Mass. — Isidore Paul, 96, of Roslindale, formerly of Brighton, died Monday, July 2. He was the husband of the late Dora Paul and Molly Alexander Paul.

He leaves a stepson, Dr. Reuben Alexander of Cranston; a stepdaughter, Leah Alexander of Calif.; three grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held Tuesday, July 3, at the Ashkenaz Cemetery, Everett, Mass. Arrangements were by the Levine Chapel, Brookline, Mass.

LAWRENCE J. RESNICK

PROVIDENCE — Lawrence J. Resnick, 52, of 144 Congdon St., died Friday, June 29, at home.

Born in New York City, he was the son of the late Paul and Charlotte (Cone) Resnick. He was the owner of Excemaster Mfg. Co. in Pawtucket for eight years. He lived in Providence for eight years, previously residing in Los Angeles, Calif.

Mr. Resnick was on the board of directors of the Music School, Inc. in Providence.

He is survived by his sister, Jill Resnick of New York City.

Funeral services were private. Arrangements by the Sugarmann-Smith Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

STEPHEN S. WOLFSOHN

PAWTUCKET — Stephen S. Wolfson, 89, of the Oak Hill Nursing Center, Pleasant Street, a salesman for the former Saltzman's Clothing Store for more than 30 years before retiring in 1979, died Sunday, June 24, at the center. He was the husband of the late Herta (Gruenzweig) Wolfson.

Born in Russia, a son of the late Solomon and Rachel (Riven) Wolfson, he lived in Pawtucket since 1938.

Mr. Wolfson was a member of the Touro Fraternal Association, and the Roger Williams Lodge of B'nai B'rith.

He leaves a daughter, Janet H. Miller of Pawtucket; a son, Alexander Wolfson of Brooklyn, N.Y.; three brothers, Max Wolfson in Israel; Oscar and Samuel Wolfson, both of Miami, Fla.; and two grandchildren.

A graveside service was held Monday, June 25, at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

UJA Drive

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Vaad leader Yosef Zissels said his organization stands for the right of Soviet Jews to emigrate, but also wants to "preserve Soviet Jewry as a national and cultural entity."

He said the Vaad is setting up a network of offices and advisers all over the Soviet Union to "help inform Soviet Jews about Israel and to start their absorption in Israel while they wait in the Soviet Union."

The Vaad will provide Hebrew courses, professional orientation and programs for children of prospective olim, he said.

Zissels said that outside Jewish organizations often take a paternalistic attitude toward Soviet Jews and do not take regional differences into account. He said the Vaad had received complaints from immigrants that Israel is unprepared to cope with the mass aliyah.

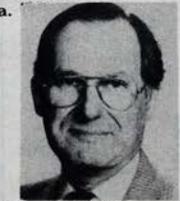
Trevor Chinn, head of the Jewish Agency Board of Governors committee on Eastern Europe, said the agency now has 10 emissaries from Israel in the Soviet Union, and nine others have already completed their two-month terms.

Over the next two months, he said, 35 more emissaries will be dispatched, so that one will be stationed in every city with a large Jewish population.

The emissaries concentrate on preparing prospective olim for Israel, teaching Hebrew and developing Jewish identity. Emissaries have run courses for 300 doctors in Moscow and 150 in Leningrad, to prepare them for Israel's certification requirements. Groups of teachers have been sent to Israel to train them to teach Hebrew and Jewish history.

"The Jewish Agency," Chinn said, "is becoming the most significant outside organization in the Soviet Union."

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Surdut Returns (continued from page 1)

1988, Surdut pounded plenty of pavement looking for commissioned jobs and had attended Washington University, St. Louis Missouri; The American University Fine Arts Program in Washington, D.C.; master classes with contemporary glass artists; the Smithsonian Institution, and Learning Works, also in Washington, D.C.

