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## War Permissible When Conducted Morally

by Debra Nussbaum Cohen

NEW YORK (JTA) — As war casualties mount in the Persian Gulf, religious leaders continue to debate the morality of the conflict.

While some religions consider war inherently immoral, the Jewish theological position is that war is justified and even mandatory in certain circumstances, say scholars of Jewish law.

"War ipso facto is not essentially immoral," said Rabbi Leonard Kravitz, professor of Midrash and homiletics at Hebrew Union College, the Reform movement's rabbinic seminary, and a former army chaplain.

"Judaism is a pacific tradition. We look at peace as the best thing," he said. "We pray for peace. We greet each other with peace. But the world is unredeemed."

"Mashiach (the Messiah) hasn't come. The world where nations don't learn war any more hasn't happened yet. Where evil still exists, what

does the individual do? War is sometimes necessary in an unredeemed world."

After the destruction of the Second Temple, rabbinic exegesis recognized three categories of war: milchemet reshut (permissible war), milchemet chovah (obligatory war) and milchemet mitzvah (commanded war). Ironically, these laws were codified during a time when Jews were under Roman rule and not able to make decisions of state.

The first rabbinic category, reshut, is understood as "optional war," a war initiated to conquer territory, for example some of the wars undertaken during the era of Jewish kings.

There are several legal requirements before beginning milchemet reshut, including obtaining the approval of the Sanhedrin, which cannot be fulfilled in the modern era.

Milchemet chovah, according to Kravitz, is war "to enhance the land or to expand the land."

Rabbi Arthur Green, presi-

dent of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, defines it differently. Milchemet chovah, he said, is "something you are obliged to do to save the life of your society when its existence is threatened."

Milchemet mitzvah, according to Green, means war that is commanded by Scripture. That definition is "limited to wars of conquest in the time of Joshua, to rid the land of the seven Canaanite nations, and war for the destruction of Amalek."

"Since the Talmud says that the Canaanite nations no longer exist in recognizable form, there is no longer any reason for milchemet mitzvah," Green said.

Other Jewish authorities disagree, defining milchemet mitzvah as war of self-defense, the one legitimate reason for war in the modern era.

"The only type of war permissible in this historical epoch is a defensive war," said Rabbi David Bleich, rosh yeshiva of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary in Riverdale, N.Y. (continued on page 7)

## Pro-Israel Church Sign Vandalized



by Sarah Baird

Herald Associate Editor

Pastor Ron Maggard, the spiritual director of the Providence Baptist Church, posts the theme of each week's Sunday service on a large, lit sign outside on the front steps. This past week it read: "Why G-d Helps Israel." Many people attending Sunday's service were eager to discover if indeed G-d does help the State of Israel. Pastor Maggard answers with absolute conviction, "Yes!"

"My church, which is an independent Baptist church, stands behind the nation of Israel and supports it as a nation.

We believe and we teach that the Bible says that those who bless Israel will be blessed; and those who curse Israel will be cursed. We really believe that those who are on the side of G-d have to be on the side of the Jews."

Unfortunately, however, it seems that not everyone feels the same way. Last Friday the sign announcing the sermon on Israel was found vandalized and lying in the center of the street in front of the church. The letters had been knocked down and some of the light bulbs were broken. Although Pastor Maggard cannot be sure

of his suspicions, he believes that the vandalism may have been motivated by anti-Semitism.

Every week the sign alerts the community to the upcoming Sunday sermon. Only once before has the sign been vandalized. "The only other time was when the sign read: 'Who is Saddam Hussein's G-d? The vandalism seems to be connected to the content of the sign. We had a sign that announced prayers for our troops. Nobody bothered that one.'" Pastor Ron Maggard has been conducting an on-going program on the Middle East. He finds that his parishioners have a lot of questions about the history and Biblical importance of the middle eastern countries.

"The whole middle eastern episode has much to do with the Bible. I really get aggravated with the so-called churches, which come out with statements against the nation of Israel. Not that we agree with every little thing that takes place, but we accept that as a nation it has a right to exist."

The Providence Baptist Church is housed in the former home of the New Beth David Synagogue on Oakland Avenue in Providence. Above the damaged sign for Sunday services a Star of David still graces the stained glass window.



## Campus Israel Coalition Supports Israel

Herald Staff

The Campus Israel Coalition sponsored a candlelight vigil last Thursday evening on the steps of the Faunce House on "The Green" — a section of the Brown campus — in support of Israel. The CIC organization is an extension of the Brown/RISD Hillel, consisting of students involved in coordinating cultural and educational activities relating directly to Israel.

About fifty students and faculty advisors stood in the damp, rainy weather, with candles in hand, as they listened to their fellow students read poems, an opinion/editorial piece taken from the *New York Times* and sing several songs, all of which provided an outlet for students wanting to publicly voice their support for Israel.

## Palestinian Cheers For Scuds Alienate Israel's Peace Camp

by Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Continuing Palestinian support for Saddam Hussein has offended dovish Israelis and made the prospect of fruitful dialogue between the two groups unlikely, regardless of when and how the Persian Gulf war ends.

The Palestinian leaders and masses alike voiced support for the Iraqi leader from the moment he ordered the invasion of Kuwait on Aug. 2.

Now they cheer his Scud missile attacks, which have caused casualties and extensive property damage to Israel.

The Palestinians have succeeded with that attitude in alienating Israelis of the peace camp, including several world-famous literary figures who have long stood up for Palestinian rights.

The words "Blessed be the launching of missiles at Tel Aviv," apparently uttered by Palestinian activist Faisal Hussein, proved too much for prominent Israeli "peaceniks" who have considered him a moderate worth talking to.

The quotation appeared in

an interview with Hussein published last week in the Italian newspaper *Il Manifesto* and reproduced recently in *Yediot Achronot*.

Hussein drew a sharp rebuke from Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, a longtime dove. Kollek wrote to him recently that "those who bless the enemy of Israel at a time of war should not be surprised afterward at the results of their comments."

Shulamit Aloni, leader of the Citizens Rights Movement, telegraphed Hussein that under existing circumstances, a dialogue between the left and the Palestinians has become "irrelevant."

Another CRM leader, Deputy Mayor Ornan Yekutieli of Jerusalem, wrote to Hussein: "When the war is over, we shall look for that (Palestinian) leadership which really cares for Palestinian interests, and with them we shall talk."

Israelis on both the left and the right realize that Hussein was merely articulating the Palestinian consensus.

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# Inside the Ocean State

## "Hey! That's My Mother!"

by Sarah Baird  
Herald Associate Editor

The second event in the University of Rhode Island's Hillel Brunch and Lecture Series took place last Sunday, February 10, at the Hillel house in Kingston. Led by Jayne Richmond and Randy Kulman, the lecture was entitled "The Idiosyncrasies of Jewish Relationships." 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 in Wakefield.

