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Religious, Racial, Ethnic Communities Support Israel

NEW YORK (JTA) — Grass-roots condemnations of Iraq's missile attacks on Israel's civilian population are spreading rapidly across the United States.

More than 200 national and local leaders of American religious, racial and ethnic communities have signed a statement of solidarity with Israel during this crisis, offering their fervent hope that "these attacks will cease."

Prominent leaders of African-Americans were high on the list of signatories, among them Benjamin Hooks, president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Coretta Scott King, widow of civil rights activist Martin Luther King Jr.; and

mayors David Dinkins of New York and Tom Bradley of Los Angeles.

Copies of their statement denouncing Saddam Hussein's onslaught against Israel, a non-combatant in the Persian Gulf war, were presented to Ambassador Uriel Savir, Israeli consul general in New York, at ceremonies Jan. 25 at the Israeli Consulate sponsored by the American Jewish Committee.

The presentation made at the Israeli Consulate General in New York was attended by some of the signatories, including David Chen, executive director of the Chinese American Planning Council; David Lee, vice president of the New York Korean Association; Luis

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Touro Youth Shabbat

by Sarah Baird
Herald Associate Editor

The clear voices rang out, filling the historical synagogue with song. As the seven young members of Touro Synagogue's first youth shabbat choir practiced for the upcoming "Musaf" service on Saturday, February 2, Rabbi Dr. Chaim Shapiro, the congregation's spiritual leader, motioned with his hands and head, bringing the chorus together. The children looked to him for direction and sang the familiar melodies with notes of tender passion.

From any place in the lovely

synagogue, I could hear with striking clarity the individual voices and sense the infectious enthusiasm in these children. Hands wiggling, feet tapping, smiles forming and brows knitting, the children promised to bring a rare and wonderful energy to the services on the upcoming shabbat.

The choir consists of the following children: Sara Brown, Daniel Feinberg, Sara Feinberg, Benjamin Handel, Yael Handel, Michael Pimental, and Gregg Talewsky.

Although Touro has had numerous youth sabbaths in the past, children have never taken

as active a part as they have this year. The children of Touro Synagogue's United Hebrew School of Newport are serving as a choir and will lead some of the traditional prayers of the service. The Sunday Primary class will also attend the service, as will local community children.

The emphasis of the school's educational program has been on providing meaningful experiences with a priority placed on synagogue activities. Dr. Alan Feinberg, Chairman of the school's Board of Education, has served as the adult coordinator of this project.



Rabbi Sid Helbraun

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by Kathy Cohen
Herald Associate Editor

Rabbi Sid Helbraun moved to Rhode Island after he applied, visited and became accepted as the assistant rabbi to Rabbi Guterman. He chose Beth-El above two other temples — one in Dayton, Ohio and one in Houston, Texas. He preferred the 1150-member reform congregation to Houston's 2150, because he'll have more of a chance to become involved.

I met the rabbi for the second time last week. Handing him that week's issue — the one with his temple's Lehiyot program on the front page — he agreed with me that he didn't look like a rabbi that week (he was dressed in sweater and jeans and toted a guitar). This time he dressed the part in a

black suit with tie.

As a newcomer to both his congregation and the state, Helbraun's goals are to first get comfortable and learn about his community and second to see more adult involvement.

"Congregants tend to use the temple for praying only," said Helbraun. "Children will learn more from their parent's active participation."

At first, Helbraun's desire to become a rabbi wasn't that clear to himself. Rather, the desire gradually crept up on him during many years. He was always involved in temple activities as a child. There was a rabbi that he was particularly fond of — a rabbi from Israel who had converted from Orthodox to Reform Judaism. The man was a warm-hearted and

special person to Helbraun.

Upon entering college Helbraun thought he wanted to become a lawyer. He worked for a defense lawyer while studying pre-law and political science for two years. Some time during those two years it dawned on him that he wasn't going to be a lawyer. After those two years, Helbraun went to live at a kibbutz in Israel for a year.

When he returned to America he wanted to become involved with the American Israel Public Affair Committee (APAC), a pro-Israeli lobby committee in Washington. So, thinking he needed a connection to join the committee, he landed a job with a Washington congressman. However, he soon realized working for the congressman would have taken him away from his Jewish concerns.

During his senior year "it seemed a real possibility" to enter the rabbinical field. Helbraun's father wanted him to enter the family business, Marshall Helbraun and Associates, an insurance company. He obliged his father and tried the insurance business for a short while; however, by this time he knew what he wanted and was positive he would be accepted into a rabbinical school.

As a student of the Hebrew Union College — The Jewish (continued on page 20)

Israel Asks U.N. For Reparations For Damage Caused By Iraqi Attacks

UNITED NATIONS (JTA) — Israel has submitted a request to the Security Council for reparations for damage sustained in the recent Iraqi missile attacks, which have left some 4,000 residential units uninhabitable.

In a letter sent recently to U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, Israel's ambassador here, Yoram Aridor, also said the Jewish state reserves the right to strike back at Iraq in self-defense and could also call at a later date for a Security Council meeting concerning the missile attacks.

The letter detailed Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's longstanding threats to destroy Israel and listed the Scud mis-

sile attacks against Israel that occurred since the start of the fighting in the Persian Gulf.

In Israel, which is not a combatant in the war, four civilians died in missile attacks, 196 people were wounded and extensive property damage was sustained, the letter said, though an Israel Defense Force official put the casualty count recently at two dead and 273 injured.

"Israel calls on all the members of the international community to condemn these deliberate attacks by Iraq on Israel's population and the resulting loss of life and suffering involved, and demands that such attacks cease immediately." (continued on page 20)

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Inside the Ocean State

Free Medication Hot Line For Elderly

by Sarah Baird
Herald Associate Editor

The University of Rhode Island recently began a program to help the elderly to sort through the abundance of medical information they regularly receive. The elderly, who make up approximately ten percent of our population, account for about twenty-five percent of all drugs prescribed. On average, each elderly person receives between thirteen and sixteen prescriptions per year. Recognizing the elderly's dependence on medication and their

subsequent need for information about this medication, the URI Medication Hot Line was founded.

As part of the new Medication Education Resource Center in Kingston, the Medication Hot Line is staffed by a registered pharmacist, who can provide information about medication use, side effects and misuse. Albert H. Taubman, professor of pharmacy practice in the College of Pharmacy, and E. Paul Larrat, coordinator

of ambulatory care programs and continuing education, established the center. Thanks to a start-up grant from the Governor's Drug Program, the Hot Line can now reach the homebound and geographically isolated elderly in the state.

The URI Medication Hot Line number is 1-800-287-5571.

Although Rita Narcoux, the Hot Line pharmacist, personally staffs the phone lines for limited hours, 8am until noon, callers can leave messages on



Albert H. Taubman (L) and Rita Narcoux (R).

the Hot Line answering machine. Calls are returned promptly and discretely. Callers should note that all calls are confidential, and the callers may remain anonymous.

Although health problems can make us feel out of control, betrayed by our ailing body parts, knowledge can empower us. By understanding side effects and potentially dangerous combinations of medications, we can gain some control over the changes within us.

Narcoux explains, "People call because they simply do not know where to turn. A number of them feel guilty about asking

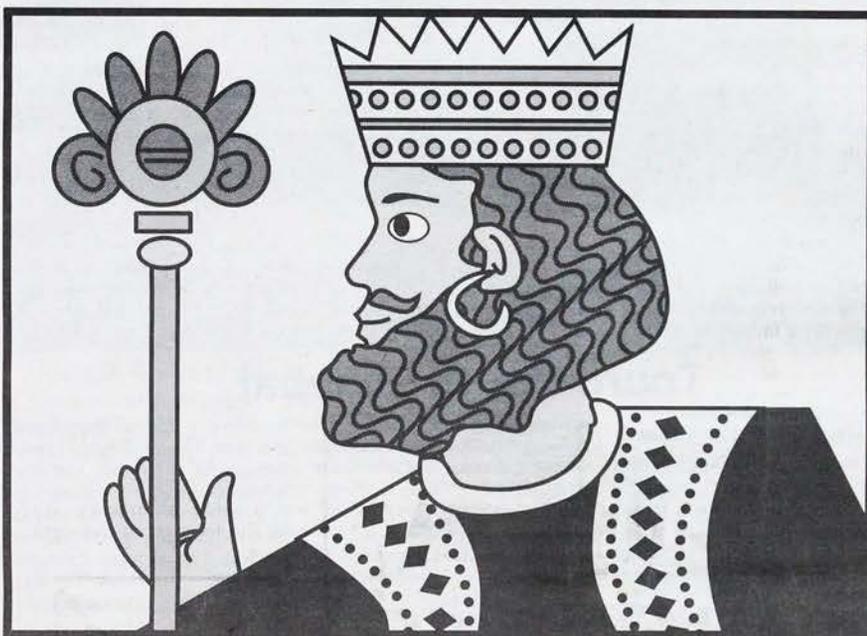
questions. There are no 'stupid' questions!" Narcoux notes that an average phone conversation lasts between twenty and thirty minutes. She gets to know the caller — with or without a name! "This is a very personal service. We talk and talk, while the caller gets comfortable. Some people love to talk, and that's what the Hot Line is for!"

The new Medication Education Resource Center is distributing free phone stickers for the cradle of home phones. Magnets are also available. To find a distribution center in your area, please call the toll-free URI Medication Hot Line at 1-800-287-5571.

Refugees Need Assistance

The International Institute of Rhode Island is issuing a special request to synagogues, churches, and individuals for household goods and furnishings (utensils, dishes, furniture), food, clothes, housing, cash, and volunteers willing to assist new refugees — who are in most cases ethnic Armenians from Armenian or Azerbaijan S.S.R. forced to flee for their lives — with transportation, employment, and social contact. Knowledge of Russian is helpful, but not absolutely essential for those wishing to volunteer.

During the next eight (8) months approximately 60 Soviet people will be arriving under the auspices of the Institute, and the agency needs furnished apartments, food and clothing for these newcomers when they first arrive. Anyone wishing to help should call Hoem Mak, Refugee Resettlement Coordinator, or William Shuey, Executive Director, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 461-5940. Gifts will be acknowledged and appreciated for tax purposes for those donors who wish it.



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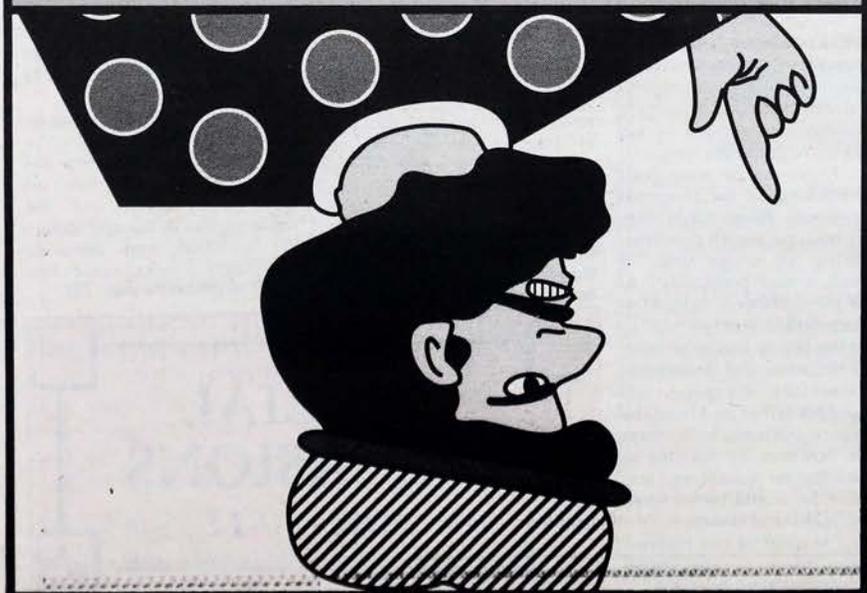
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Corrections/Clarifications

In the January 18th issue of the *Herald* the date of Betty Goldstein's funeral service was printed incorrectly. The service was held Monday, January 21. The *Herald* regrets the error.

The Ketubah reproduced in last week's Bridal insert was submitted by Rabbi H. Scott White of Temple Am David of Warwick. The *Herald* thanks Rabbi White for his generous submission.

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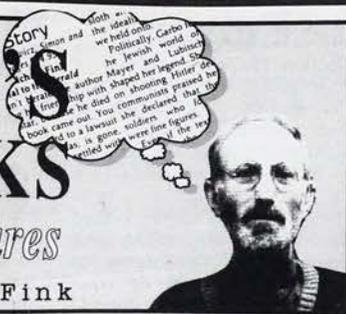


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FINK THINKS

...and features

By Michael Fink



Part I of II by Michael Fink

Herald Contributing Editor

I left home to seek my destiny at the start of the fifties within the silver and gold stone moats of Yale. I liked its closeness to Manhattan, where the radio programs came out of the Stork Club, a Paradise on earth. I returned to Providence. I would seek comfort among its tenements, bungalows, ruined mansions, familiar streets without Stork Clubs.

I listened to people's stories, telling a few of my own, mixing regret and rediscovery. In those leftover years my closest companion was Stuart. We had met at Yale. We sailed on the Mauretania to France, where we spent our junior year at the Sorbonne. I found him again

pursuing his doctorate in physics at Brown, here in my town.

My friend Stuart was, like me, a Depression baby. An only child, he came to Yale from a fancy white estate in Westport, Connecticut that I never saw. In Paris we became cafe chums. Stuart acquired an excellent French, though he listened only to American broadcasts on his radio. He ordered American food whenever he could. If we went off to the cinema, I would choose an old French film. Stu wanted to take in the latest American import.

In those days life in Paris was rather meager. Each evening Stu would cross off the day on his pocket calendar, eager to return to familiar luxury. He also missed his girl,

whose promising smile in a silver frame let me know he had something to go home for.