Surdut attributes her beginning/success to the Fashion Editor of the *Washington Post*, the late Nina Hyde, who published an article entitled "Surdut's Glass Act." Once a week the newspaper would review and show emerging artists' work.

"As you can see it's black and white, so to you my art doesn't look like much," says Surdut about the profile the *Washington Post* printed on her. "But, the article reached so many people that it was a great press release."

Besides the press, Surdut's work spread like wildfire through word of mouth.

Surdut says she makes evening coats, ties, dresses, men's shirts, tunics and scarves, some of which will be carried at the Sun Up Gallery. What the gallery doesn't have can be ordered through them.

Each piece is individually painted, so no two look alike. This is why, says Surdut, the cost of each item is on the high side. For example the smaller of the three different size scarves cost \$90 and a tunic can cost \$200. Most of her items are special ordered.

"I have a lot of customers on the island (of Hawaii)," says Surdut. "I have one woman who has asked me to custom

make a jacket to match a particular outfit of hers."

She draws her scenes directly from nature and she says there are a few good stories behind some of her work, like the trip that took her to a mountainside in Hawaii where a great deal of time was spent hiking to find a particular site. If she's not working from live scenes, then she's usually working from photos. To get close details of the fish for her underwater designs, Surdut uses photographs from a professional underwater photographer and adds her own details.

Her method is very simplistic in that she just paints — no sketches or drawings — just goes straight to the oils and silk painting, each one with a new play of color.

What's Surdut's next stop? Well, she says that first she's going to Australia, but following that will be a place that she's always wanted to go — Indonesia.

To Surdut, traveling is her best teacher and she wants to go back to school to learn how an Indonesian painter works with carvings.

"The beauty of their work has to do with their mythology," says Surdut.

When she returns to Hawaii in December, she'll have a showing at the elite Hotel Hana in Maui, where once a month artists are invited to display their work.

As Surdut picks up each item and explains them, it's easy to see that she believes in both herself and her work, but then again — who wouldn't get inspired when traveling and living as Surdut does on all those lush tropical islands?

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UAHC Makes Its Presence Felt At AIDS Conference

by Peggy Isak Glick
Northern California Jewish Bulletin
SAN FRANCISCO (JTA) — The Union of American Hebrew Congregations closed down its booth at the Sixth International Conference on AIDS two days before the convention even ended.

Partly it was because the Reform group couldn't exhibit on Shabbat and it didn't make much sense to set up again the day the conference was winding down.

But more than that, it was because within a day of the conference's opening, the Reform group — inundated with people wanting information — had been depleted of all its materials on the Jewish response to the killer virus.

By the end of the first morning of the conference, held at the Marriott Hotel in San Francisco, UAHC had distributed more than 200 posters of its panel on the AIDS quilt.

By the next day, conference delegates had picked up hundreds of different resource materials.

After that, booth attendants had to take names of delegates so packets could be mailed to them after the five-day conference ended.

"We felt it was really important during the sixth annual AIDS conference to let delegates know that Jews care," said Dr. Robert Rankin of San Francisco, "and that there is an active Jewish involvement in the AIDS crisis."

Rankin, co-chair of the UAHC-Central Conference of American Rabbis committee on AIDS, said people from all over the world — including Poland, the Soviet Union, Surinam, France, Brazil and Kuwait — stopped at the booth.

The visitors, predominantly Jewish, had the same message time and time again — "that (they) didn't know that Jews care and how nice it is to find out (that they do)," said Rankin, a past president of San Francisco's Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, whose outreach focuses on the gay and lesbian Jewish community.

Among the topics covered in the materials are how to coun-

sel people with AIDS and their families, Jewish values such as bikur cholim (visiting the sick) and fighting discrimination.

Other materials suggest sermon topics and programs for all sectors of the synagogue community, from youth to adults.

According to Rabbi Morris Hershman, regional UAHC director, "Many Jews did not know there was a Jewish presence at the conference, let alone a response to AIDS in this fashion."