Midway through the lecture, a member of the audience raised his hand and said: "I'm absolutely astounded that you know my family back in Philadelphia!" The rest of the audience roared with laughter and nodded in agreement. Although Dr. Richmond warned that she was outlining some "blatant stereotypes, some of

which will fit, some will not," many members of the audience clearly recognized their family members, especially their mothers, in the generalizations.

Drs. Richmond and Kulman discussed some of the characteristics of "typical" Jewish families. They noted the centrality of family, learning and food. They evoked groans of recognition and bursts of hilarity, as they seasoned their theories with homey anecdotes.

Dr. Kulman explained one of his methods of research for the lecture. "I consulted my local experts, my family, and of course it was mainly my mother! They commented especially about the food, there's never enough. Other important things are education and nagging. We even have arguments over who is the biggest nag! It is an excepted form of caring."

Dr. Kulman explained that

"these things are not necessarily uniquely Jewish, but there is a question of how much people express these characteristics." Dr. Richmond noted that there are different ways in which distinct groups express their ethnicity.

For instance, Jews often accept "suffering as a shared value, and there is a tendency among some people to be oriented towards pain. The sense of joy gets an edge to it. You can't trust happiness."

Certainly, the lack of statistical evidence to support these generalizations weakens the premise that Jews bring specific "hangups to relationships." Despite the shortcomings of the material, however, the audience seemed genuinely pleased with the presentation. Hands shot up, as young and older men and women related the generalizations to their specific

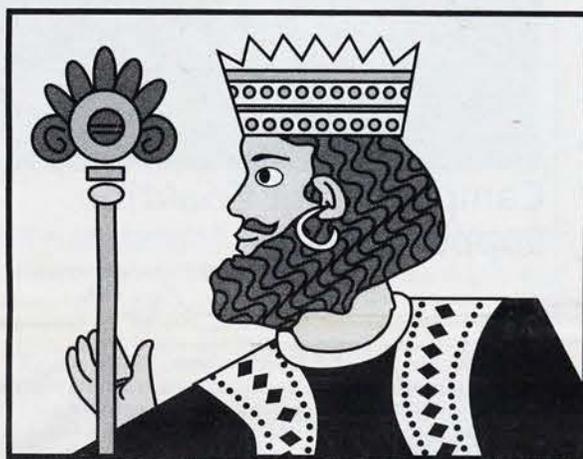


Dr. Randy Kulman and Dr. Jayne Richmond

personal situations.

"The Idiosyncrasies of Jewish Relationships" revealed little new information about why Jews act as they do and offered no real evidence that they indeed conduct themselves in a

particularly "Jewish" manner. The lecture did, on the other hand, provide a fun and relaxing forum in which we explored our familial ties and identified common emotional experiences.



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## R.I. Feeding Program Receives Grant From Mazon

A food bank that serves 365 feeding programs throughout Southeastern New England will continue its work thanks to a \$6,000 grant to the Rhode Island Community Food Bank, it was announced recently by Mazon: A Jewish Response to Hunger.

The bank distributes donated food to agencies that serve 50,000 persons a month. It will use the Mazon grant to expand its direct delivery program to public housing complexes in Providence, develop a new prepared food program and expand its source of food donors.

(The Rhode Island Community Food Bank may be reached at 104 Hay Street, West Warwick, R.I. 02893; telephone (401) 826-3073. Contact: Ms. Eileen Welly.)

The allocation was one of 72

semi-annual grants totalling \$550,000 made by Mazon to agencies helping the hungry and homeless. Announcing the new allocations, Lee H. Javitch, chairman of Mazon, said the funds would go to food banks emergency assistance programs, advocacy groups for the poor, international hunger relief projects and multi-service organizations that provide food, shelter and counseling. The grant recipients include Jewish, non-Jewish and non-denominational agencies in 21 states, the District of Columbia and two foreign lands.

In its five-year history, Mazon, the Hebrew word for food, has granted more than \$3 million to 152 anti-hunger agencies. Its initial allocations in 1986 totalled \$20,000. Since then, contributions and grants

have risen sharply. In 1990, Mazon allocations amounted to \$1.1 million, a sum it expects to exceed when it makes its next semi-annual grants in June.

Mazon, now one of the largest privately supported groups in the United States helping to relieve poverty and hunger, receives its income primarily from a self-imposed "tax" paid by Jewish families amounting to 3 percent of the cost of celebrations such as weddings and bar-mitzvahs. More than 600 synagogues across the country have enrolled a Mazon "partner," encouraging their member families to contribute to Mazon in this way.

Persons wishing to contribute may send gifts to Mazon at 2940 Westwood Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA, 90064; telephone (213) 470-7769.

## RI4GI's (Rhode Island For GI's)

On Sunday, February 24, at noon at the Rhode Island State House a rally will be held in support of our Armed Forces serving in operation Desert Storm.

We are inviting all Rhode Islanders to come to this rally and to show our troops that we care, and to put any political differences aside for them.

A special 10 ft. x 16 ft. banner, which has been donated

by Thurston Sails, Inc. of Bristol and design which has been donated by Alyn W. Federico of Top Gun Grafix, located in West Warwick, will be presented at this rally.

This banner will include all names of members of our Armed Forces from Rhode Island. RI4GI's would appreciate loved ones mailing the rank, name, and from what part of Rhode Island those

serving in Operation Desert Storm come from, in order to make this banner as complete as possible to 594 Providence St., West Warwick, R.I. 02893. Parents, wives, husbands or children will sign this banner.

Again, let's show our troops that we care, and put any of our political differences aside.

## Fifty Years Ago This Week in The Jewish Herald

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February 14, 1941

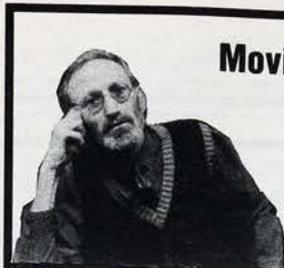
**Mass Migration Planned For Nazi-owned Poland.** Five million persons will be involved in the next great compulsory mass migration and the scene of this vast upheaval will be Poland, it was announced in the Official Gazette in Cracow. According to the report all Germans living in the Polish Government-General will be transferred to the Nazi-annexed part of Poland while all

Poles living in the latter area will be moved to the Government-General.

**Ask Providence to Support ORT, Labor Group Program.** With nearly \$200,000 spent to bring 400 men and women to the United States, the Jewish Labor Committee and the ORT announced this week that in order to continue the work of rescuing Jewish and labor leaders

from Hitler's hands it will be necessary to raise many more hundreds of thousands of dollars.

**Paris Groups Form "Hunger Committee."** Vichy. Fighting for survival as they face an imposed shortage of rations, the Jews of Paris have organized a "Hunger Committee." The new organization will undertake to pool all food allotments. It will be a case of all for one and one for all.