Stuart collected science fiction stories with their high tech promise of a universal grand future. He feared his own death. Maybe he could have his corpse frozen till the day that medical science came up with a cure to bring him back. To my surprise — not chagrin — French women went for him. At our little corner table Stuart would appear with a chic older Parisienne on his arm. Women were drawn to his solitude.

Stuart also had a naive trust in people. He would buy a hot watch on the street. It would stop ticking as soon as he paid for it. Wherever he travelled he would be spotted and scammed. He served as a magnet for cons, cheats and liars. Yet I admired Stuart for his interest in Gide's *Counterfeiters*, his fine handwriting and the regular love letters from his fiancée at home.

Upon our return to campus, sudden major changes hit Stuart. His mother died of cancer. His dad remarried. Stuart married. The father died. The new strange stepmother inherited the noble white house

in Westport and everything in it. Then both his parents-in-law passed away. Stuart and his bride moved to Providence while he slowly pursued his degree at Brown. The three of us clung together as fast friends. In the city of half empty rundown cinemas we would spend graduate school evenings scanning the movie section of the papers to select a flick. After, we would come back to my house for the Jack Paar late show.

Stuart's wife was built like a Shmoo. Heavy and round on the bottom, curving up to narrow shoulders. Slim above with a sweetly smiling face and snappy dark eyes with long curly lashes. Stuart loomed tall and awkward beside her. They moved from flat to flat hosting parties for the applied math and physics departments. Their last June in Providence the stepmother gave them a dinner party at her hotel. Sylvia was slim and silky, with long nails.

Upon completion of his doctorate, Stuart and his Shmoo set out upon a restless life of travel. DC to Dallas to San Diego. I went to DC for the major marches and rallies. I stayed with them. Stuart al-

ways missed where he had been and looked forward to where he might go, crossing off the days and then years on the calendars. On to Holland, France and London, a few seasons in each place, picking up accent and language, in eternal quest of the rainbow. Dependent upon others for the entertainment, he dreaded being overshadowed. He used poor judgment at the roulette wheel.

Stuart would take me to pubs and confide his joys and sorrows, drinking and smoking away.

While they dwelt in London, they fixed me up once with a slim dark girl who wore lots of powdery pale makeup. She told me her journalist husband had been killed in Vietnam. It turned out there was no such person. She was an actress playing out a role. Stuart and his wife both made for *folie a deux*.

They attracted deceit. They made friends with a fellow whose entire conversation was memorized from a book — an entirely fake personality.

Currently Stuart lives apart from his wife. He ran off to Hong Kong. I had lost track of Stuart for fifteen years. One evening I found a clear message from my teen daughter Em. She wrote on the telephone pad. "Steve called from China." She marked it down three times. Emily likes to convey a sense of urgency. It's how she feels about messages for her.

Arab Attempts At Linkage Absurd

by Joel Kortick

When the facts speak, it is quite clear that to link the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait in any way with the Israeli acquisition of Judea, Samaria (the West Bank) and Gaza is absolutely absurd. This linkage bears no truth, but rather gives Saddam Hussein a focus from which he can attempt to bring Arab unity on his side of the war. Let us examine, in this article, why the linkage is so false.

On August 2, 1990, Iraq began to annex Kuwait as a nineteenth province. In doing so, Iraq committed several barbaric atrocities against its citizens. Iraq also took thousands of foreign nationals, stationed them at strategic military locations, and used them as human shields. Anyone sheltering foreigners would be subject to the death penalty. As a result of these actions, the U.N. has called for the Iraqi "immediate and unconditional withdrawal from Kuwait."

Israel, on the other hand, gained the "occupied territories" in a war that was defensive, against a combined Arab force including the bordering nations of Lebanon, Syria (who bombed Israeli villages from

the strategically valuable Golan Heights), Jordan, and Egypt (who cut off the waterways to Israeli shipping, forcing merchants to sail all the way around Africa and in through the Mediterranean Sea). This differs strongly with the brutal offensive attack of Saddam Hussein towards the tiny, quiet, non-aggressive country of Kuwait. Israel defended itself, and in doing so has kept control of the countries from which war has repeatedly been launched towards the Jewish state. Iraq gained Kuwait, however, in an unprovoked offensive attack.

Also unlike Iraq, Israel did not annex the "occupied territories," and is more than willing to negotiate with anybody accepting their right to exist. Proof of this is that Egypt merely said that it accepts Israel's right to exist as a sovereign Jewish nation in the Middle East, and Israel returned to them the entire oil rich Sinai Peninsula (which is three times the size of Israel proper). If representatives of the occupied territories were to accept Israel as a sovereign nation, they, too, could make peace with Israel. Kuwait re-



spects Iraq's right to exist, and therefore if there is any linkage between the two situations Iraq would withdraw from Kuwait (as Israel did with the Sinai).

In looking at the facts surrounding the Gulf crisis, one

can easily see Israel once again being used as a scapegoat and pawn by the Arab world.

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Editorial

Seven Enter The Fold At Emanu-El

By Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Editor

The janitor from Jamaica came in and opened the stained glass windows. He let in a warm breeze in early February. The fresh air came in like a gentle and welcome blessing upon the group of young people only a few seasons in Rhode Island. The line of different shapes, sizes and ages stood together. They heard in Hebrew the Ten Commandments, the basic laws of freedom. Even the list of their names took on a dramatic quality.

The setting, the main sanctuary of Temple Emanu-El, looked both new and old. The familiar deco Burning Bush, with its green leaves and curving red flames, shone behind the ark. The stained glass windows were lit up both by the sunshine and the lamplight. The faces of the New Americans also shone.

They read the Hebrew words before the Torah. They chanted and pronounced the words with a Russian accent.

People here and there in the congregation started to applaud. It was hard not to.

Rabbis used to tell young B'nai Mitzvah that the ceremony marked not the end of Jewish education, but only its start. Such words went unsaid.

We try and call the recent arrivals "New Americans." The father of one of the bat mitzvah girls told me "I can't help but miss my walls." One "Russian" mother told me, "I never felt Russian. I felt Jewish. Yet here they call us Russian."

Here in America we called Irving Berlin Russian. Never Jewish. What do we mean by "Jewish?"

Boys of this generation often have their circumcisions shortly before becoming bar mitzvah. They make sacrifices to get here, to stay here as Jews.

These B'nai Mitzvah may not know it yet but they pose a challenge to us all. A poem was read in Russian. It sounded lovely and musical. Poems, like the best stories, leave us with a question. What next?

Letters To The Editors

Dear Editor:

In light of the prevailing crises in the Middle East, we call for America's release of the American Jewish spy-hero, Jonathan Jay Pollard, who has served five years in solitary confinement of an unjust lifetime prison sentence.

America withheld information vital to Israel's survival — information that involved the existence of Syrian and Iraqi nerve-gas, plants, Libyan and PLO anti-aircraft installations in Tunisia, this all at a time when Arab terrorists killed three U.S. ambassadors. We could only imagine the consequences today had Israel not destroyed the Iraqi nuclear plant.

For further information please call Justice for J. Pollard at 751-7522.

Kach of Rhode Island (the political party of the late Rabbi Meir Kahane's) and VAT-Victims of Arab Terror also wishes to challenge the outrageous response by our government to give in to the political blackmail of the Arab world and link

Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait to that of the so called "occupation" by Israel of Judea, Samaria and Gaza.

At a time when the very life of our fellow Jews in Israel are at stake, temples on Providence's East Side have invited Ron Cohen, MK, a long-time friend of the "Palestinians" to speak unchallenged on what his political party has done to help "Palestinians" and Arab Israelis.

Larry Dub

Dear Editor:

Re your front page article of January 17, 1991. "Germany's Dilemma: To Forget Or Not To Forget The Holocaust."

It brings to mind two quotations, the first by Elie Wiesel who wrote, "We may be able to forget but we should never forgive." The other by the German novelist Erich Kaestner who stated, "These crimes were indeed unspeakable, but one never keeps silent about them."

Hans L. Heimann
Cranston

When Things Are Happening In Israel

by Ray Eichenbaum

As I approach a stage of advanced middle age (my sons think that I am an A.K. already), many people ask me "What was the one great thing that had the most profound impact on your life?"

For me, a Holocaust survivor, this is not the easiest question to answer. As in everyone's life, meeting your future wife, the birth of your children and naturally surviving the Nazi nightmare - all these valid considerations come to my head. However, without any reservations whatsoever, I would like to state that the greatest thing that happened in my lifetime to date was - the creation of the state of Israel.

For, with this event, the life of every Jew on this planet took on another meaning. Because from that momentous day in 1948 every Jew ceased

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Linkage: Is It Good For The Jews?

They used to joke about the naive, old-fashioned Jew, who knew very little about the big, wide world beyond his own little *shtetl*. One day he heard something about an elephant in Africa. "Is that good or bad for the Jews?" he asked.

The universalists used to ridicule Jewish parochialism. They despised Maimonides' assertion that one *mitzva* can save the world. They rejected the Messianic dreams of Jeru-

salem being the center of mankind. With only half a percent among billions of people, they deemed it narrow-minded and sheer *chutzpa* to imagine Israel as a light unto the nations.

Times have changed. We've outgrown the *shtetl* and come up in the world. Now, we suddenly discover an international furor of "Israeli Linkage" in the most unexpected places. Even good friends seem entangled in the messy situation, as UN

resolutions become modern versions of the medieval blood libels.

If Saddam can pervert "Linkage" to fit his evil designs, let's think of what it really means. For better or worse, Israel happens to be at the center of things, and Jerusalem is the eye of the storm. As low a profile as Israel tries to keep, it still makes the headlines. The world is obsessed with her, following her every move.

Little Israel finds herself well connected to every problem under the sun. Directly or indirectly, Mideast politics reverberate to the ends of the earth.

Ironically, those who scorned the *shtetl* mentality hoped Israel would "normalize" the Jews. With a country of our own, we wouldn't stand out like a sore thumb. But destiny won't allow it. "You say, 'let us be like other nations' — it shall not come to pass." (Ezekiel 20)

Like it or not, Israel today occupies center stage in the world arena. We all play a part in this major production. But standing alone in the limelight may cause stagefright. We need confidence to act right and to remember our lines.

We must stand by Israel in these trying times. Not give up. We can't allow ourselves to be distracted by the booring, the nasty comments from the peanut gallery, or wild hecklers in the audience, as this epic saga plays itself out.

As the plot thickens, some scenarios may seem scary. Some may even yell "Curtains!" The Lubavitcher Rebbe quotes the prophetic *Yalkut Shimon*: "At that time, the assembled nations will scream... Jewish people will wonder, 'Where shall we come and go?'" Thank G-d, the Script has a happy ending. "Fear not... I have done it all for your sake... this Redemption will be like no other."

By Rabbi Israel Rubin, director of Chabad of the Capital District, Albany, N.Y. Submitted by Rabbi Y. Laufer.

The Body Like A Donkey

The Torah portion this week is *Mishpatim* — statutes. Included amongst the many mitzvot found in the portion is one which discusses how to behave toward an enemy in distress. "When you see the donkey of your enemy lying under its burden, you might want to refrain from helping it, but you must make every effort to help him (unload it)." (23:5)

The Baal Shem Tov, founder of the Chasidic movement, translated and explained this commandment in a unique way which makes it relevant to each one of us. It is important to note that the Hebrew word for donkey — *chomere* — is similar to the word for materiality — *chomer*.

When you see a donkey — when you carefully examine

with the command placed upon it by G-d, namely, that it should become refined through the study of Torah and performance of mitzvot. But, the body, like a donkey, is lazy and stubborn to fulfill these commands. It may then occur to you that...

you might want to refrain from helping it — to enable it to fulfill its mission. And instead, you might follow the path of mortification of the flesh to break down the body's crass materiality.

Hundreds of years ago, it was indeed considered proper to subordinate the body through afflicting it with ascetic practices, but the Bal Shem Tov rejected this path. He saw the body not as an obstacle to the spirit, something intrinsically evil and ungodly, but as a potential vehicle for the spiritual, a means for the soul to attain heights otherwise inaccessible.

The light of Torah will not reside fully in this method. Rather...

You must make very effort to help it — purify the body, refine it, but not to break it.

Thus the "enemy" is transformed into an ally, an instrument through which to perform mitzvot. In great measure the mitzvot employ gross physical matter to fulfill G-d's will, e.g. leather for *tefillin* thongs, wool for *tzitzit*, etc. We must care for our physical selves in order to fulfill G-d's commandments. Indeed, it is a commandment to watch over the health of one's body.

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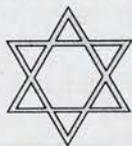
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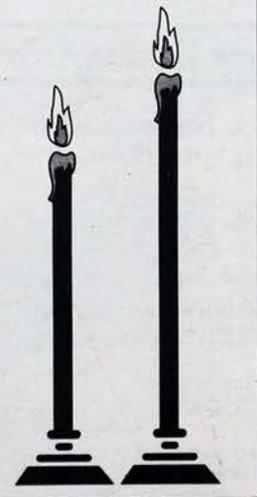
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AVI SHAFRAN

"Dear Guys . . ."

As a *rebbe*, or religious-studies teacher, at an Orthodox Jewish high school, I have the great pleasure of forming close, almost parental, relationships with many of the young people entrusted to me. Many of them continue their studies in the Holy Land after high school, for one or several years, and some even settle there. Last year's senior class yielded a fairly large percentage of girls who opted to attend seminaries in Israel. Though I like to write each of them personally, and often do, recent days have filled me with a deep yearning to talk to them all. So I decided to write a letter to the entire group, and ask one of them to share it with the others. I hope they won't mind my sharing it with you too.

big chunk of it) and not because of the strange excitement born of danger you must be feeling (few are those who prefer it to security). But simply because you are living and breathing a reality denied those of us who aren't yet where the entire Jewish people belongs. You are so fortunate to be witnessing the unfolding of the next stage of Jewish history from front-row seats, to be a part, in a way, of the "next Torah portion."