The backdrop of the booth was UAHC's poster of its panel on the names quilt, the memorial for those who have died from AIDS or related diseases.

The UAHC panel deals with the overall concept of healing rather than naming particular people who died. It includes the word tikvah (hope) on it, along with several Jewish symbols, including a tallit (prayer shawl). The poster of the quilt carries the additional words "Who will say Kiddish for me?" Stones reminiscent of the Western Wall form its backdrop.



Urban Weidel (center), 35, the renowned Swedish marathon runner who collected \$25,000 to establish a Jewish National Fund woodland in the Yair Forest, arrived in Israel at the head of a team of 45 relay runners. The group ran from Netanya on the Mediterranean coast to Kibbutz Ma'agan on the eastern shore of the Sea of Galilee, and via Tzemach Beach along the Jordan Valley Rift to Kibbutz Ein Gedi and the Yair woodlands in the Negev foothills, where they participated in a tree-planting ceremony.

Choosing the Lesser

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help create conditions conducive to peace. By taking the initiative, Israel will demonstrate a serious willingness to negotiate.

Clearly, beginning a process of movement toward peace is incompatible with claiming sovereignty over Judea and Samaria. No solution can work unless it is acceptable to both parties, unless it entails some tangible hope and promise of the Palestinians. I doubt that those who offer "peace for peace" even themselves believe that this slogan provides a realistic basis for a solution since it totally ignores Arab concerns. It is nothing more than a public-relations gimmick for naive audiences.

60% of Israelis Say "Yes"

Is peace possible? A public-opinion poll, recently held in Israel, asked the following question: "Would you agree to the establishment of a Palestinian state in the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip five years from now, provided that the Palestinians accept the following conditions?" Five of the key conditions were:

- The new Palestinian state would be demilitarized for as long as necessary;
- IDF units would be deployed at strategic sites;
- Palestinian 1948 refugees would be resettled in the Palestinian state and in other Arab countries, with no return of refugees into Israel;
- Jerusalem would remain united under Israeli sovereignty; and
- All present Jewish settlements in Judea and Samaria would remain intact.

Once the question was asked this way, 60% answered in the affirmative. Far more surprising was the fact that more than 51% of recent Likud voters also said "yes."

But will the Palestinians accept this proposition? The answer today is "no!" Yet there

is reason to believe that they may change their position if faced with a concrete choice between this proposition, which offers them an independent Palestinian state despite limitations on their sovereignty, vs. an indefinite continuation of "armed struggle," with all its futile pain and casualties.

Israel could then wait, satisfied that a credible Israeli offer was on the table. A positive and realistic Israeli step such as this would in itself dramatically enhance Israel's international standing and place the onus back on the Palestinians.

Palestinian refusal will never lead us to compromise on our vital security "red lines." But we must make a realistic offer like this that does not cross the major Palestinian "red lines" — especially their aspiration for political sovereignty in the West Bank and Gaza. With such an offer on the table, I believe that the Palestinians, too, will ultimately come to understand that the only possible solution is to recognize and to accept a reasonable compromise — the lesser evil.

Iran to Israel:

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tomatic for the Iranians to "mix politics into such a tragedy."

But he said it is up to the American Jewish groups to decide whether to offer relief. Israel is neither encouraging nor discouraging such efforts, he said.

Andrew Griffl, executive director of the American Jewish World Service, said that his group is "a humanitarian organization, committed to helping people who are suffering, regardless of race and religion."

"Unless Iran would refuse our assistance or make a blatantly anti-Jewish remark, we will offer our help," he said.

Griffl explained that the AJWS is working with Interaction, a U.S. umbrella group for international development, to identify an appropriate non-governmental agency in Iran through which to channel its contribution.

The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, the United Jewish Appeal-funded agency that was active in aiding victims of the 1988 earthquake in Soviet Armenia, said that it had not yet decided whether to set up an aid program for Iran.

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