## Moving Restlessly From East To West

Part II of II

by Michael Fink  
Herald Contributing Editor

When Stuart finally found me in, he said in a distant voice, "Mike, you're the only person I know who may understand what I'm feeling. I'm calling to confide something from faraway and longago. The only woman I really love, or ever have — I have to tell you who she is. No, not my wife, not that German au pair I chased, not the lady you met at the pub in London, not the nurse who raises parrots. No, someone else that you dined with at my graduation . . . It's been going on for thirty years. She's quite old. She's ninety now. She'll die soon. I won't be able to stand it. I'm going to write down our story. I may xerox her letters to me. I want you to read them. I don't even care if you write my story, so long as you change our names. I hope I find the courage to send them

on to you."

I stopped by my house from my office, to check on the mail and to change my shoes. Our Senegalese cleaning lady turned off the vacuum to say a few words to me in creole French. While I was upstairs sorting out my things, she answered the doorbell, signed my name, and accepted a tightly sealed envelope from Hong Kong. She handed it to me. It took me a while to pry open the firmly taped manilla folder. I took it to the lounge outside my club pool to savor its contents in the naugahyde upholstered comfort of the lamplit lobby. From page one I was gripped fast in the spell of Stuart's very frank, erotic narrative, my eyebrows raised, my hair on end.

I mean, I am a college professor. It is my habit to "cor-

rect," not to get lost in action. I hung like Thurber's Miss Groby for figures of speech, for large metaphors, echoes of legend, not just hairraising episode. I found plenty. Reuben going in unto Jacob's concubine Bilhah. To punish his dad for neglecting his mom Leah. Oedipus running away from, into, his fate. Hamlet spell-bound by his parents' marriage. Jacob both blesses and curses his son. He says that his blood will wander like water.

Stuart's story started out straightforward, but sensual. He stares at his visiting step-mother who stands by the window of one of their apartments in a nightgown, outlined by the moonlight. One thing leads to another. Stuart has become a management consultant to small firms here and there upon our planet. He travels by jet. He used to be deathly afraid of planes. His hypnotist has cured him of that.

He arrives in New York exhausted. Sylvia tells him, "Maybe you're too tired." That phrase turns him on. She introduces him to neighbors as her son staying with her. He introduces her at restaurants as his mother. Waiters at cafes give them an odd look, sensing with eager curiosity the extra quality between them. They enjoy

their secret. It makes them feel superior. Once she tells him, "Stuart, I may have loved you, but I never liked you much. Lately, I do." He tells her, "I used to hate you. I wanted to get back at my father, and at you. No longer."

Stuart wrote me: "Although Stuart didn't see Sylvia often, and neither of them were good correspondents, the link between them remained. He began to realize that he loved Sylvia deeply, and strange as it might seem — in spite of their both having grown older — he still desired her. But perhaps his desire for her was not so strange, for he remembered something Sylvia had once said. "No matter how old I may look, Stuart, inside I'm still sixteen years old."

Stuart's wife too had wanted to share her private passion with me. She penned me a word about her RAF pilot. I met him as my host at a cocktail party in his London apartment. He sparkled with charm, a small and dapper person, courteous, gallant. Some thirty-five years older than she was. She and Stuart had a daughter. She became a very successful designer. She chose as her man a person older than Stuart and his Shmoo. Nearly forty years her senior.

They were all only children, the father, the mother and the daughter. None of them had stayed in one place long enough to put down roots. Their friends, expatriates like themselves of the same class and type, all broke off their marriages to move on to other chapters of their picaresque lives, their pursuit of happiness.

The house in Westport has been sold to strangers. Stuart's mother's jewels have been cashed in to keep Sylvia in the latest style. No, Stuart has gained not the things he once grasped for. His senses have become his estate. Stripped of property, he emerges as an absurd tragic hero, a figure from the other side of the looking glass and the hourglass. He stands for the romantic Radanites of antiquity, the Jewish merchant adventurers moving restlessly from East to West and back again, carrying legends and living them.

"Our word "road" may be derived from the Persian word Radanite. It means something like "way." The Persian Jews knew the way across Europe and into Asia. I see Stuart as the Wandering Jew of yore and of now, losing out in some ways, but leaving behind a folkloric trail.

## Ring Ring . . . How About a Fling?

My folks kept it very short and curt on the phone. That black object rested its weight on its own dark mahogany table in the parlor. You dashed to grab it to pick up a few words or send them out. Long distance — G-d forbid — spelled or knelled a death in the family. Our household was the last on the east side to go for the luxury of a second phone, upstairs.

Nowadays of course the phone has nothing to do with death. People put phones in kitchens, bedrooms, bathrooms — even, good heavens, cars. Today's bright, light tool is not some heavy alien thing to be handled with caution, suspicion, suspense. You don't have to keep it at a distance, at bay. The phone has curved its way into the human anatomy. People don't rent them, they own them. Gee! They go so far as to unplug them and carry them around. I still don't trust a disembodied voice. I like to look a person in the eye, feel a hand, even smell the flesh.

Some ten years ago a pair of mad telephoners started ringing everybody in town. They shaped a network of victims woven from threads picked up at random. This lunatic team might read a letter to the editor, see somebody on the news, come across a college catalogue. They winged it for an idea and would dial your number in the middle of the night or just before dawn. One voice said he was a colleague or a cousin or a neighbor. The words would flatter you, insult you, accuse you of having an affair with so and so. The language got ever more crude, racist, sexist, anti-Semitic, obscene. The thing was, they could tap you for some facts and pry a little info out of each contact. They put together a hodgepodge of truth and fiction.

After a month from thin moon to full moon the police

put taps on people's lines. They gathered a lot of us together in a college president's conference room. Pretty soon they caught the screwballs.

The aftermath took on something Thurberesque and theatrical. Those two had stirred things up quite a bit. Nobody quite trusted anybody. Names got smirched. A few could bring themselves to look back and get a laugh. Others never could force a half smile. A shrink I know put a fancy term onto the criminal duo. He called their drama "folie a deux." One creep turns on the other. It takes two.

We still get a crazy call from time to time. My wife assumes it's our twin madmen rising up when the stars and planets arrange themselves just so, like the time for Wolfman and Dracula.

I shouldn't have been taken by surprise when the 900 numbers began to come out in the alternative press. Dirty phone-calls have floated up to the top. Now it's clean sex, modern love.

Then too our teenage daughter gets calls from boys. Right away the girls ring up to go over what the boys have just said or left unsaid. No doubt about it, the telephone plays a romantic role in our lives. (Except for mine.)

The potential for passion on the phone hid there all along. I didn't get wise till now. I mean, Garbo started the fad in Grand Hotel. She seemed to care more for the receiver she held to her slight bosom than for the whole John Barrymore. And of course Stanwyck squeezed tight for dear life in Sorry, Wrong Number. Hollywood always made use of the phone for a prop second only to the cigarette.

As for me I go on hating the darned thing. After a moment or two my hand feels slimy. My ear hurts from the pressure. You wait for a call, the cold bludgeon squats there, smirks, handcuffs you. I take after my folks. I revert. I stay away as much as possible. I hang up.