The full intensity of your experiences these days is denied us in *chutz la'aretz*, the Diaspora, but many of us are walking around in a daze of our own, less intense for sure but perhaps in a way even more constant than your own. While you, by necessity, seize what normalcy you can to act out obliviousness to what's going on, our geographical distance does not require (or hence allow for) any such loosening of our guard, such as it is. Our sirens are only the hour-beep of our watches, but it sends us lurching for our radios as surely as yours sends you for your gas-masks. And to make things worse, for all our numbers we really feel oddly alone in a way here. I think every thinking Jew of every conceivable stripe here in America feels like he's been left behind, that he really

belongs to Eretz Yisrael, that, despite our secure existence here in the Western World, we're really engulfed in a murky, foreign sea where the weather can change in hours. Who knows, maybe that's the whole purpose of the events, to make all of us to feel the *golus*, the exile, we're in.

I wish you could see the larger Jewish community in the U.S. these days *davening* together. Not *davening* in the strict sense, of course - I mean getting together to just . . . get together. Gathering in large and small groups to ostensibly "get information about the situation" - as if some visiting diplomat or "expert" speaker could somehow be more current or incisive than NPR or CNN. Whatever the participants may think they're doing, they're not gathering to hear news and analysis, but to *daven b'tzibbur*, to pray in public, to just be with other Jews and emote with them. They may not yet have learned to "*shokkel*," to sway and shake, but that's all they're missing. The silver lining of Jewish crisis is the emergence of the true Jewish unity, the one that emerges from the depths of the Jewish soul and impels us all to return, intensely and sincerely, to the G-d of Israel.

The first Scud attack left us horribly, helplessly shocked. We had no obvious use for the adrenalin that jolted you into physical, purposeful action and so it just sort of charged us with a kind of agonizing nervousness; we may just have been more fearful in a way for the lack of any but a spiritual outlet. But the spiritual response is, of course, in the end what really matters anyway. I couldn't help but listen to the radio that night and I couldn't help but say *Tehillim*, so I spent a lot of time doing both simul-

aneously, headphones on my head, *siddur* in my hand. You'd think it wouldn't make for very heartfelt *Tehillim*-saying, but you're wrong. I'd highly recommend it to anyone, at least in such circumstances.

The whole Shabbos that followed I couldn't shake the image of my *Rebbe*, who lives in the Old City of Yerushalayim, spiritedly singing *Shalom Aleichem* in a gas mask, refusing to allow Saddam Hussein, *yemach shemo v'zichro*, to interfere with his Shabbos. I don't know if my *Rebbe* did anything of the sort, but I can still see the image before me. From what I've heard, you guys didn't let the jerk ruin your Shabbos either.

It must be so nerve-wracking, though, to have to run to your sealed room at a moment's notice, mask up and just wait. We here, especially those of us with young children, can't imagine it and yet we know you - and everyone else - are there doing just that.

You know what really irks me, though? I sometimes feel like the only person left in this hemisphere who is utterly amazed at the outright miraculousness of the light casualties so far (may we have seen the entirety of them) and at the missiles that either didn't explode or hit areas where they did only property damage. People seem saddened when they should be excited and

even heartened. Not that any casualty can be overlooked, of course; no drop of Jewish blood should ever be spilled. But there seems, at times, to be a near bunker mentality when, along with the seriousness and criticality of the situation, there should be some distinct happiness. If I thought I could get away with it, I think I'd substitute *Hodu l'Hashem ki tov*, the Psalm of thanksgiving, for the Psalms of distress that we have been reciting every morning after *davening*. I hope - actually I know - the learning we've done together has enabled you to see the hand of Hashem in things.

I don't know if you'd appreciate the wish the Israeli black humorists are apparently using these days, wishing each other the traditional pre-Yom Kippur blessing, *chatimah tovah*, "Have a good 'sealing'" for the next rush into the sealed room, but I imagine it's not a pointless blessing. There are bound to be more missiles (though the *manzer* is hopefully clever enough to leave Yerushalayim alone) and more sleepless nights. One day soon, though, the siren will be a *shofar gadol*, the "great shofar-sound" that will herald *Mashiach's* arrival.

And if I can't have the *zchut*, the merit, of being among the first to welcome him, maybe I'll have the merit of having students of mine do so.

Love from us all in the Shafra household

Dear Guys,
Gita and I - and we're sure everyone else who knows you - are thinking of you often these days, even more often than usual.

You probably (and understandably) want to scream when you hear somebody back here in the States tell you how fortunate you are to be in Eretz Yisrael now, but I have to confess that I'm jealous of you. Not because the eyes of the entire civilized world are on you (and the deep concern of a

In Israel

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to be a second class citizen everywhere in the world. His psyche has undergone an immediate change. He can lift his head up, and be grateful and proud. The events that followed - the Six Day War - Entebbe - the blossoming of the Jewish state, made the transformation complete. We have become a nation of proud Jews once again.

I recall that in the camps when we were dreaming of liberation, of all the good things that would come with it, we would not even dare to dream about the coming into being of a Jewish state. We knew about the few settlements in Palestine, and about our yearning and aspirations for nationhood, but to think that it would really happen. Bah - a pipe dream.

All these factors above make the present war in the Persian Gulf with all its ramifications affecting the little state of Israel

very painful to all Jews, and especially hard to take for the Holocaust survivors.

The other night when a misquoted media report had Tel Aviv being hit by Iraqi missiles with *chemical warheads*, the impact this report had on me defies description. I became so unnerved and distraught that I had to leave the T.V. set and the house to recover. The spectre of people, especially Jews, being exposed to gassing reminded me of my own "Moments of Truth" in the camps of Auschwitz and Mauthausen, when as a lad of 14 I was looking up at the nozzles in the shower areas, and did not know what would come out - life sustaining water or *zyklone B* gas. One does not forget such moments in his or her life . . .

I pray hard to the Almighty that our little country of Israel, the fountainhead of our resurrection as Jews on this earth, will survive this latest cruel onslaught and emerge whole and victorious once again.

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World and National News

Missile Attacks Produce An Exodus, Some Bizarre Stories

by Hugh Orgel and David Landau

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The exodus from Tel Aviv goes on as Iraqi missiles continue to rain down on the metropolitan area.

Every evening, tens of thousands of Tel Aviv residents jam the exits from the city to get out of Scud range in the evening hours, when most of the Iraqi missile attacks have occurred.

By late afternoon, thousands of cars clog the roads and highways out of Tel Aviv. Most of them, crawling northward bumper-to-bumper as dusk falls, seem to contain just the driver, usually male. Many men must still work here every day but have temporarily moved their families to Jerusalem or other safe havens.

Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat, a former Israel Defense Force general, has generated controversy in recent days by branding people who flee the city "deserters."

"I was not talking about families with young children," Lahat explained recently to a delegation of American Jewish leaders whom he took on a tour of badly damaged neighborhoods.

"My main problem is with older families whose children are grown. People who leave their city will also leave their

country. What we need now is more self-control and a sense of duty to our country," he told members of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

Another aspect of the missile attacks came up recently when the Cabinet resolved to give civil defense ordinances the force of emergency legislation. That means people are required to obey the civil defense orders instead of choosing their own protective measures.

The Cabinet decision also will serve as a legal basis for property compensation claims, which could become a major issue in the months and years ahead.

There was a lively response recently to information broadcast throughout the day by the income and property tax authorities. They advised residents who sustained missile damage to take advantage of the property insurance provisions that most citizens were unaware of or had forgotten about.

The broadcasts were a reminder that while the government automatically insures all buildings and structures against war damage, private insurance companies do not cover war risks for loss or dam-

age to removable property. They do not cover furniture and household effects damaged or destroyed by acts of war, even if covered by policy against fire and theft.

But residents were told that for an additional charge of 0.3 percent, taxpayers can take out specific war risk coverage, up to \$150,000 per apartment.

Moreover, it is retroactive for damage already done by a missile attack. Premium payments will be accepted at all post offices and banks until mid-February.

The Scud attacks have produced some bizarre tales.

One newspaper reported recently about a man who underwent surgery before the U.N.-imposed Jan. 15 deadline for Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait. American and allied forces started their air assault on Iraq on Jan. 17 and the first Scud missile fell on Tel Aviv the following day.

The surgical patient did not regain consciousness for over a week. When he came to, it was in the middle of an air raid alert. The patient saw what seemed to be devils who looked like ants, and he concluded he was dead.

The man was not hallucinating. The doctors and nurses

attending him wore gas masks, which made them resemble arthropods. When they saw his bewilderment, they removed the masks to reassure him.

But the patient reportedly fainted from shock when the doctor said his father and mother were waiting outside to see him. The man's mother had died five years earlier, and he was now surely convinced he was dead, the newspaper reported.

As it turned out, the doctor had been only slightly mistaken. The woman waiting with the patient's father was the man's second wife.

Another story making the rounds is of a family that was taping their favorite television show, "The Cosbys," when an air raid alert sent them scurrying into their gas-proof room.

After the "all clear," they resumed watching the show, this time on videotape. When it came to the point where it was interrupted by the air raid alert, the family forgot they were watching a recording and went back to the sealed room.

According to the newspaper story, they sat there for an hour wondering why no "all clear" was broadcast on their transistor radio.



National

President Bush reassured leaders of the American Jewish community that there will be no linkage between the Gulf War and the Arab-Israeli conflict. He also reported that the United States would not seek to impose its will on Israel, when the conflict finally ends.

Over two thousand people from fifty states will participate when the nation's pro-Israel community assembles March 17-19 in Washington for the 32nd Annual Policy Conference of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC). Registration for the conference is now open. AIPAC is America's pro-Israel lobby.

During the tenth annual National Christian Prayer Breakfast for Israel in Washington, D.C., hundreds of Christians and Jews prayed together. Over one hundred of the participants visited the Israeli Embassy last week, where they received Israeli olive and palm branches to mark Tu B'Shvat.

International

(JTA) Former Nazi SS Guard, Ernst-August Koenig, 71, received a life sentence on January 24, in Siegen, Germany for the killing of Gypsies at Auschwitz. He is responsible for the murder of over three thousand gypsies.

The first B'nai B'rith lodge in Czechoslovakia since the Nazi occupation fifty-three years ago was inaugurated last week. The founding was marked by ceremonies attended by B'nai B'rith leaders from the United States and Western Europe.

The British government has decided to continue its nine year arms embargo against Israel. The embargo was originally imposed in protest of Israel's invasion of Lebanon in 1982. In spite of an improvement in Israeli-British relations, no end to the embargo is foreseen.

American students at the Jerusalem campus of Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion refuse to leave Israel. Despite the U.S. Travel Advisory to its citizens abroad, the students will remain in Israel.

French Firms Provided Hussein Power To Launch Scuds At Israel

PARIS — Two French companies were named last week as the providers of the technology and training that enabled Saddam Hussein of Iraq to endow his Scud missiles with the capability to hit targets in Israel and Saudi Arabia.

According to the current edition of the weekly *L'Express*, a French company, SAGEM, supplied the technological know-how while another French firm, Interspace, supervised the training of Iraqi engineers, which took place in Brazil.

The transfers took place between 1987 and 1989, *L'Express* said, adding that SAGEM delivered highly complex guidance systems to a secret consortium made up of 16 companies

that was based first in Monaco and later in Switzerland.

Known as CONSEN, it was ostensibly Argentine but actually an Iraqi front which the Baghdad government established with a \$5 billion investment, the weekly said.

Other companies involved were Messerschmidt-Bolkow-Blohm of Germany, the Italian SNAI-BPD, a subsidiary of Fiat, and the Swedish BOFORS.

Iraqi engineers who improved the Scuds were trained by the Brazilian Center for Aerospace Technology. But they were under the direct supervision of Interspace, whose shareholders include French state-owned companies and the French National Center for Space Studies.

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Equipment Arriving From Germany Uplifts The Spirits Of Israelis

by David Landau

JERUSALEM — The flow of high-technology defense equipment from Germany began last week, buoying the spirits of Israelis as they endured another Scud missile attack from Iraq.

More than 300 tons of equipment was to be air-lifted to Israel overnight, a German spokesman said. The materiel includes a sophisticated system that instantly detects and warns against a nuclear, biological or chemical attack.

In addition, Israel will be getting Patriot anti-missile batteries from Germany to supplement the U.S. Patriots deployed here earlier, and Hawk surface-to-air missiles.

The shipment is the first part of a defense package from Germany which local media reports say will approach \$700 million. It is said to include German help in financing two new submarines for Israel's navy, which the Defense Ministry ordered from a Kiel shipyard some years ago but was forced to cancel last year for budgetary reasons.

The defense package will be remitted to Israel as a grant, not a loan, which itself is a precedent.

The gift comes on top of \$165 million in humanitarian aid Chancellor Helmut Kohl pledged to the Jewish state, which has sustained casualties and extensive damage from the missile attacks despite its non-combatant status in the Persian Gulf war.

There has been no formal defense supply pipeline from

Germany to Israel until now, though an informal military supply relationship is said to have existed periodically over the years.

The situation changed following the visit to Jerusalem by German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher recently. His visit followed sharp criticism from Israel, Britain, the United States and other countries over revelations that German companies contributed significantly to Iraq's ability to produce nonconventional weapons, in violation of Germany's export regulations.

The Bonn government, in an official statement, cited Germany's special responsibility toward Israel's defense. The opposition Social Democratic Party pledged its full support.

An Israeli delegation is presently in Germany discussing details of the defense package.

Meanwhile, the debate continues in Israel over whether the public should remain at home in gas-proof rooms during a missile alert or seek protection in bomb shelters.

Although all of the Scuds fired at Israel to date have carried conventional high-explosive warheads, many here believe that as Saddam Hussein's conventional strength is battered by allied air power, the danger that he will resort to chemical weapons has, if anything, increased.

For that reason, the government and the military still prefer gas-sealed rooms to underground bomb shelters. Many non-government experts, how-

ever, say the shelters are safest, at least until after the initial blast.

Meanwhile, Israeli defense officials, contrary to their previous skepticism, expressed full confidence in the latest U.S. claims of success against the Scud launchers.

Defense Ministry aide Danny Naveh confirmed to reporters that the Iraqi capacity to launch Scuds has been seriously diminished. The U.S. field commander, Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, has claimed the elimination of 30 fixed and 33 mobile Scud launchers.

Nevertheless, Naveh and other officials warned against complacency. They insisted that Iraq retains the capability to lob missiles at Israel, though perhaps not in the same numbers as the early salvos.

Israeli officials also have never wholeheartedly shared American and British confidence that Baghdad lacks the ability to attach chemical warheads to its Scuds. The Israelis say that while Iraq has not tested that capability, it may very well have developed it and intends to try it against Israel.

Germany's immediate contribution to Israel's defense is reported to include an unspecified number of Fuchs (Fox) armored vehicles with the Nuclear Biological Chemical weapons detection system, known as NBC.

Fifty additional vehicles from the dismantled East German army are said to be included in the shipment.



Volunteers For Israel

Nearly 100 Americans departed for Israel via El Al Israel Airlines (currently the only airline flying to and from Israel) on Sunday, January 27, under the auspices of Volunteers for Israel. Participant Cheryl Mallenbaum, 24, from Long Island, New York, quit her magazine production editor job in Manhattan to join the group. And, Alexander Goldberg, 74-year-old retired aeronautical engineer, also from Long Island, explained why he volunteered, "It's a battle between my head and my heart. And my heart is prevailing." The group of volunteers spend a minimum of three weeks working on maintenance bases, assisting with such tasks as packing food, stuffing duffles and fixing tanks. Volunteers for Israel is a non-profit organization which has been supplying volunteers to Israel since 1982.

Fear Of Missiles At Night Alters Israeli Lifestyle During Daytime

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Iraqi missile attacks have wrought profound changes in the daily lives of Israelis.

Most workplaces close before sundown to allow their employees time to get home before dark. Orthodox women have been given permission by the rabbinical authorities to go to the mikveh (ritual bath) in daylight.

Many businesses have returned to a six-day work week, although a five-day week has been the norm in recent years. The purpose is to make up for the hours lost in the afternoon because employees leave early to try to beat the traffic jams home.

Inasmuch as the Scud missiles generally strike at night, the Israel Defense Force advised the public to confine activities to daylight and stay indoors at night.

The emergency has changed the routine of strictly observant women. Several rabbis have ruled that they may go to the mikveh on or after the eighth day following the end of their menstrual period. Normally, they go on the night of the seventh day.

Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, meanwhile, mildly rebuked his Tel Aviv counterpart, Mayor Shlomo Lahat, for calling Tel Aviv residents who flee the city "deserters."

"Each individual's decision ought to be respected," Kollek wrote to Lahat in a letter that otherwise praised his management of the missile crisis.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir also demurred from Lahat's remark in a television interview this week, saying that people should not be judged by others who are not in their situation. Shamir, however, expressed unreserved "condemnation" of Israelis who have left the country during the crisis.

Lahat himself is unrepentant, despite widespread criticism of his remark. "I was not shooting from the hip," the former IDF general said. "Those who leave their city today will leave the country tomorrow. I said what I said deliberately," he declared, adding he was glad his statement had "generated public debate on the entire issue."

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AROUND TOWN

by Dorothea Snyder

Collecting antique *Kiddush* cups was Michael Strauss's passion until he bought his Manhattan-based business, Michael Strauss Silversmiths, three years ago.

"Now I'm doing it for the whole world," he said.

Explaining his entry from collecting to retailing, Strauss said, "I am a child of survivors. Regrettably, during the Holocaust the Germans stole most of the rich Jewish heritage the past generation had. If we don't make it available, it's just going to die."

His voice rings with pride as he describes the unique Judaica that he features at his gallery-like store. There are reproductions of Torah ornaments, crowns and breastplates from Prague, Ausberg and Italy.

"It's not the run-of-the-mill kind of things you'll find in every gallery. We have the largest collection of 18th century handmade museum quality reproductions in sterling silver... spice boxes that hold candles, matches and spices to ultra-modern sculpture by Greenburcel."

The Wolpert designer collection is exclusively sold at Michael Strauss Silversmiths. During the war, Ludwig Wolpert escaped from Germany to Israel. After the War, the Jewish Theological Seminary asked him to open a workshop in the Jewish Museum, where he stayed for 30 years until his death four years ago.

Michael Strauss Silversmiths carries modern pieces by Carmel, Yitzhak and Ari Ofir. "The patriarch of all the artists in Israel today is Menachem Berman, whose works we carry exclusively in the United States," Strauss said. "Berman's items aren't only aesthetically magnificent, but beautifully crafted. We carry works by Gumbel, a man in his eighties, who still does silversmithing the way it



Union Temple cup, original sterling silver design by Myer Myer.

was done 100 years ago."

When it comes to giving wedding and Bar and Bat Mitzvah presents, Strauss feels people should give something Jewish and traditional that will have meaning for the next generation.

"That is why I went into this business which I love. I find a need for it. It's easy to make a lousy reproduction, but to reproduce it in the way it was done by hand hundreds of years ago is what it's all about! I think it's important for the next generation.

"People spend thousands of dollars for their wedding. When a blessing is made on the wedding, the most important part under the canopy, they can enhance that moment by having a beautiful *Kiddush* cup. The last generation had a family double-wedding cup, used for a blessing over the wine and one during the wedding ceremony."

Michael Strauss Silversmiths has reproduced the double wedding cup in a limited edition upon which are engraved the names of the bride and groom and wedding date. "It will become a traditional family wedding cup, which will go on for generations and generations," Strauss said.

"A *Kiddush* cup is used for every joyful event in a Jewish marriage. You have it for the wedding, the circumcision, the Bar and Bat Mitzvah, every holiday whether you're Orthodox, Conservative or Reform.

"You'd be surprised how many people don't have a *Kiddush* cup because they think they're expensive. You can get one for \$5000, but you can also get one for \$40 in sterling silver."

"Judaica should be thought of for wedding presents rather than a check. If it's only used once a year, the bride and groom will remember that it was Aunt Millie who gave it to them.

"For those who are super modern, we have absolutely magnificent abstract *Kiddush* cups."

Before his exquisite Judaica business, Strauss was in advertising, which immediately set off a reaction of having an edge in promotional know-how.

"Not really," he said. "We're probably not as known as we should be. Many people use us as their private source and don't want to divulge us to others. Major collectors in museums know about us. We wish, of course, to be better known."

His works are reproduced exclusively in Portugal where three very old craftsmen do their work by hand. If it weren't for the kindness of collectors who loan their originals to him for the purpose of reproduction, the Judaica couldn't be reproduced to perfection.

"You can go by a photograph, but it's not as good as seeing the real thing. Not too long ago, we reproduced a travelling menorah. The original one was sold at Sotheby's for \$22,000.

"It was small, intricate and extraordinary. The craftsmen were able to reproduce it to such an extent that the owner couldn't tell the difference. Fortunately, we're honest and there is a hallmark, so there's no problem.

"Our works are reproduced to such perfection that, regrettably, when people see them, they're moved to tears. It's so much like what they saw in their own country."

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Arts and Entertainment

Allen Ginsberg Poetry Readings At URI February 12

Award winning and world famous poet Allen Ginsberg will read from many of his uncensored, ecstatic and raw poems on Tuesday, February 12, at 8 p.m. in the University of Rhode Island's Edwards Auditorium, Kingston Campus.

Ginsberg, who received a bachelor's degree from Columbia College in 1948, refers to himself as a product of the "Beat Generation." His poetry catalyzed a psychological revolution, and profoundly influenced poetry, song, and speech, as well as a generation's view of the world. He is best known for his 1956 poem "Howl," which after overcom-



ing censorship, is now one of the most widely read poems of the century. "The Lion for Real," poetry/music, is one of Ginsberg's more recent works.

In 1974, Ginsberg, along with Anne Waldman, founded the Jack Kerouac School of Disembodied Poetics, Naropa Institute, Boulder Colorado. He served as co-director of the school until 1983. He has also taught poetry courses at various schools including Brooklyn College.

The poetry reading is being sponsored by URI's Student Entertainment Committee. Tickets available through the Memorial Union Box Office are \$1 for students and \$2 for the public.

Keye Holds The Key In "Alice"

By Mike Fink

Keye Luke, first and best known to us as the son of Charlie Chan in the late 30's early 40's, steals the show from everybody else in Woody Allen's "Alice."

This was Luke's last film. He died last month. Newspapers in the Orient made much of his life, his career, his contribution to the image of the Chinese in the western imagination.

Woody loves to bring back "minor" stars of long ago, featuring them as symbolic figures to haunt Manhattan. In "Alice" Keye plays the mysterious Dr. Yang. He can use strange tea-leaves to open up a person's innermost soul and bring you to the point of freedom.

He pads about on slipped feet with an elderly eastern shuffle. He omits the articles "the" and "a" to make fortune cookie type or teabag label pronouncements to Mia Farrow. She has come for help in her search for self. She stares at a whirling "op" disc and goes under into a trance to tell all to Dr. Yang. She takes the opium pipe from elderly Asian gentlemen in the back room. She lets go.

For this reviewer, Keye holds the key to the film. Other

than him, it locks only small treasures inside to get to. Woody has to lean on Luke. He doesn't give William Hurt as Mia's costar husband much to do or be, other than a stock lout. Instead of delving into Jewish tsuris, Woody stares at Catholic anguish. He faces East for a way out of our sad materialism. Tibet or Calcutta may be able to release us from our overstuffed closets. A brew in a ceramic bowl may get us going.

Visually and musically Woody never lets you down. His work boasts pride of artistry and craftsmanship, not to mention fun and fantasy.

This reviewer is going through something of a wartime chauvinism, though. It's a streak that comes out. Woody took an ad in the *Times* bad-mouthing Israel. But you don't have to go farther east than Tel Aviv if you want to dig in and find out who you are and where we're going. Sorry for being churlish. We owe a lot to Woody Allen for his gallant and elegant gallery, the graceful glimpses of Gwen Verdon, the breadth of the portrait of our archetype of ethnic mysticism, the late, delightful Keye Luke.

Ethics In Research Lecture Series At Brown

"Ends and Means: Ethics in Research" is the theme of an upcoming lecture series sponsored by the Brown and Rhode Island School of Design Hillel Foundation. The series is made possible by a grant from the Jacob Burns Endowment on Ethics of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations. The series will address current views on the ethics of conducting research in medicine and other areas of inquiry in the university. Lecturers and respondents will also discuss the ways in which Judaism views the various ethical dilemmas of scientific research.

Dr. Daniel Sinclair will begin the series with his talk "Standing on the Shoulders of Giants: A Jewish Approach to Ethics" on Tuesday, February 12, at 8 p.m. The lecture will be held in Wilson Hall, room 102, on the campus of Brown University.

Dr. Sinclair is an orthodox rabbi with law degrees from the University of London, Monash University, Melbourne University, and Hebrew University. He is a senior research fellow at the Institute for Research in Jewish Law of the University of Tel Aviv and the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem. He has published widely in the area of medical ethics in Jewish law and authored the book, *Tradition and the Biological Revolution: Application of Jewish Law to the Treatment of the Critically Ill*, published by Edinburgh University Press.

The series will continue with a lecture by Dr. Arthur Waskow on "Why Is Knowledge Like Making Love?" Dr. Waskow is a preeminent progressive Jewish author, thinker, and teacher. He is the founder of the Shalom Center and a founder of New Jewish Agenda. His books include *God*

Wrestling and Seasons of Our Joy. His talk will take place on Monday, March 4, at 8 p.m. in Wilson 102.

Dr. Michael Grodin will speak next on "The Nazi Doctors and the Nuremberg Code: Human Rights in Human Experimentation." Dr. Grodin is presently Associate Director of the Law, Medicine and Ethics Program and Director of Medical Ethics at Boston University Schools of Medicine and Public Health. Dr. Grodin is active in Jewish life in the Boston area and has written on Jewish medical ethics. His talk, which is also the Annual Holocaust Commemorative Lecture sponsored by the Brown-RISD Hillel and the Chaplains of Brown University, will take place on Monday, April 8, at 8 p.m. in Sayles Hall on the campus of Brown University.

Closing the series will be Dr. Benjamin Freedman, Director of the McGill Center for Medicine, Ethics, and Law at McGill University in Montreal. Dr. Freedman will speak on "The

Ethics of Human Research: The Current Approach and a Side-ways Jewish Glance." The talk will take place on Wednesday, April 17 at 8 p.m. in Wilson 102.

Brown-RISD Hillel Foundation, the center for Jewish life at Brown University and the Rhode Island School of Design, is affiliated with the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations, which are headquartered in Washington, D.C. The Hillel Foundations were founded in 1923 and today comprise the largest Jewish campus organization in the world with representation on over 400 college and university campuses worldwide and serving over 400,000 Jewish students.

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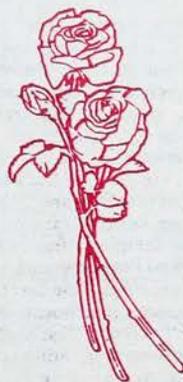
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Local News

Bieners Announce Engagement

Edith Oelbaum Biener of Providence and Alvin Biener of Pawtucket proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Ellen Gail to Michael A. Schadick, son of Brenda and Stanley Schadick of Manchester, N.H. Ellen was graduated from Classical High School and Simmons College. She holds a J.D. from Case Western Reserve University School of Law and is currently a practicing attorney with Moretti and Perlow Law Offices in Cranston.

Michael is a graduate of Manchester High School Central and Connecticut College and currently attends Hebrew Union College; Jewish Institute of Religion.

Ellen is the granddaughter of the late Charles and Ruth Oelbaum of Providence and Irving Biener and the late Mollie Biener of Pawtucket. Michael's grandparents are Mrs. Lillian Richmond and the late Charles Richmond and Mr. Harry Schadick and the late Annette Schadick. A spring 1992 wedding is planned.