The only phone I ever found

charming was the little ruby thirties one at the Falstaff Room over in the Biltmore. George in a short scarlet jacket would bring it to your shiny brass table. You'd make a date. That was class. Other than that

oasis of truce, I wage my war against the brutality of progress, a battle I was born for.

I'd go straight back to the carrier pigeon and send love by dove. Just tie a message to a warm pink claw, fling it in the air and pray for peace.

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# Opinions

## Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

The Administration's contention that everything is working perfectly and Israel's not to spoil it does not measure up to the reality of missiles raining down upon Israel, causing brutal damage to innocent Israelis. As a Jew who knows Jesus the Messiah, I am grieved and outraged by the Scud attacks upon Israel. The question has to be raised, why Patriot missiles are not placed on Jordan's border with Iraq where they can easily intercept Scud missiles when first launched? Nor should the Patriots be left as a "gift" to Jordan since the Jordanian parliament has already voted to be pro-Iraq and Jordan is a sworn enemy of Israel. It's time for the U.S. to stop hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of aid to Jordan if Jordan refuses Patriot missiles under total U.S. control. On the other hand, it's time for the U.S. to stop any pressure on Israel in order to placate its tenuous Arab allies such as Syria and Jordan. The only thing that is working perfectly is that Jews are being terrified and killed while Iraq and PLO are rejoicing in the streets.

Neil Altman  
Upper Darby, Pa.

Dear Editor:

The support of American Jewry for Israel is greatly appreciated by all of us. As an American myself, I know it is possible to live there and, at the same time, feel close to Israel. In fact, it was 38 years before I became an Israeli citizen, which I have been for 12 years.

Seeing the coin from both sides, so to speak, I have formed a great many opinions which I would like to share with you. Working here as I do, within the tourism trade I fortunately have the opportunity to meet a great many people from all over the world. Unfortunately, I am often very disappointed by things I am told by Jewish American tourists.

Invariably I am asked how and why I choose to live in Israel. My answer is always preceded by a return question "Why do you choose not to live here?" This question is generally answered with two statements: first, "We would have to give up too much"; followed by, "If we came here, who would send money?"

When I question the first statement, which I always do, I find no one able to mention a

single thing they have there that we do not have here. Televisions, modern refrigerators, electronic equipment all the same conveniences we do, in fact, enjoy here. Standard of living, not all Israelis live in the same size homes just as not all Americans do. There, you choose to live in an apartment, a small home or a mansion. Here we have the same choices. A person can be a lawyer, a teacher or a mechanic wherever he lives. So why does a person say it is better to be any of these in America? Generally, Israel's "bad economic situation" and "high taxes" are quoted.

But, have you ever thought about this in terms of what your living here could mean to these very things. Imagine if every Jewish family who owned a large factory moved themselves and their businesses here:

1. They would be employing all Jewish workers.
2. Our taxes would go down.
3. We would have no unemployment.
4. They could live in just as grand a style here as they are accustomed to there.

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## K'lal Yisrael Demands More

by Fran R. Robins-Liben

Although Karen Dub is right on the mark when she premises that a lack of knowledge sometimes accounts for misguided complaints about gender role inequities within traditional Judaism ("An Orthodox Female Jewish Perspective"), the three conclusions she draws from this premise are insupportable.

Firstly, it is illogical to conclude that because some criticism of traditional gender roles within Judaism is based in ignorance, all such criticism is. Scores of Torah educated, traditionally observant Orthodox men and women have raised a host of valid concerns in this area (for an easily accessible book on this topic, try Blu Greenberg's *A View from Tradition*, available at synagogue libraries). These concerns, rooted in knowledge and a love of Judaism, are not so cavalierly dismissed, and warrant serious and sensitive consideration by the observant community.

Secondly, there is no justification provided, and none exists, for the blanket vilifica-

tion of all Jewish women who are secularly as well as Jewishly educated, and who work outside of the home as well as within it. Mrs. Dub's assertion that they thereby "leave the responsibilities of the home" is an uncharitable thought, needlessly hurtful, and contrary to all empirical evidence.

Finally, and most importantly, Mrs. Dub demonstrates her profound lack of understanding of the vast majority of American Jews with the remark, "(T)he foremost struggle of the conservative and reform movements have been their establishment of 'so called' Jewish rights for women..." Such gratuitous sniping at the non-Orthodox branches of Judaism ill serves the cause of K'lal Yisrael in our community. In the same issue of the *Herald*, Rabbi Shafraan's exhortation that "We must become better Jews, more dedicated Jews, more observant Jews, more Jewish Jews" surely states the real "foremost struggle" of all modern Jewish movements — whatever we call ourselves — Orthodox, Reform or Conservative.

## I Believe . . . I Think

You are waiting for something important — a letter, a package, information to include in a report. You are certain it should have already come. The deadline is fast approaching. Each time the telephone rings you hope. Every person who passes through the door could be the messenger-service. The mailman and the UPS truck take on a new im-

portance. You are on edge, waiting and waiting.

Has the above ever happened to you? Or maybe you remember waiting for a new refrigerator to replace the broken one in the midst of a heat-wave . . . the results of a medical diagnosis . . . news about promotions — or lay-offs . . . the imminent arrival of a baby . . . your refund from the IRS.

Jews are especially good at

waiting. One of the thirteen fundamental principles of the Jewish faith as formulated by Miamonides is: "I believe with complete faith in the coming of Moshiach, and although he may tarry nevertheless, I wait every day for him to come." That's a pretty heavy belief for our generation of Jews, most of whom — intellectually at least — have more faith in a global nuclear war with no survivors than they have in the Messianic Age. And yet, this belief in Moshiach has stayed with us throughout the millennia.

Every single day, we are supposed to wait for and expect the arrival of Moshiach, much like the impatiently awaited arrival of an important item or event. So why don't we?

Shh, here's a secret. Many of us, before we ever heard or read that Jews believe "with complete faith in the coming of Moshiach" were already very knowledgeable about non-Jewish culture and beliefs. So much so that when we finally learned about Moshiach, the World to Come, the Resurrection of the Dead — from an authentic Jewish standpoint — they were already ingrained in our minds as being very non-Jewish — *treif*. Thus, a new-age, nonsectarian, war ultimately destroying the world seems to be so much more a reality than a time of world peace and complete disarmament, when everyone will believe in G-d, when the wolf will live with the lamb (i.e. the wicked will live peacefully alongside the righteous).

So what's the solution? How do we start believing in Moshiach, let alone avidly awaiting his arrival every day? Simply by starting; by reading, discussing, thinking, asking. By allowing ourselves to be open-minded enough to realize that Moshiach is possible.

when we begin to keep a mitzva, even if at first our intentions are not correct, we will eventually come to have the right intentions.