Paytons Announce Engagement

Mrs. Shirley Payton of Warwick, R.I., announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Lois Payton of Wallingford, Conn., to Mr. Harry Gorlick of Hamden, Conn., the son of Mrs. Eunice Gorlick of

Hamden, Conn., and the late Eli Gorlick. Miss Payton's father was the late William Payton.

Miss Payton graduated from U.R.I. Mr. Gorlick is currently pursuing a B.S. in Human Services.

The wedding is planned for May 5, 1991.

Get Acquainted With Camp JORI At An Open House For Parents And Campers

An Open House for parents and campers of Camp JORI will be held on Sunday, February 10, from 1-3 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence. Participants are free to get acquainted with Director Gerstenblatt and ask questions during a slide show and refreshments.

Camp JORI, Rhode Island's only Jewish overnight camp located on 13.5 acres in Narragansett, will celebrate its 54th season this summer.

The kosher co-ed camp for boys and girls 7 to 13 offers a complete program of sports, drama, field trips, swimming and arts and crafts with an emphasis on Jewish culture. The highly qualified staff under the direction of Marshall Gerstenblatt, who with his

wife, Barbara, has been with Camp JORI for nineteen seasons, places emphasis on individual needs.

The goal of the camp, "A summer of fun with Jewish warmth," has been maintained since the camp was founded in 1937. Many campers are the sons and daughters of JORI alumni.

Camp JORI has two four-week sessions: Trip I is from Tuesday, June 25 to Sunday, July 21; Trip II is from Tuesday, July 23 to Sunday, August 18. The fee is \$995 per session. Camperships are available for Rhode Islanders.

For registration information write: Camp JORI, 229 Waterman Street, Providence, R.I. 02906, or call (401) 521-2655.

News From Temple Am David

Couples Club to Hold Pre-Purim Costume Party

The Couples Club of Temple Am David will hold a Pre-Purim Costume Party at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, at the home of Beth and Jeffrey Salk, 20 Rabbit Run, East Greenwich.

Prizes will be given away for creative costumes, and lots of fun and games will be enjoyed. Refreshments will include hamentashen and other Purim goodies.

For more information, please call Marion or Larry Winkler, 821-2115. Cover charge of \$5 at the door.

Solidarity Service for U.S. Troops to be held on Feb. 15

Everyone is welcome to attend a special Shabbat service in honor of our servicemen and

women in the Gulf, to be held at 6:15 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15, in the Temple Sanctuary. Members of the Temple's United Synagogue Youth Group will be leading the service.

Afterwards, a traditional Shabbat dinner, or "Tish," will be served in the Social Hall. Temple Rabbi H. Scott White will speak at the dinner on "Just and Unjust War in Jewish Tradition." Reservations must be made by Feb. 11 by calling the Temple office at 463-7944. Prices are \$10 per adult and \$6 for children under 13.

Record Number of Megillah Readers Scheduled This Purim

Cantor Steven W. Dress has announced that more than 40 individuals will be reading var-

ious sections of the Scroll of Megillah at the Temple's Purim celebration this year at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, at the Temple.

All are invited to attend the Purim observance at the Temple. Bring the entire family and come in costume.

The Temple's Purim celebration continues on Thursday, Feb. 28, with a service at 6:45 a.m. featuring the reading of the Megillah by Ruvain Klein. At 4:30 p.m., members of the Minyannaires will host students in the Temple Religious School in a Purim Seudah Supperette.

For information, call the Temple at 463-7944.

Emanu-El News

the Seudah Shlishit is \$5 per person, \$20 maximum per family. Please call the Temple office for further information at 331-1616.

Rabbi Lawrence Kushner was ordained at Hebrew Union College in 1969, and has served as the Rabbi of Congregation Beth-El of Sudbury, Massachusetts, since 1971. In 1981 he was appointed to the faculty of the rabbinic school of the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion in New York City.

Rabbi Kushner has designed and led over 50 adult and family Kallah weekends for personal religious growth. His publications include *The Book of Miracles: A Young Person's Guide to Jewish Spirituality*; *The Invisible Chariot: An Introduction to Kabbalah for Young Adults (with Deborah Kerde-man)*; *The River of Light: Spirituality, Judaism and the Evolution of Consciousness*; *Honey from the Rock: Visions of Jewish Mystical Renewal*; and *The Book of Letters: A Mystical Hebrew Alef-Bet*.

Celebrate Spring With A Song At Temple Emanu-El

What's happening? Spring is here and the Pops are back. Twenty-two years ago, Temple Emanu-El enjoyed its first Pops concert. It was the rage! Now, we can take pleasure in America's musical heritage again. Recapture a popular tradition on Saturday, April 13, 8:30 p.m. in Temple Emanu-El's Alperin Meeting House.

In 1968, the original concert was under the guidance of Rosalind Bolusky who was Sisterhood president. Fortunately for us, Rosalind and Mervin Bolusky volunteered to put to-

gether another fabulous event. Back again is Joseph Conte and the Rhode Island Fine Arts Pops Orchestra. A spectacular evening is in the making.

During WWII, Joseph Conte performed with a 55-soldier orchestra. He wanted to appeal to the young men in a way "in which they would feel a part of the music." Classical music is wonderful for sitting back and relaxing, but he wanted "the soldiers to sing, enjoy, and feel upbeat." Pops music was enthusiastically received. The army orchestra enjoyed many standing ovations, with audiences demanding encores.

The beginning of Pops music in our state developed with the Rhode Island Fine Arts Opera Theatre in 1946. Joseph Conte and the orchestra wrote many of their own arrangements. Providing Rhode Islanders forty-five years of entertainment, the group enjoyed success and longevity.

The Boluskys put together the creative committee of Samuel and Evelyn Bresnick, Minna Ellison, Arthur and Ruth Fixler, Abe Gershman, Liz Goldberg, Barbara Greenberg, Richard and Bernice Kumins, Glenda Labush, Jerrold Lavine, Audrey Licht, Deana Litwin, Elaine Odessa, Susan Odessa, Myran Rosen, Susan Ross, Jacob and Baye Temkin, Lila Winograd, and Barbara Levine, ex officio.

Join in the fun and sing along to your favorite tunes. For individual and group ticket sales, contact Temple Emanu-El in Providence, R.I. at 331-1616. Price categories are \$25, \$35 and \$50. Dessert and coffee will be served.

Rabbi Kushner To Be Scholar-in-Residence

Join us for a special Woolf Weekend and Blazer Memorial Lecture at Temple Emanu-El on February 8-10. Through stories, Divrei Torah and lecture, our guest scholar-in-residence, Rabbi Lawrence Kushner, will explore issues of Jewish spirituality. The following is a schedule of events for the weekend:

Friday night, February 8, "Tales of Religious Mystery" - A series of mystical legends describing the process of Jewish spiritual enlightenment. 5:45 p.m. - Kabbalat Shabbat services. 6:30 p.m. - Traditional Friday night dinner (advance payment is required). Babysitting will be provided during Rabbi Kushner's presentation, which will follow the dinner.

Saturday, February 9, at 10 a.m. - Services in the Main Sanctuary. Rabbi Kushner will give D'var Torah during services. 4 p.m. - "The 'I' did not know: Reflections on the Self and the Self of the Universe." We will conclude Shabbat with Seudah Shlishit (a light meal), followed by Havdallah (advance registration is required).

Milton Blazer Memorial Lecture - Sunday, February 10. "These are the generations of Abraham, son of Terah (who worshipped idols)." Rabbi Kushner will conclude his weekend at Temple Emanu-El with a consideration of the ties which bind grandparents, parents and children - seen through the eyes of Biblical legend. 9 a.m. - Shachrit services. 10 a.m. - Breakfast and lecture.

The cost of the Shabbat dinner is \$13 for adults and \$7 for children under 12. The cost of

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In order to foster communal responsibility, the Harry Elkin Midrasha, a community high school of Jewish studies of the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island, will sponsor its fifth annual carnival for the residents at the Ladd School in Exeter.

The program will take place on Sunday, February 24, at Temple Emanu-El in Providence from 10:30 a.m. until 12 noon. The booths, made by students, will include a pinata, puppet show, and miniature bowling. In addition to treating Ladd School residents to a fun-filled morning, the carnival provides an opportunity to sensitize students to a special needs population.

This year's program will be coordinated by Nanette Loebenberg.

Jill Sholes Chairs ORT Camp Fair

For the fifth year, Jill Sholes of Warwick will be chairperson of the Providence Chapter of O.R.T. (Organization for Rehabilitation Through Training) CAMP FAIR. The seventh annual CAMP FAIR will be held on Sunday, March 3, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center at the corner of Elmgrove Ave. and Sessions Street in Providence.

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High school and college-age students may apply for summer employment at CAMP FAIR. Some camps may be seeking lifeguards, coaches, and counselors.

The World ORT Union is an international charity that runs 800 vocational/technical schools in 37 countries around the world. The Los Angeles ORT Institute and Bramson in

New York City are two American ORT schools. Women's American ORT is the largest fundraising arm of this worthy organization. ORT schools help train people in skills so that they can be self-supporting, regardless of their religion.

For further information, please call 463-7684.

Butler Support Groups

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Sam Suls Installed As 19th President Of Camp JORI

At the 54th Annual Meeting of Camp JORI, Samuel K. Suls was installed as the 19th president of a Rhode Island institution that has played a large part in the lives of so many area families.

The camp is the only co-ed overnight camp in Rhode Island sponsored by the Jewish community, but open to all who might apply. Cabins are a blend of children, aged 7 through 13, from throughout the state and form a variety of cultures. A newly arrived child from the Soviet Union learns about baseball from his friend from Pawtucket; a child from New York challenges her friend from Barrington to a game of tennis. In a program initiated in the past few years, counselors from throughout the world are encouraged to apply. Last year brought a league of nations from England, Wales, Australia, New Zealand and the Netherlands.

This feeling of camaraderie extends beyond the cabins to the board officers and directors. Newly elected president Sam Suls has a personal attachment to Camp JORI as he will have three children there this summer.

Outgoing president, Jeffrey Brier's grandfather was a founder of Camp JORI when it was an arm of the Jewish Orphanage of Rhode Island. His father, Milton, is a past president; and his two children have been campers.

Board member and newly elected secretary Karen Beraha's son has been a camper. Of the newly installed board members, Ronni Guttin, was a camper and a counselor as well as head of arts and crafts. Aron Trachtenberg's son, Mark, has been a camper for years. Kimberly Zwetchkenbaum has served as a counselor.

The long-term relationships with Camp JORI and the familial commitments have made possible a \$432,000 capital campaign and a complete refurbishing of the facility. In the past few years, the entire campus has been updated, cabins, sports fields and buildings either built or refurbished, all with private community support and grants from foundations.

Serving with President Suls are vice presidents Theodore



Winston and Jeffrey Pine; Treasurer, James Engle and Secretary Karen Beraha. New to the board are Ronni Guttin, Robert Stolzman, Aron Trachtenberg and Kimberly Zwetchkenbaum.

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Second Brunch And Lecture Of Semester At U.R.I. Hillel

On Sunday, February 10, 1991, the second event in the ongoing Brunch and Lecture Series will take place at U.R.I. Hillel. The topic for this lecture will be "The Idiosyncrasies of Jewish Relationships." It will be led by Jayne Richmond and Randy Kulman. Dr. Richmond is an Associate Professor of Human Development at the University of Rhode Island. Dr. Kulman is a psychologist and a partner in South County Child and Family Consultants, Wakefield.

The brunch will begin at noon at the Hillel House, 34 Lower College Road, Kingston. The cost for the brunch is \$3 community and faculty, and \$2.50 students. The lecture will follow at 12:45 p.m. Admission to the lecture is free. The public is welcome to attend. Reservations are requested for the brunch by calling the Hillel office, 792-2740, by February 8.

For more information, please call the Hillel office.

Temple Shalom

Temple Shalom, the Conservative Congregation of Newport County, will pay tribute to its new affiliates at a New Member Sabbath which will take place on Friday evening, February 8, at 8 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary. Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer will chant the liturgical portions of the service and conduct a ceremony welcoming the new affiliates. President Rick Kadet will bring greetings. Those recently joining the Temple Shalom family include:

Deborah Gordon and Jenny Elizabeth; Michael, Patricia and Jackie Grossman; Michael, Deborah, Emma and Hannah Lichtenstein; Donald, Janet and Courtney McCall; Drs. Mark and Margaret Peppercorn; John, Cathy and Caroline Robertson; Dr. Jerrold, Aurea, Abraham and Joshua Rosenberg; Daniel, Barbara, David and Andrea Speck; Larry, Melinda, Ashley and Joshua Zimmerman; Judy Ruck; Jeff, Terry and Evan Katz; and Judy Kusnitz.

Lois Schneller and Fran Mendell are co-chairs of the Membership Committee. The Oneg Shabbat following the service will be sponsored by the Congregation in honor of their new members. The Temple Choir will participate in the service.

Beth-El Tot Shabbat

The Family Times program of Temple Beth-El will sponsor a Tot Shabbat this Friday evening, February 8, at 6:45 p.m. in the Temple's Bennett Chapel. Rabbi Sid Helbraun will lead singing, stories and introduce the children to basic Sabbath prayers. Refreshments will follow services. There is no fee for admission and members of the community are welcome to attend. Tot Shabbat services are designed for children ages 1-6. Family Times is sponsored by the Temple Sisterhood.

Sports Night At Beth-El This Sunday

The Brotherhood of Temple Beth-El will sponsor a Sports Night this Sunday, February 10, from 6-9 p.m. in the Temple's Silverstein Meeting Hall. The Brotherhood will welcome special guest, Pawtucket Red Sox outfielder, Mickey Pina.