## A Jewish Sanctuary

This week's Torah portion, *Teruma*, tells of G-d's command to erect a traveling Sanctuary in the desert. The purpose of the Sanctuary is alluded to in its name, "Mishkan," meaning a dwelling place, a place where G-dliness would be revealed.

The significance of the Sanctuary (and after it, the Holy Temple, where most of the Sanctuary and its vessels were permanently based), lies in the fact that there was a constant revelation of G-d there. It was there the G-d spoke to Moses, and that the Children of Israel

By building within ourselves a personal Sanctuary, G-dliness is revealed within each of us.

Although the Sanctuary and Holy Temple do not exist today in the physical world, the function which they served — revealing G-dliness within every Jew — is eternal and timely for us in any era.

How do we make ourselves a dwelling place for G-d? By following the same building plan that the Jews used for building the Sanctuary. By taking physical materials — gold, silver, copper, wood, etc. and using them to make a house for G-d, the physical materials themselves were made holy. This is what we must do today, take what we come in contact with and elevate it by using it for the performance of mitzvot.

A true dwelling place for G-d is achieved by sanctifying everything we do. For instance, when we eat, we should make sure that we are eating kosher food. When we work, it should be with the intention of providing for our families, being able to give charity, and performing mitzvot in an exemplary fashion. When this attitude prevails in our lives, holiness can permeate every detail of our daily lives, transforming the entire world into a dwelling place for G-d.

Our homes also become small "sanctuaries" in the physical sense by doing mitzvot in them — helping the needy, studying Torah, inviting guests, observing Shabbat.

By doing all of the above, we create a "sanctuary" whose holiness encompasses all our surroundings and deeds. May this serve as a preparation for the building of the biggest Sanctuary of them all — the Third Holy Temple, speedily in our days.

Adapted from the works of the Lubavitcher Rebbe. Submitted by Rabbi Y. Laufer.

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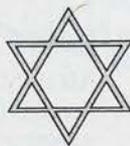
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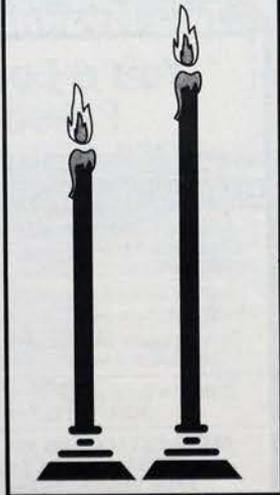
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Our Sages have taught that within each and every Jew

## An American Student Recalls The First Iraqi Missile Attack On Israel



Aaron Katz, Rabbi Strajcher's son-in-law, dressed out for protection in the event of gas or biological missile attack.

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We had all, without exception, considered what could be. We had all chosen, however, to stay in Israel unlike others who had gone home. Deep down at one point or another, we had believed the possibility of being attacked. Israel hadn't done anything. Israel had stayed out of the Gulf crisis. Their troops hadn't joined with the other Allied Forces. Israel was out of the picture, that was until now.

The radio announced that Tel Aviv and Haifa had been attacked, missiles, explosions. Everyone in the room was shocked, appalled. How could this have happened? What was going to be? We all began to run.

I was outside with two of my friends that Thursday night. We had been up late studying Torah. We were talking about what was going to be. The whole Gulf crisis was just getting worse and worse every day. "No one knows," was the conclusion we came up with, just fear, confusion and anticipation.

We had decided to go back inside, it had been getting late, about 1:40 a.m. As we were

walking towards the doors of the building, one of my friends (Turshwell) said "wait." Avi Weiss, my other friend who had been outside with me, and I stopped immediately. There was a sound, a shriek, a siren, one like we had never heard before, disturbing the silence that had been there just moments ago.

A feeling like I had never experienced before overcame me. All I felt was fear. My mind went blank, I didn't know what to do.

I went first to the Bet Hamedresh (Torah Study Hall). There were students staying up all night studying Torah, as was usual on a Thursday night. The moment I ran in they noticed the siren.

When I ran from the Bet Hamedresh I accidentally smashed into someone. We said nothing. Everyone began to run from the main floor down the stairs toward the dorm building. One of the students on a phone said "Good-bye," just goodbye, and hung up. Running out of the warm building, toward the dorms, into the cold air fit our situation. We were running quickly, maybe too quickly, into the unexpected, into the unknown.

When I entered the dorms I felt like I was passing through a tube that kept getting narrower and narrower. I couldn't get a full breath in. I began screaming, "Get up! Everyone upstairs! Let's go!" Many guys were sleeping.

I went into my room without thinking. I grabbed the things I had set aside the day before. I looked around my room before I left. When I closed the light

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## The Mood In Israel - Some Personal Impressions

by Cantor Shimon Gewirtz  
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After having just spent two weeks in Israel on a personal journey, some reflection seems in order. My wife, Ilana, had gone there the week before, just prior to when the war began, and had been in Tel Aviv during the first two missile attacks. (Our daughter, son-in-law and two grandchildren live not far from where the first one landed.) My other daughters, relatives and friends at our temple wondered aloud at my determination not to cancel my trip, but it wasn't a difficult decision at all. I truly believe "Kol Yisrael Areyvim Zeh Lazeh," all of Israel is connected or responsible for each other. Together with the desire to be with the "Israeli" part of my family (in addition to two sisters and many relatives) at this crucial moment of time any hesitation I may have felt quickly evaporated.

What had to impress any visitor to Israel during this time was the spirit and discipline of the vast majority of its citizens... especially the children. It wasn't a pretty sight to see my 2-year-old granddaughter put on her "bardas" (special gas mask) when the siren sounded, which made her look like a shrunken bee-keeper, or to observe my 6-month-old in his innovative plastic crib with its mechanical umbilical chord constantly circulating fresh air. In every family that we stayed with the older children naturally assumed (or shared) the responsibility to observe and

care for the younger ones, playing with them, soothing them, often cheering up the overworked and stressed-out parents.

It was heart-warming to see and hear the miraculous stories of how people had escaped being killed or seriously injured by the parts of missiles that did fall on Israeli cities, but as Ben-Gurion once wrote, "Anyone living in Israel who doesn't believe in miracles is not a realist." Although I missed the wonderful cultural attractions of Tel Aviv and Jerusalem at night (the cities fold up in the evenings), Ilana and I did manage to travel around quite a bit during the days. And the sense of urgency to "get on with one's life" was quite evident.

As if to compensate for some of the inconveniences, the long-awaited rains came to Israel soon after I arrived, bringing a collective sigh of relief to all its citizens. One of our most memorable afternoons was spent celebrating "Tu Bishvat" — The holiday of the trees — on a nature preserve with the workers and their children, as the skies poured down their liquid blessings.

Let me just conclude by mentioning that as we were leaving the country I thought of the central prayer of our people... the "SHMA YISRAEL, and it occurred to me that in times like these we might paraphrase the words and say, Hear O Lord, Israel Thy people, Israel is one!"