There is no fee for admission. The program will feature free dinner, autographs, and a raffle of sports items including Gift Certificates to Carpano's Press Box Club, an autographed PawSox baseball and autographed books from *Providence Journal* beat writer Bill Reynolds.

For reservations, call the Temple office, 331-6070.

Sons Of Jacob

Friday, February 8 - Twenty-four days in Shevat. Candlelighting is at 4:49 p.m.

Saturday, February 9 - Twenty-five days in Shevat. The portion of the Torah to be read today is Shekolim, Mishpotim. This Parshas is read on Rosh Chodesh Adar and it deals with the half-shekel coin brought by each Jew to aid in the maintenance of the Holy Temple. Two Torahs are used. Morning services are at 8:30 a.m. followed by the customary kiddush. Mincha is at 4:55 p.m. Ma'ariv at 5:45 p.m. Shabbos ends 5:53 p.m. Havdalah is at 5:58 p.m.

This Saturday will be the blessing of the coming month of Adar, which falls on Thursday and Friday, February 14 and 15. The Molad (appearance of the new moon) occurs on Thursday morning at 9:54 a.m. and 37 seconds (11 chalokim).

Sunday, February 10 - Morning services at 7:45 a.m. followed by our customary breakfast.

Mincha for the entire week is at 5:05 p.m.

Morning services for Monday are at 6:30 a.m., for Tuesday and Friday at 6:45 a.m., for Wednesday and Thursday (Rosh Chodesh) at 6:15 a.m.

Deporting Fomentors Of Violence

Because Israel has decided to use deportation as a means of deterring terrorist attacks against civilians, a furor has

erupted. Four leaders of Islamic Resistance Movement Hamas accused of the brutal slaying of three Jews in an aluminum factory in Jaffa December 14, 1990, was the immediate provocation to deport. The four Hamas members, along with a number of others arrested, were involved with formulating leaflets, incitement, recruiting activists, and initiating violent activities and terrorist actions. Additionally, they were charged with issuing operational guidelines for their execution of all events.

Hamas considers itself the organization responsible for initiating the intifada. They are a faction of the Muslim Brotherhood that seeks to replace Israel with an Islamic state after a JIHAD (this is the Hamas Covenant).

During the course of 1990, and particularly since the Temple Mount incidents, this group has played a larger role in fomenting violence. Hamas' radical approach is to exploit the religious motif of these incidents, and has had a major influence on the territories' population. Israel maintains that the four men deported did play key roles in Hamas' efforts to instigate violence.

The deportation orders were given by the IDF commander in the area, while the subjects of the orders are entitled to appeal to a special committee. If that appeal is rejected, they may ask the High Court of Justice to hear the case.

Cranston-Warwick Chapter Of Hadassah

Mrs. Shirley Schreiber of Cranston, R.I. will lead a delegation from the Cranston-Warwick Chapter of Hadassah to the New England Hadassah Conference to be held at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel on May 5 and 6, 1991. This is the first all New England Conference, and it is expected that 500 women representing all the New England states will attend.

The two days of lectures and workshops will include presentations by Sylvia Fishman, specialist in American Jewish Families and women's issues; Rabbi Harold S. Kushner, author of *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*; and Joyce Anisman-Saltman, expert on leadership and group dynamics. One of the panel dis-

cussions will include Laurie Mylroie, co-author of "Saddam Hussein and the Crisis in the Gulf" and David Siegel, special assistant to the Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations.

Sunday night's banquet will celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the opening of Hadassah Hospital at Ein Karem. The closing dinner on Monday will feature the installation of the Region Boards.

Hadassah is the largest women's volunteer organization in the United States. With over 385,000 members, Hadassah is also the largest Jewish organization in the country. In the New England area, Hadassah has over 30,000 members.

For more information on the conference, call Mrs. Shirley Schreiber at Tel No. 738-0934.

NCJW Scholarships

National Council of Jewish Women, Rhode Island Section, will be awarding scholarships to Rhode Island area students attending college in the Fall of 1991.

NCJW is the oldest Jewish women's volunteer organization in the country with more than 100,000 members dedicated to community service and social action to improve life for others. Our scholarship pro-

gram is part of this commitment. Scholarships will be awarded based on financial need, evidence of involvement in community service, and academic worthiness.

Students desiring applications should write to: Seena Dittelman, 93 Crestwood Road, Cranston, R.I. 02920, or phone 942-5735. Deadline for requesting applications is March 29, 1991.

Congregation Ohawe Shalom

Services this Friday night at the Young Israel of Pawtucket are at 5 p.m. Shabbat morning, Shabbat Shekalim, services are at 9 a.m. followed by a Kiddush Shabbat. Afternoon services are at 4:50 p.m. followed by the Third Sabbath Meal. Ma'ariv is at 5:50 p.m. Havdalah is at 6 p.m.

Rabbi Jacobs gives his beginning reading class Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

On Wednesday evenings at 8 p.m. beginning Judaism is a class held for those who want to know more.

There is a regular schedule of services this coming week. On Thursday, February 14, and Friday, February 15, Rosh Chodesh Adar services will be at 6:30 a.m.

On February 20 the Junior N.C.S.Y. will prepare Shalach Manot to be distributed on Purim day to our newly arrived Soviet Jewish immigrants.

Our annual Purim dinner for the entire Jewish community will take place February 28 at 5:15 p.m. Mark this date on your calendar.

Temple Emanu-El Leisure Club

The Sunday meeting of Temple Emanu-El Leisure Club will be held on February 10, 1991, at 2 p.m. in the Bohnen Vestry of the Temple.

Marcie Kaunfer, wife of Rabbi Alvan Kaunfer, will speak on "Jewish Humor." Mrs. Kaunfer received degrees from Hebrew Teachers College, her B.A. degree from Brandeis University and she

was one of the first to receive a Master's Degree in Jewish Education from Harvard Grad School. She recently completed a 30 session video series teaching Genesis which is currently being aired on Dimension Cable. Mrs. Kaunfer is a teacher at the Ruth and Max Alperin-Schechter Day School.

A social hour will follow and refreshments will be served.

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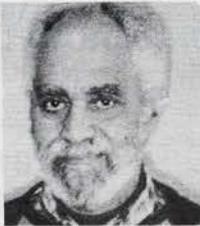
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Area Child's Prose In National Magazine

The February 1991 issue of a national magazine with a circulation of nearly three million has published a prose piece titled "When I Imagine" by Josh Berman of Providence, a third-grade student at Providence Hebrew Day School.

The magazine is *Highlights for Children*, founded 44 years ago. Its readers are youngsters from two to twelve all over the country and in many parts of the world.

Josh, the son of Jeffrey and Marlene Berman, is a member of the Nintendo Club. He likes dinosaurs and enjoys collecting rocks. Josh wants to be a scientist or an astronaut when he grows up.

Nearly three million copies of *Highlights* go eleven times a year to children's homes, school libraries, and professional offices.

When I Imagine

When I'm by myself, I imagine I'm a roller coaster zooming down the tracks. I also pretend I'm a dinosaur with a big, loud roar.

When I go to sleep, I dream that I'm an astronaut moving through outer space.

When I wake up, I think about school and being myself.

**Joshua Berman, Age 7
Providence**

Jewish Family Service Collects Furnishings For New Americans

Jewish Family Service is coordinating a community-wide effort to help arriving Soviet Jews resettle by furnishing their apartments with donated items. Many of these New Americans, who arrive with few personal belongings, face a time of great transition. The adjustment to a new culture and lifestyle can be softened by having an attractive and comfortable apartment to call home.

Jewish Family Service will arrange to pick up bedroom, kitchen, and living room furnishings that are in good condition and in appropriate scale for apartments. Beds, sofas, chairs and small appliances, such as toasters and microwave

ovens, are all needed. The items will then be inventoried and stored. As new emigres arrive, Jewish Family Service will distribute the furniture and accessories.

Those wishing to donate furnishings are requested to mail an itemized list to Jewish Family Service, 229 Waterman Street, Providence, R.I. 02906.

The project is being coordinated by Jewish Family Service volunteer, Merrill Percelay, with the help of other volunteers, students at Brown/RISD Hillel and local businesses who have donated space.

Your charitable contributions can help new members to our community feel at home and welcomed.

Pawtucket Arts Council

Eighth Annual Poetry Competition

The Pawtucket Arts Council is seeking entries for its Eighth Annual Poetry Competition. All poets are invited to enter one original, unpublished work. A First Prize of \$200, a \$150 Second Prize, and a \$100 Third Prize will be awarded.

All poems must be submitted in English, and may be written in any style and on any subject. The poet's name, address, telephone number and poem title must be on a separate sheet of paper. The poem, with its title but no further identification, must be typed, double-spaced, no longer than two 8 1/2"x11" pages. A \$3.00 administrative fee must accompany each entry, which must be postmarked no later than March 8, 1991.

Poems will be judged by a distinguished panel of published poets. Winners will be notified shortly after the judging in late March. An awards ceremony and reading will take place in April. Participating will be Galway Kinnell, Pulitzer Prize-winning poet and Pawtucket native, who is the Honorary Chairman of the competition. Paramount Cards, Inc., co-sponsors the event.

Poems should be submitted to the Pawtucket Arts Council Poetry Competition, 474 Broadway, Pawtucket, R.I. 02860. For further information, call the Pawtucket Arts Council at (401) 725-1151.

Artist Members Exhibit At Jewish Community Center
Artist Members of the Pawtucket Arts Council will exhibit at Gallery 401 of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave.

Providence, from February 10-March 8. The public is invited to an opening reception Sunday, February 10, from 2-4 p.m.

A variety of artwork including paintings, prints, photographs, sculpture, and handmade items in fiber and glass will be on display. Gallery hours are Monday-Thursday 2-10 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; and Sunday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Closed Saturdays.

For more information on this exhibit or on becoming an Artist Member of the Arts Council, contact the Pawtucket Arts Council, 474 Broadway, Pawtucket, R.I. 02860, 725-1151.

Social Seniors Of Warwick

The Social Seniors of Warwick will hold a meeting Wednesday, February 13, at 1 p.m. at Temple Am David, Gardner St.

A book review will be given by Bea Feldman. Refreshments will be served.

February Offers A Gallery 401 Opening Reception And Other Various Activities At The JCCRI

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, located at 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence, will be holding a variety of events for children and adults during February. For further information about a particular event, please call 861-8800 and ask for the specified contact.

Gallery 401

Gallery 401 welcomes the Pawtucket Arts Council Annual Member Artists Juried Show on Sunday, February 10, at an opening reception from 2-4 p.m. A variety of media will be exhibited, including paintings, ceramics, glass and sculpture. The show, free and open to the community, will continue through March 8. Call Ruby Shalansky for more information.

Club 456

For students in grades 4 through 6, Club 456 will be holding a Ping Pong and Pool Tournament on Tuesday, February 12, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Gameroom. This fun-filled evening includes ping pong, pool, bumper pool and air hockey, as well as a light supper and dessert. Admission is free for Club members and \$4 for non-Club members. Reservations should be made by February 8.

Brown Bag Club

For active seniors and those free for lunch, the Brown Bag Club will meet February 12 at noon at the Center. Donald Deignan, Deputy Director of

the Consumer Protection Division of the Rhode Island Attorney General's Office, will address issues of common concern, such as telemarketing fraud and supplemental health insurance. Questions are welcome. On February 26 the Brown Bag Club will tour the Johnson and Wales Culinary Arts Museum.

Bring a brown bag lunch to the Center on each day; a \$1 donation includes dessert and beverage. All are invited to attend the Yiddish Vinkel at 2 p.m., directly following the informative meeting on Feb. 12. Yiddish Vinkel will not meet on February 26. For information or directions to the Museum, please call Evy Rapoport.

Kosher Mealsite

The Kosher Mealsite at the Center offers a variety of activities and a chance for seniors to meet Monday through Friday at 11 a.m. and Sunday at 9:30 a.m., followed by a hot kosher meal at noon sponsored by Project Hope. Regularly scheduled programs include the daily opportunity to enjoy talking to friends in the Conversation Pit from 10 to 11 a.m., followed by exercise at 11:15. BINGO is scheduled for Tuesdays, 11 to 11:45 a.m. Friend to Friend meets Thursdays from 11 a.m. to noon. Shabbat traditions are observed on Fridays. Sunday mornings begin with hot muffins, tea and coffee at 10 a.m.,

followed by interesting programs. Special activities planned for the 8th to the 14th of February are:

February 8 - Israeli discussion, 11:15 a.m.; Sunday, 10 - VCR program, "To Be a Woman Soldier," 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 13 - Visiting nurse, 9:30 to 11 a.m.

For further information call Sandy Bass.

Singles Brunch

The JCCRI Singles will be holding a brunch in the Senior Adult Lounge on Sunday, February 10 at 11 a.m. Guest speaker will be Paul Segal, Executive Director of Jewish Family Service, discussing "Interfaith Dating and Marriage." Admission is \$4 for JCCRI Singles members and \$6.50 for nonmembers. For additional information, call Laurie Shatz.

Women & Infants Hospital Seeks Volunteers

Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island is seeking volunteers to lead patients in arts and crafts projects.

Volunteers should be skilled in a variety of crafts such as knitting, crocheting and needlework. The hours and days are flexible. Three-hour commitments are preferred.

For more information contact Volunteer Services at Women & Infants Hospital, 274-1100, ext. 1469.

Touro Helps In Operation Desert Storm

Members of Touro Fraternal Association can be proud that its board of directors, through its community involvement committee, have been working with the JWB and the chaplains fund and have purchased a large quantity of seder kits for American Jews in the military taking active part in Operation Desert Storm. In recognizing the contribution being made by the Jewish men and women in the field, we feel we must do what we can to support them and let them know they are being supported by fellow Jews.

If you know of a member of Touro or child or grandchild of a Touro member, please let us have the name and APO address. We will do our best to see if we can get one of these kits to them in the field.