## Letter

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5. And, there would be no question of who would "send money" as they'd be making it here.

When I made my choice I was unable to see anything to negate the positive factors. These are the questions I ask anyone who wants to know why I live in Israel.

A. WHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD COULD I FEEL SO SAFE?

1. Young mothers leave small babies outside markets, go in, shop and return to find their babies. If the baby cried a passerby would have picked it up and comforted it.

2. Small children do not have to be driven anywhere by their parents. They can walk alone, even at night, safely.

3. If you lose your way someone will escort you home.

4. If your car breaks down, someone will stop to help you.

5. Even at my age, over 50, I still hitchhike to and from work regularly.

B. WHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD COULD I BE SURE OF JEWISH DESCENDANTS?

1. My first daughter married the son of Moroccan Jews.

2. My second daughter married the son of Iranian Jews.

3. My third daughter married the son of Polish Jews.

4. My grandchildren are all "Sabras" like their fathers.

C. WHERE ELSE COULD I BE SO FREE OF ANTI-SEMITISM?

1. No one here paints swastikas on our synagogues.

2. No one here desecrates our cemeteries.

3. No one here calls my son derogatory names for wearing a yarmulke.

4. I am not religious, but I am proud to be Jewish and here I never have to hide from being Jewish.

5. This is my Homeland.

Now you are questioning my suggestion that you make "Aliyah" because you know about problems we are having absorbing all the new immigrants from Russia and Ethiopia. So, again, I ask you just to try and imagine all the American Jews who own large companies moving here with their resources and wealth. Every "Aliyah" to Israel so far seems to have been a "rescue mission." The Nazi-persecuted German Jews came after they

were stripped of all they owned. The once prosperous Iranian Jews came after the government confiscated all they had. How many times have we seen this scenario repeated? American Jewry has been invaluable in helping us absorb all these dependent immigrants but what would be bad about people, who are now enjoying quality lifestyles there, coming here as independent immigrants and joining us in keeping our standard of life high, side by side?

Perhaps I have not convinced you to come and live here in Israel, but I hope I have at least made you more interested in visiting those of us who do. Your support of Israel is always appreciated but your

presence here is even more greatly valued.

During recent months with so much unrest around the world, especially in the Gulf region, many people cancelled their trips to Israel. This was a devastating blow to our tourism industry as well as our personal feelings. From August, 1990 through January, 1991 we enjoyed peace and quiet here

and were deeply hurt to witness so many cancellations by Jewish-American would-be tourists. Non-Jewish Americans, Europeans and others came faithfully, but we missed you. Please come back soon, we really need you.

Sandra Rosen Hazen  
Safad, Israel, formerly  
of Rhode Island

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# World and National News

## Israel Prefers King Hussein Remain As King

by David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel retains its interest in the stability of the present regime in Jordan even though King Hussein has formally aligned himself with Iraq, Foreign Minister David Levy declared here recently.

He said the king's speech in Amman recently ending his professed neutrality in the Persian Gulf war was "very sad and problematic."

Israel continues to hope that the king will maintain control over his country, Levy said in a television interview, adding that Israel has made that position clear to Jordan "these very days" in discreet ways.

King Hussein maintained that the Gulf war was aimed

against "all Arabs and all Moslems, not against Iraq alone," and is intended to assert "foreign hegemony" in the Middle East.

In Washington, U.S. Secretary of State James Baker asserted a similar policy in testimony to the House Foreign Affairs Committee recently. He said the United States saw no desirable alternative in Jordan to King Hussein's Hashemite regime.

Levy said he was gratified by U.S. expressions of readiness-in-principle to give favorable consideration to special aid requests from Israel. He indicated he would be meeting with Baker shortly, "either here or there" and that the aid issue would be closely examined.



A new, natural looking ear made of cartilage rather than synthetics has changed radically the life of a young patient, thanks to a technique pioneered in Israel at Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center.

## In Brooklyn, Two Groups Live Side By Side With No Relationship

by Debra Nussbaum Cohen

NEW YORK (JTA) — Division Street in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn does exactly what its name says it should: it divides the Jewish part of the neighborhood, which is all Hassidic and primarily Satmar, from the Hispanic.

This East-West street in Williamsburg is where the communities interact. A dental clinic advertises its services in Spanish and Yiddish. A bodega sells plantains and beans a few doors away from a kosher fish store.

Satmars and Latinos pass each other on the sidewalk, living side by side but in separate worlds, divided by a great gulf of tension and suspicion.

North of Division Street live the Hispanics, a heterogeneous mix of Dominicans, Puerto Ricans, Guatemalans, Hondurans and Mexicans.

To the south live the Hassidim, most of them followers of the Satmar rebbe. Others are Pupa, Spinker, Shopron, Vishnitz, Kozniz and Viener Hassidim. Each sect has its own rebbe, but all are aligned with the Satmar ideology, best known for its anti-Zionism.

The Hassidic and Hispanic communities have a great deal in common: English as a second language, low income and high unemployment, and a shortage of adequate housing and basic services.

But the quality they most share is isolation, from each other and from the world outside of Williamsburg.

Isolation is an essential aspect of the philosophy and day-to-day existence of Williamsburg's Jews. That carefully constructed isolation, admits Satmar spokesman Rabbi Hertz Frankel, leaves no room for contact with the Hispanic community.

But now, according to Frankel, the Hassidic community has gone outside its own community for the first time and appealed to the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York for help in working out an escalating crisis with its Hispanic neighbors.

Lawsuits charging discrimination over city-subsidized low-income housing were first initiated some 15 years ago, and litigation between the two

communities has been a near-constant ever since.

But even as Frankel requests aid from other Jews he voices the community's inculcated suspicion of outsiders, including Jews.

"We don't want to get too close to some of these Jewish agencies, to be too influenced by them," he explains. "We will not become part of 'the trinity' in Jewish life; Reform, Conservative and Orthodox. We Jews don't believe in the trinity."

The Satmar are able to live so isolated an existence because the community is nearly self-sufficient.

While English is the Latino community's second language, it is a third, after Yiddish and Hungarian, among the Hassidim.

Yiddish is used to create distance between Jewish Williamsburg and the rest of the world. "Speaking English means becoming more involved in the secular world, and assimilating. Yiddish is a barrier to assimilation," explained Frankel.

Jewish Williamsburg has its own schools, newspaper, food suppliers and doctors. It sup-

ports its own ambulance service, old-age home and food for the indigent.

A patrol of Satmar men, called Shomrim, make rounds of the neighborhood at night, and when someone is being mugged, or otherwise harmed in Jewish Williamsburg, a Hassid need only yell "Chaptzem," Yiddish for grab them, and dozens of people come running from every direction to catch and hold the culprit until police arrive.

Hispanic leaders call the Shomrim a vigilante-style group, and say that they are given free reign by the police to beat up non-Jews.

The Hassidic community in Williamsburg grew rapidly during the 1960s, and so did the Hispanics'. It was then that the turf war began.

Ever since, there has been mutual resentment and hostility, exacerbated by the poverty of both communities.

The angry rhetoric flows freely on both sides, they say, and leadership within both communities is fragmented, making it even more difficult to start the process of building some form of communication between the communities.

## Palestinian Cheers (continued from page 1)

Although Palestinians are potentially as much in jeopardy as Israelis from the Scuds, which are widely recognized to be a weapon of terror without military utility, they rejoice when Israel is hit.

That has repelled Israel's best-known writers and peace activists, among them founders of the Peace Now movement, which opposed Israel's war in Lebanon and sympathized with the Palestinian aspirations.

One of them, Amos Oz, said at a news conference recently that those who demonstrate against the Gulf war are guilty of appeasement.

Oz was joined by three other prominent writers associated with Peace Now: A.B. Yehoshua, Yael Dayan and Yoram Kaniuk. They said it was especially painful for them to see Palestinians cheer Iraqi missiles fired on Israel.

According to these and other writers, who represent the

most prominent and most liberal of Israel's literary establishment, the emergence of Saddam Hussein has been an enormous setback for peace in the region and for Israel.

In their view, Hussein must be destroyed before the peace process can be resumed. "I do not stand against war; I stand against aggression," Oz said, adding that he is a peacenik, not a pacifist.

Other well-known Israeli writers who signed supporting statements included Amos Elon and Yehuda Amichai.

Meanwhile, 1.5 million Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip have been under strict curfew.

Only recently the Israel Defense Force began a gradual relaxation. The curfew remains in force, but Palestinians are given longer periods out of doors to shop for necessities.

Husseini, for his part, charged that the portions of his interview published in *Yediot*

*Achronot* were taken out of context.

He said that in the interview he gave examples of injustices committed by Israelis against Palestinians and then added:

"This behavior by the Israelis draws the Palestinian into a situation in which he is happy with every event which in his judgment can help him.

"Can the bombardment of Tel Aviv help his case? Blessed be the launching of missiles against Tel Aviv.

"It seems to me that this is an understandable attitude by those regarded and treated as an inferior human being," Hussein says he told the Italian newspaper.

Some leftists were satisfied after reading the full text of the interview. Aloni said she spoke to Hussein by telephone and was glad he had "refuted" the comments attributed to him.

But right-wing Israelis, who have demanded Hussein's deportation for years, only in-

creased their clamor for his expulsion.

## EL AL Charter Flights

NEW YORK — In a historic moment, EL AL, the national airline of Israel, inaugurated the first in a series of 20 charter flights between Tel Aviv and Moscow, departing Wednesdays. EL AL flight 6365 departed Tel Aviv carrying tourists, business people and Israelis visiting relatives.

Israel's Transport Minister Moshe Katsav stated, "EL AL hopes that these charter flights between Tel Aviv and Moscow will lead to a permanent airlink between Israel and Russia."

EL AL is operating on a normal schedule worldwide. Recently, on one day there were 27 EL AL flights, including four cargo flights and three flights carrying 500 Russian immigrants to Tel Aviv.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### National

Governor Bruce Sundlun signed an executive order (91-11) authorizing the shut-down of all state departments for ten business days between now and June 30, 1991. "These measures are necessary to help us bring the state's budget under control," Governor Sundlun said. "The mismanagement of the last six years has left us no choice but to take this step."

The National Foundation for Jewish Culture received a grant of \$160,000 from the Nathan Cummings Foundation to launch a Jewish Endowment for the Arts and Humanities. The grant will be used to initiate innovative programs in contemporary Jewish creativity, announced Sandra Weiner, NJFC president.

The Dow Jones Industrial average, the nation's most closely watched stock market index, has continued to climb since the war began in mid January. The surge is seen as a clear indication of optimism on the war's outcome and a sign of confidence that lowered interest rates will lift the economy out of recession in the near future.

### International

In an overwhelming outpouring of support for Israel as events in the Persian Gulf continue to impact on the Jewish state, \$127 million in Israel Bonds have been purchased during a two-week emergency campaign mounted by the worldwide Bond Organization, it was announced by Israel Bond President and Chief Executive Officer Ambassador Meir Rosenne.

According to Israeli Embassy officials in Washington, Israel is being asked by the United States to consider demilitarizing the Golan Heights and putting it under permanent U.S. or U.N. supervision. The Golan was formally annexed by Israel in December 1981.

The German Government reported last week that it would begin instituting measures to tighten the laws against the illegal export of weapons and weapons technology. The penalties for violations would be increased under the new regulations.

## A Message From Israel

The medieval poet Yehuda Ha-Levi said it best for those Jews who still live in the Diaspora in that strange dichotomy of spiritual longing to be in Israel while one's physical presence is in the Diaspora. "My heart is in the east while the rest of me is in the 'west.' At no time is this split personality more pronounced than now.

As Scud missiles or Patriot anti-missile debris rain on our brothers and sisters in Tel Aviv, Haifa and environs, fear amidst the certainty of the defeat of Saddam Hussein grips the surest of hearts. Night after night of missile alarms and attacks have become part of the anxious routine. The putting on of masks in sealed rooms, the waiting for the all-clear sirens, and the temporarily euphoric relief of knowing there were only conventional and not chemical warheads on the Scuds gives some consolation - and then the Army

Spokesman on TV describes the damage to life and property. Then CNN replays the actual horror minutes after the strike.

These scenes replayed over and over again for the survivors of the Holocaust in Israel, the widows and orphans, and the families of victims of previous acts of war and terror, creates a mood of resignation and also of defiance not unlike that which grew to indomitable courage among those who endured the London Blitz. There is the helplessness of the victims, the speed of the impending destruction and the terror of not knowing when the strike will take place. The faces of my brothers and sisters in Tel Aviv, their eyes filled with anxious waiting, do not leave my mind.

I am now in the 'east' - soul and body. My children and grandchildren as well as Israeli children, grandchildren and adults do not leave home with-

out their gas masks. Fifty years after Auschwitz, there is one Saddam Hussein who wants to "incinerate half of Israel" - or "gas it." He will fail - the fire will turn on him; the noxious gases will fill his nostrils. Those who live by the Scuds will die by them.

And yet it is not vengeance that is sought - only justice and peace. Amid the fires of war now raging in the Gulf and in Israel, a victim of that war, there is the hope that through the ordeal that is now taking place a secure peace will emerge for this part of the world - and that children going out to play will not fear the siren's sound with its promise of fire and destruction. Yes, all of us are now 'body and soul' in the Mizrach, the east. We pray for the peace of our people and for the entire family of man.

Dr. Alfred Gottschalk, President, Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion

## Government Of Israel - Ministry Of Tourism - North America



"Nothing can stop my love for Israel and I am glad I am here right now," said Conductor Zubin Mehta when meeting Israel's Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Minister of Tourism, Gideon Patt. Mehta arrived in Israel at the onset of the present hostilities.