Please call us at our office 785-0066 or write us at Touro Fraternal Association, P.O. Box 3562, Cranston, R.I. 02910. Jewish men who are interested in joining Touro Fraternal and

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Poem

The dust is kicked up from the dirt,
Where the tanks used to lay,
A burning, ruthless sun,
Burns down today.
Many people ask
If we're scared here
All we can say
Is we're full of fear.

I wish this would end,
With no lives lost
Oil isn't worth
That terrible cost.

If peace would revolve
Around the Earth,
We wouldn't be,
In this 'Saudi' 'hearth.'

All is said
Peace should be done,
All will end
Without this terrible pun.

Shai Secunda

Saddam Hussein thinks he can
do anything he wants,
And yet he feels no guilt and
feels no fault.

All he ever thinks of is oil and
money,
So he showed us when he
ruined that peaceful country.

He only cares about himself,
Doesn't think about anyone
else.
He dumps oil into water,
Creates terrorists and violent
borders.

If you ask me I think he should
be put to death,
All for the charges of murder
and theft . . .

Amir Afsai

WAR

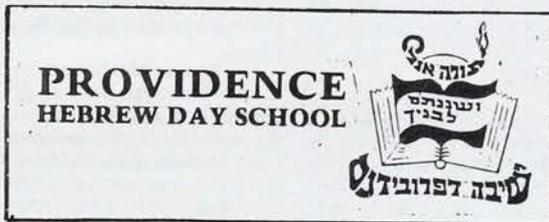
People are crying.
Children are dying.
Blood is everywhere.
Everyone is full of fear.
"Oh I wish this war ends
soon," one girl prays
"It's been going on for days."

Deena Dubovick

The War

I feel bad
Because there is a war
It is not very peaceful
Like the way it was before
There is a man
Saddam Hussein is his name
He started the war
So he's the one to blame

Rena Silberberg



The war between Iraq and
Israel
Is not going very well for
Israel.
Saddam Hussein started shoot-
ing off scud missiles.
They blew up in the air and
landed in Israel.

Ilana Akerstein



I really don't like the situation
in the Middle East.
I wish everything would stop,
and have peace.
All the bombs that hit Tel
Aviv,
I think we just need to believe.
S.C.U.D. missiles killing every-
where,
giving everyone a really big
scare.

I have one last thing to say,
That Saddam Hussein should
be killed today.

Zachary Burack

It seems to me that Saddam
Hussein
Has a very tiny brain.
To think that he could want to
start
A war like this, he's not too
smart.

Peace is what we all request,
With peace the whole world
should be blessed.
But no, that is not what
Hussein thought
So American soldiers fought
and fought.

If only right now the war
would end
All the soldiers' wounds would
mend.
Oh, how wonderful it would
be
To live in peace and harmony.

Chava Shafran

This war stinks!
Let's get a kitchen sink,
And throw it at Saddam
Hussein.

You know, the guy with no
brain!
I don't know what is his game,
Or if anyone else ever had the
same,

I just know that this guy is
insane!
The poor troops in the Middle
East!

They have to fight an army led
by a beast,
And that is not the least,
Of this horrible war.
I can't take it anymore.

Dov Winkelman

War

The war was started by Iraq,
Then we started to attack.

There is a man Saddam
Hussein.
This one man, he's insane.

Miriam Pliskin

I can't believe the war has
begun
I'm sure that Israel is having no
fun
Saddam Hussein is really
insane

If he thinks he can wipe the
Jews down the drain
He wants to kill the Jews
So he sends out his crew
To bomb up Israel
From old to brand new

We wanted peace we longed
for no war
But Hussein brought us into
this tiring bore

I know we will win that is a fact
We're knocking him dead giv-
ing lots of impact.

I know we will win and I'll say
it again
And to this quote we should all
say "Amain"

Yoni Weinberg

Our soldiers in the Middle
East,
Are fighting Saddam Hussein,
the beast.

We're trying to get the Iraqis
out of Kuwait
"You'll regret it Saddam, but it
is too late!"

Aviva Jakubowicz

From Sinai To Israel

The students at Temple
Sinai Religious School in
Cranston have written letters
of concern and support to
Israeli students at the Leo
Baeck Educational Center in
Israel.

At prayer services led by
Rabbi George Astrachan, stu-
dents expressed their thoughts
and feelings about Operation
Desert Storm and the Iraqi
attack on the civilian popula-
tion of Israel. The children's
letters reflect their awareness
and understanding of the posi-
tion, as well as their anger, at
Saddam Hussein for terrorizing
the Kuwaiti and Israeli popu-
lations. The following is a
sampling of their letters:

"Shalom,

I think Saddam Hussein is
being very cruel to your
country, and that if I were he,
I would surrender immediately;
however, I think God was
being supportive of your coun-
try because nobody was killed,
and few people were injured.
With this kind of protection
from God and the USA, the
odds of any of you dying are
very slim. Goodbye for now.
Please write back.

David Heller

"Shalom,

I am sorry that you are in
war. My name is Jamie, and I
would like to be your friend.
Are you okay? I hope so; I
don't want you to get hurt. Is
your mom and dad okay? Are
your friends okay? I don't want
them to get hurt either. I feel
bad for you. I'm in the second
grade. My friend is Amanda. I
have a 10-year-old sister. Do
you have a sister or brother?

*B'Shalom,
Jamie Bookbinder*



"Dear Chaver,

We are praying for you. I
hope the war will end. My
cousin's dad is fighting in the
war. I hope you are safe. Is any-
body hurt that you know? I am
8 years old.

*B'V'racha
Brian Jaffe*

"Shalom,

I am a Jewish student in the
United States. A lot of people
have probably said, "Oh, I feel
so bad for you," but most of
them probably don't know
what it's like.

My name is Amy Krasner,
and I don't know what it's like
either. I really do have sympa-
thy for you, though. It must be
strange to have to wear a gas
mask. I'm really glad only a
few people in all of Israel are
not all right.

Today in Sunday School we
said a prayer for all the people
in Israel. In my head I was
praying for all the Israelis to be
safe!

Every night I think that if
Saddam Hussein had never
gone into Kuwait, this whole
war would never have hap-
pened.

I still don't understand why
Saddam Hussein had to in-
volve Israel. The only reason I
can think of is that he is so
crazy, he wanted to make the
situation worse. I hope we can
be pen pals and that you will
share your feelings with me.

*Your friend,
Amy Krasner*

"Dear friend,

My name is Steven Finn.
Even though I do not know
much about the war, I know
that you and your family are in
danger and scared. My family
and I are very scared because
Saddam Hussein may have ter-
rorists waiting with bombs,
and I am scared because I am
Jewish and Saddam Hussein
hates the Jews. It is very sad
that it has come to this, that
you have to wear gas masks
just to stay alive; and the peo-
ple in the U.S. are trying to fig-
ure out a way to intercept those
missiles that Saddam Hussein
is launching. We are doing as
much as we can. In our temple
we are talking about the war.
As I figure it, all of the other
kids in my temple feel the
same way as I do. We are also
saying prayers for you and for
peace. Today we sang "My
Country 'Tis of Thee" and
"Hatikvah" in Temple.

*Sincerely,
Steven Finn*

"Shalom friend,

Inside of me I'm really cry-
ing for all the people that have
gotten hurt because of Saddam
Hussein. It's really sad because
he is really a mad man, but
that's how some people are.
When the bombing started,
and still going on, were you
scared? If you ever get this let-
ter in your shelter, I hope that
through this treacherous time
you are safe and hope that this
will be over very shortly and
that there will be peace all over
the world.

*Your friend,
Mathew Dorchuck*



How Counting Counts — Demography Today

by Sarah Baird
Herald Associate Editor

In 1987 Sidney Goldstein, Ph.D. and Calvin Goldscheider, Ph.D. completed a comprehensive demographic study of our Rhode Island Jewish community. The 1987 study, "The Jewish Community of Rhode Island: A Social and Demographic Study," was prepared for the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. Funding was provided by the Endowment Fund of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. Since 1987, the results of the study have been used by various statewide agencies for planning purposes.

Dr. Goldstein is George Hazard Crooker University Professor and Professor of Sociology at Brown University. Dr. Goldstein has conducted numerous studies of the Jewish population of the United States, including his extensive research on our local community. Furthermore, Dr. Goldstein has been active in many regional agencies, including the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, the Bureau of Jewish Education, The Jewish Home for the Aged, the Jewish Family and Children's Service, the Hillel Advisory Board, and the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association. Dr. Goldstein was recently selected to serve on the International Advisory Committee to help guide the proposed 1990 round of worldwide surveys of the Jewish population.

I had an opportunity recently to talk with Dr. Goldstein about

the findings of both the 1987 study and the more recent, broader undertaking, the Council of Jewish Federations National Jewish Survey. The survey was overseen by the CJF National Technical Advisory Committee on the Jewish Population Study headed by Dr. Goldstein. According to Dr. Goldstein, these studies are beneficial to agencies and community groups involved in Jewish concerns.

"Many facets of the studies are used for planning purposes. As in the business world, so, too, in the world of family service, ageing, etc. A hypothetical situation would be: if a new home for the aged were to be planned, it would need to know who keeps kosher. In the field of education, [one would need to discover] how many and what percentage [of the population] are already in Hebrew education classes."

In light of the new national survey of the United States Jewish population, Rhode Island's Jewish community appears to be fairly representative of some national Jewish trends. For instance, a preliminary finding of the national survey reports that "25% of respondents moved to their present residence within the last five years."

According to Dr. Goldstein, the 1987 Rhode Island study "shows that people are moving greater distances. Distance is much less of a barrier [than it



Dr. Goldstein in his office at Brown University.

was in the past]. Unfortunately for Rhode Island, however, "a high percentage of young Jews go to college and few return to their place of origin."

Dr. Goldstein notes that during the years from 1963, when the last Rhode Island survey of the Jewish population was conducted, until the more recent study in 1987, Rhode Island's Jewish population suffered a decrease. Although the national Jewish population has increased slightly over the past twenty years, the 1987 Rhode Island study confirms "a decline in the overall size of the State's Jewish population. Every community differs, because in effect it depends on the larger community. This decline is reflective of the changing economic situation in Rhode Island."

Another common result of the two studies is documentation of the rising trend to intermarry. Both the local and national studies indicate a marked increase in the number of Jewish households in part due to intermarriage. Dr. Goldstein confirms that "in terms of intermarriage, Rhode Island is unquestionably typical of the national trends. The rates are going up considerably. Before 1960, four percent intermarried. From 1980-87 approximately thirty-eight percent intermarried. The national study shows that because of the increase in the rates of intermarriage, the number of households has increased considerably. The same is true instate, but the number of people has declined in Rhode Island."

Prior to the 1987 Rhode Island study, twenty-four years

had elapsed since the last report. Therefore, there was a "pressing need for a new study for planning purposes," Dr. Goldstein explains. "One by-product of the 1987 study is that the Federation has formed a planning committee in a variety of areas — education, family, aging."

The 1990 National Survey will also help local as well as national organizations adapt to the changing needs of American Jews. According to the preliminary national report and the Council of Jewish Federations' Executive Vice President, Martin S. Kraar, "through the statistical data obtained from the 1990 National Survey, Jewish Federations will be better equipped to plan for the development of services and facilities that are vital to the continued growth of Jewish life in their communities." Furthermore, the data from the 1990 study will be held in the North American Jewish Data Bank, which will conduct further analyses of the extensive information.

Dr. Goldstein has been involved in this fascinating, vital field for over thirty-five years. "The entire Jewish community, including synagogues, Bureaus, Jewish Family Services, The Home for the Aged, and other groups will use the studies," says Goldstein. He notes that Rhode Island has a comparatively high percentage of its population affiliated with synagogues, therefore, the synagogues can make ample use of the new data.



Nader's Lecture Launched Brown's Conservation Movement

by Kathy Cohen
Herald Associate Editor

Last Tuesday, January 29, Ralph Nader spoke to the press before his lecture to a full-capacity audience at Brown University's Salomon Center for Teaching. Nader's speech, sponsored by the Brown Lecture Board, the University's Environmental Studies Center and the Brown Is Green Committee, was scheduled in accordance with the Center for Environmental Studies' receipt of a \$2 million grant from the Littleton Foundation of New York City. The grant will be used to increase the school's environmental studies program and conservation on campus.

During the conference Nader explained how early learning and involvement can benefit the country's economy in the future, especially if all the Ivy League schools join in the energy conservation struggle. Nader has already started the ball rolling; he said he had already sent his alma mater a letter instigating a competition of conservation between Brown and Harvard.

"When students live this type of modern day frugality with its magnitude of consequences for the whole environment, they are more likely to be very forceful advocates after they graduate," says Nader. "It's very much part of their educational

experience and it may lead to more defined career choices in the environmental area after they graduate because of this experience."

"I suspect, also, that it will lead to some new ideas, new innovations, some of them not very large in dollar terms here at Brown, but if they're amplified throughout the country it will be large in dollars and economic sense and environmentally beneficial."

Nader spoke of his attempt in the 70's at distributing a manual on how to conduct a campus energy audit throughout the country. However, due to a lack of "receptive infrastructure on campuses to utilize it, even though tuition costs were going up and being explained by the administration at these colleges and universities as due to higher costs," it didn't catch on.

Brown is one of the few universities to build the infrastructure Nader spoke about. There will be a new environmental action group headed by environmental studies professor Harold Ward. The group will be divided in two — a working committee and an executive committee. The goal of the group is to explore the many ways to save resources and money.

Last year Brown spearheaded

an effort to create a full-time staff position of research associate. James Corless, a 1990 graduate of the Environmental Studies program, is the first to take the responsibility of the position, which includes examining all facets of the university's environmental impact.

The school has found, through Ward's own classes, that the university could save more than \$40,000 a year by replacing all incandescent bulbs in its exit signs with fluorescent bulbs, which use less energy and have a longer life. Also, students have monitored the use of "low-flow" shower heads. The school could shave their water consumption by 11 million gallons a year, thereby saving about \$60,000 annually. This savings will more than cover the \$30,000 cost of replacing all heads.

Nader projects that Brown "will eventually find better ways of recycling and more efficient means of disposing its chemicals from its labs and then get into source reduction which means using less paper, heat — try to catch it at its earliest point."

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Walk-Out Called Off!

The Jewish Home For The Aged was one of seven homes in Rhode Island to settle a contract with the 1190 Union before a scheduled walk-out. According to president Saul Zeichner, the contract between the home and the union was settled last Friday, February 1, at 10 p.m. but, due to the Sabbath, the agreement could not be voted on and finalized immediately.

It wasn't until Sunday, February 3, that the two groups voted to accept the contract.

The contract between the union and the Jewish Home For the Aged expired November 30, 1990. The Jewish Home was given an extension until January 18, 1991 to come up with satisfactory terms on Health and Welfare fund increases, salary increases, and "fringe additions," said Zeichner. When the home didn't comply with the union's demands, the union sent a notice that a 24-hour walk-out would take effect on Monday, February 4.

The new contract will be in effect until October 1, 1993.

The negotiations were "very pleasant. Everyone who was involved felt that the process was positive, productive and a new way to negotiate," said Zeichner. "Everybody feels good; and ultimately the residents felt good, and that's the most important thing. If the residents are happy, then we're happy. It was a positive and warm feeling negotiation."

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Obituaries

ROSE COHEN

PROVIDENCE — Rose Cohen, 86, a resident of Charlesgate Nursing Home for the last two months, an employee of the former United Wire Co. for many years before retiring 20 years ago, died Thursday, January 31, 1991, at the home.

Born in Russia, she was a daughter of the late Harry and Etta Katz. She lived in Cranston 40 years before moving to Providence.

She leaves two sisters, Pauline Adler of Cranston and Selma Weiser of Massachusetts.

A graveside funeral service was held Friday, February 1, at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Post Road, Warwick and was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope Street.

SOPHIE P. COHEN

PROVIDENCE — Sophie P. Cohen, 91, of the Jewish Home

for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., a linker for a Providence jewelry manufacturing firm for 15 years before retiring 18 years ago, died Monday, January 28, 1991, at the home. She was the widow of Robert M. Cohen.

Born in Russia, she was a daughter of the late Abraham and Rachel (Leibovitz) Gabrilowitz. She lived in Providence most of her life.

Mrs. Cohen was a member of the former Sons of Zion Synagogue, and was a member of Pioneer Women and the Ladies Association of the Jewish Home of the Aged.

She leaves two sons, Sydney and David I. Cohen, and a daughter, Irma Silverman, all of Cranston; two sisters, Lillian Gleckman of East Hartford, Conn., and Faye Goodman of Dayton, Ohio; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Friday, February 1, at Sugarman-Smith Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St. Burial was in Lin-

coln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

BETTY GOLDSTEIN

PAWTUCKET — Betty Goldstein, 70, of 85 Dartmouth St., a bookkeeper for the N.A. Stallman Co. for the past 50 years, died Thursday, January 17, 1991, at Miriam Hospital. She was the widow of Samuel Goldstein.

Born in Fall River, Mass., a daughter of the late Lewis and Mae (Perlitch) Wexler, she lived in Pawtucket for 10 years. She previously lived in Providence.

Mrs. Goldstein was a member of Temple Emanu-El, its Leisure Club, its Sisterhood, the Jewish Home for the Aged, and Hadassah.

She leaves a sister, Esta Feldman of Pawtucket.

The funeral service was held Monday, January 21, at the Sugarman-Smith Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

JACOB PAER

PATERSON, N.J. — Jacob Paer, an attorney for over 50 years, died after a long illness at a New York hospital on Sunday, January 27, 1991.

He was the husband of Barbara Paer.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Deanna Brill of Pawtucket, R.I.; a son Dr. William Paer of Costa Rica; a brother, Henry Paer of Paterson, N.J.; five grandchildren, Lauri Goldstein and Amy Brill of Pawtucket, Michael Brill of Providence and Jill and Dr. Adam Paer of Costa Rica.

Funeral services were private. Contributions can be made to your favorite charity.

ANDREA G. SALTZMAN

CRANSTON — Andrea G. Saltzman, 37, of 82 Mountain Laurel Drive died Tuesday, January 22, 1991, at home. She was the wife of Richard A. Saltzman.

Born in Providence, a daughter of Harriet (Fishbein) Gladstone, and the late Bernard C. Gladstone, she lived in Cranston for 16 years.

Mrs. Saltzman was vice president of the Providence Watch

Hospital and vice president of the Bears Watch Repair Service, Providence. She was a 1975 graduate of the Simmons College School of Nursing, Boston, and was a registered nurse.

She was a past president of the Simmons College Alumni Association. She was a member of the board of directors of Temple Beth Shalom, Providence. She was a member VAAD of Rhode Island. She was a former concert mistress of the Rhode Island Junior Philharmonic Orchestra.

Besides her husband and mother she leaves a son, Evan Saltzman; a daughter, Brooke Saltzman, both at home; and three brothers, Bruce Gladstone and Scott Gladstone, both of Providence, and Jeffrey Gladstone of East Greenwich.

The funeral was held Thursday, January 24, at Temple Beth Shalom, Rochambeau Avenue. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements by the Sugarman-Smith Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St.

NORA SHANSKY

PROVIDENCE — Nora Shansky, 75, of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., an office worker for Israeli Bonds, New York, for many years before retiring 15 years ago, died Sunday, January 27, 1991, at home. She was the widow of Daniel Shansky.

Born in Bethlehem, Pa., a daughter of the late Joseph and Minnie (Gruenwald) Matesky, she lived in Providence for a year.

Mrs. Shansky was a resident member of the Jewish Home for the Aged, and a member of the Workmen's Circle.

She leaves a son, Joseph Shansky of Barrington; a daughter, Bernice Weinberg of Brooklyn, N.Y.; two brothers, Sol Matesky of Hyattsville, Md., Harry Matesky of Boca Raton, Fla., and four grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Tuesday, January 29, at Parkside Memorial Chapel, Brooklyn. Burial was in Mount Lebanon Cemetery, Glendale, N.Y. Arrangements coordinated by the Sugarman-Smith Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St.

CLAIRE SUNDEL

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Claire Sundel, 83, of 550 S. Ocean Blvd. died Sunday, January 20, 1991. She was the wife of Jacob Sundel.

Born in New York, a daughter of the late Samuel and Dora (Platt) Greenbaum, she lived in Fall River, Mass., before moving to Florida.

Mrs. Sundel was a member of Temple Beth-El, Fall River, and its Sisterhood. She was a member of the Fall River Jewish Home for the Aged, Hadassah, and the American Women's Ort Organization. She was a member of the Broken Sound Country Club, Boca Raton, and the Ledgemont Country Club, Swansea, Mass. She was a member of the Brandeis Women's Organization, and was a co-founder of the Key Container Corp., Pawtucket. She was a member of the Jewish Home for the Aged, Providence.

Besides her husband she leaves two daughters, Sylvia Strauss of Warwick and Betsey Parent of Bristol; a son, William Sundel of New York; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held Wednesday, January 23, at noon at Temple Beth-El, High Street, Fall River. Burial was in Beth-El Cemetery, Fall River.

CHARLES J. TALAN

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Charles J. Talan, 71, of 3609 Dame St., a Rhode Island businessman before moving to Florida 12 years ago, died Friday, January 25, 1991. He was the husband of Florence Talan.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Abraham and Bela (Ross) Talan.

Mr. Talan had been owner of the former Talan Motors, an automobile dealership, in Warwick and Groton, Conn. He was also an accountant. He was a World War II Army veteran and served in the European Theater. He was a cum laude graduate of Bryant College. He was a member of the Touro Fraternal Association.

He leaves two daughters, Dianne F. Talan of New York and Robin Justice of South

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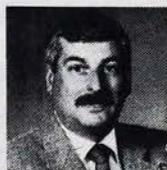
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Kingstown; a brother, Francis Talan of Warwick, and two grandchildren. He was father of the late Robert B. Talan, and brother of the late Samuel Talan. He was formerly married to Lillian (Goldstein) Drescher of Coventry, who is mother of his children.

The funeral will be private. In memory of Charles Talan, contributions may be made to either Jewish Home for the Aged or Jewish War Veterans of R.I.

Support Israel

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Miranda, president of the Hispanic Federation of New York City; and Joseph Giordano of the National Italian American Foundation.

"As leaders of America's religious, racial and ethnic communities, we are outraged by Saddam Hussein's missile attacks on the civilian population of Israel, a nation not party to the present war," the statement said. "We share the pain of the Israeli men, women and children who have been the targets of these missiles."

The statement went on to say, "Whatever views we may hold on the war, we share a fundamental concern for human life and international human rights standards."

A day earlier in Philadelphia, 16 local ethnic, civic, religious and political leaders presented the statement to Israel's consul general there, Dr. Israel Peleg. The ceremony was held at the local office of the American Jewish Committee.

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Fifteen of the mayors, in Washington for a meeting of the United States Conference of Mayors, presented the statement to Zalman Shoval, Israel's ambassador to the United States, in a ceremony at the Israeli Embassy.

The mayors' statement was warmly received by the American Jewish Congress. The initiative for the resolution came from mayors who had previously participated in the annual International Conference of Mayors in Jerusalem sponsored jointly by the American Jewish Congress and the United States Conference of Mayors.

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BUSINESS PROFILES

Blackman Insurance

It is not surprising to discover that Richard Blackman had visions of being a teacher earlier in his life. Combining education with sales is one of the prime goals of the owner of the Blackman Insurance Agency, East Greenwich, R.I. "The better a client understands the policy, the better he will feel about what he has just purchased. Insurance can be extremely perplexing to the general public. If I can reduce the confusion and fears, I have helped my client and laid the groundwork for a long-term relationship." With 18 years in the business and the last seven operating the agency that bears his name, this basic philosophy has served Mr. Blackman well.

Richard, who grew up on Providence's East Side, is the youngest of four children of the

late Edward and Beatrice Blackman. A graduate of Classical High School and Brown University, Richard taught math at Jenks Jr. High School before becoming involved in the insurance business. During the next years he learned the business and achieved his CPCU (Chartered Property Casualty Underwriters designation) while working in the industry. In 1983, he joined a firm that specialized in life insurance and pension plans in order to establish a property-casualty division. In 1988 Richard bought the independent insurance agency that he had built and moved his operation to East Greenwich.

Richard and his wife, Michele Keir, live with their two children, Benjamin (11) and Rachael (8). Both Richard

and Michele are very active members of the community. Richard has served as President of the Providence Jaycees, is on the Board of Directors of Temple Am David and the Rhode Island Track and Field Foundation and is chairman of the Am David-Torat Yisrael Extension School. He has chaired his 20th and 25th high school reunions and spent many years as treasurer for Brown's Association of Class Officers. Michele is currently the chairperson of Warwick's Advisory Committee for Gifted and Talented Children and has held innumerable chairmanships for ORT, Hadassah and Cedar Hill School PTA over the years. The couple, whose marriage spans 18 years, is involved in Jewish Marriage Encounter.

Originally they met when Michele came to Rhode Island to design toys at Hasbro. They met at the JCC's singles group in the early 70's. Michele, the Blackman Insurance V.P., designed the agency's corporate identity package as well as the offices. Presently, in addition to working as a freelance graphic designer, Michele is a fund raising consultant helping schools, synagogues and athletic leagues raise money for their groups.

Richard specializes in the personal lines and small com-



mercial type of insurance. His carriers include Continental, Metropolitan, Pawtucket Mutual and Abington. Many agents shy away from dealing with the general public, but Richard thrives on the interaction. When discussing insurance coverages and potential hazards with clients, Richard can draw on both his business and personal experiences. "I am one of the best examples I can use because things have happened to me personally. It adds credibility when your insurance agent can say he has had a claim denied or he has been involved in an accident with an uninsured motorist and knows the physical and mental inconveniences of an injury due to an auto accident."

This is an extremely difficult period to be in the insurance industry due to company insolvencies, company abandon-

ment of the marketplace, and company cutbacks in agency force. However, "an independent agent is a survivor," says Richard. "Dramatic changes are happening within the insurance business, but the bedrock of my business will always be that one-to-one contact that exists between my agency and our clients."

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Israel Asks U.N.

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mediately," Aridor said. The primary purpose of the letter is to officially inform the United Nations of damages sustained in the event that a defeated Iraq has to make financial settlements for damages its military caused, U.N. officials explained.

U.N. officials said this was the first letter submitted requesting reparations for damages directly resulting from an Iraqi armed attack.

Numerous requests were made by area countries prior to Jan. 15 for financial assistance, but these requests detailed economic losses incurred in upholding the economic embargo against Iraq.

Rabbi Helbraun

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Institute of Religion of Cincinnati, Helbraun wrote his final thesis on the laws of marriage, divorce and conversion of Reform Judaism.

Since Helbraun arrived on July 16th, or thereabout, he's gotten involved with the community so much so that his social life has become one with the temple's people. But, that's the way he likes it. He's 29 years old and single, but not for long. He says he's looking forward to having someone help him with Sabbath meals and, in general, to bring order to his now busy rabbinical lifestyle.

Her name is Debbie Gardner. She's from Chicago and is also studying to be a rabbi. They

plan to become Mr. and Mrs. Helbraun by August of this year. We at the *Herald* congratulate the lucky couple and wish them the best of luck in their future.

Free Tax Assistance

Free tax assistance from Internal Revenue Service volunteers will be available at the Community College of Rhode Island, Providence Campus (formerly OIC), 1 Hilton Street, Providence from 9:00 a.m. to noon, on Saturdays, February 9 and 23.

The assistance will be available for low income, handicapped and elderly taxpayers. Malcolm A. Liebermann, Providence IRS District Director, reminds taxpayers who want tax preparation assistance to bring the tax package they received in the mail and copies of all W-2 and 1099 Forms.

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