From left to right: Gideon Patt, Israel's Minister of Tourism, Zubin Mehta, Music Director for life, Israel Philharmonic Orchestra and Music Director of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, Yitzhak Shamir, Prime Minister, State of Israel.

## Tourism To Israel

The Israel Ministry of Tourism has released its year-end figures for 1990 showing that incoming tourism and visitors for the year totaled 1,367,800, four percent lower than the previous year, but five percent higher than 1988. During the month of December 1990, 63,000 visitors and tourists came to Israel, a figure which represents a decline of 42 percent over the previous year.

These figures indicate that despite the declining number of visitors since Iraq's invasion of Kuwait on August 2, the first eight months of 1990 were extremely strong and had all the indications of a record year for tourism. Through August 1990, tourism worldwide to Israel

was up seven percent from the previous year. In its best month, April 1990, tourism ran 34 percent ahead of April 1989 in the number of visitors worldwide.

Incoming flights continue to bring groups of North Americans and Europeans coming to express their solidarity. This represents a reversal of the trend in previous days, which showed many foreigners departing the country.

"The solidarity missions drew over 190 groups to Israel in a period of two months, which is a remarkable achievement," said Raphael Farber, Tourism Commissioner for North America, speaking of the missions that had been organized solely to show support

for Israel outside the country. Among visitors in recent days were 250 people from Atlanta, 98 from the Zionist Organization of America and many others.

"While we can appreciate the fact that many individuals, especially vacationers, would be hesitant to visit Israel at this time, people should also realize that the country is open to visitors, and some distinguished public figures have come, including Zubin Mehta, Jackie Mason, and others. I am confident that once hostilities are over, we are going to see tourists flocking back to the country in very large numbers, as has been the case in the past," Farber added.

## Kollek Gripes About German Leader

by Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM (JTA) — President Richard von Weizsacker of Germany, considered a staunch friend of Israel, was the subject of a complaint recently by Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, who said the popular German leader has not yet condemned Iraqi missile attacks on Israel or the assistance German firms have provided Iraq to build its war machine.

Germany in general should change its attitude toward the Arab-Israeli conflict, Kollek told a visiting goodwill delegation headed by Professor Rita Suessmuth, president of the

Bundestag, the German parliament.

Israel is the one that is being attacked, the Austrian-born Kollek reminded his guests, with whom he conversed in German.

At a news conference later, Suessmuth said Germany would urge the international community to restrict the flow of arms to the Middle East. She affirmed German interest in Israel's security and peace in the region.

Other German political figures currently visiting Israel include Dr. Dieter Klink, former president of the Bremen state Senate, and Hans Koshnick, a former mayor of Bremen and a Bundestag member.

## War Permissible

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logical Seminary at Yeshiva University.

This war is not only permitted, but is halachically required, said Bleich and other scholars.

Unlike milchemet reshut, divine approval is not required in cases of self-defense, say these rabbis, nor is anyone exempt from the effort.

Deuteronomy lists several reasons why soldiers may be exempted from fighting in a required war: if a soldier has built a house he has not yet dedicated, if he has not yet harvested his crops, if he is newly married or even if he is afraid.

But in the case of milchemet mitzvah, said Kravits, "even a hassan (groom) from under the (wedding) chuppah goes."

And while every attempt to avoid war is supposed to be made, there are circumstances where negotiation is not required, according to some authorities.

"When you're dealing with an act of aggression, you're not obligated to negotiate. You're permitted to strike," according to Bleich.

Jewish law also dictates the behavior of a Jewish army during wartime, emphasizing the sanctity of life in Judaism.

"Even in war, the means by which it is fought must be moral," according to Rabbi Harlan Wechsler, assistant pro-

fessor of philosophy at the Conservative movement's Jewish Theological Seminary and religious leader of Manhattan's Congregation Or Zarua.

An army is required to "try to avoid injuring noncombatants," he said, adding that if there is a choice of weapons, the one which would target enemy soldiers without hitting innocents is preferred.

"You are not allowed to mistreat a prisoner of war," said Rabbi Aharon Soloveitchik, rosh yeshiva of Yeshivas Brisk in Chicago and a professor of Talmud at Yeshiva University in New York.

POWs have to be "treated fairly, a concept which preceded the Geneva Convention by 22 centuries," said Soloveitchik.

And according to Wechsler, "Maimonides says that when you lay siege to a city, you surround it only on three sides, allowing those who are innocent to flee. It illustrates the need to protect innocent life, because Torah prohibits murder as a capital crime."

Wechsler cited Nachmanides as saying that "it is well known that when armies go out to war, they will plunder and commit wanton violence, and they will have no shame even to commit rape."

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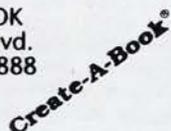
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# Arts and Entertainment

## Hebrew Bible Scholar To Give Public Lectures

Moshe Greenberg, Professor of Bible at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, will give two public lectures as part of the School's Program in Jewish Legal Studies and the Caroline and Joseph Gruss Endowment in Talmudic Civil Law.

"Moshe Greenberg is one of the leading scholars of the Hebrew Bible in the world today," said Harvard Law Professor Charles Donahue. "We are particularly happy to be able to have him visit at the Law School at a time when his own work has brought him into contact with the problems of interpreting Biblical legal texts."

Greenberg will discuss "Some Characteristics of Biblical Law in Its Ancient Near Eastern Setting" on Tuesday, February 19, and "Some Modes of Interpretation of Biblical Law by Post-Biblical Jewish Legists" on Thursday, February 21.

Both lectures will be delivered at 4 p.m. in the Ropes Gray Room, second floor, Pound Hall, 1563 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge. They are free and open to the

public. A reception will follow each lecture.

The Gruss Endowment in Talmudic Civil Law was established through a gift from Joseph Gruss in honor of his wife, Caroline. The endowment provides for funding of a visiting professorship approximately once every two years at the Law School and related activities. Professor Bernard Jackson of the Faculty of Law, University of Liverpool, England, will be Gruss Visiting Professor in the spring of 1992. Justice Menachem Elon, Deputy President, Supreme Court of Israel, was the first Gruss Visiting Professor, in residence from February to May, 1990.

Greenberg was born in Philadelphia in 1928. He received the A.B., and the Ph.D. in Oriental Studies, from the University of Pennsylvania, and was a rabbinical student at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. In 1954 he began teaching at the University of Pennsylvania as an Assistant Professor of Hebrew, becoming Professor of Biblical Studies in 1961 and Ellis Professor of Hebrew in 1965. Since 1970 he has been

Professor of Bible at Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Greenberg served as editor of the monograph series, *Journal of Biblical Literature*, from 1960 to 1966. He has lectured at Swarthmore and the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and is a member of the American Academy for Jewish Research and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. As a member since 1966 of the Bible Translation Committee of the Jewish Publication Society of America, he helped prepare a new Jewish Bible, entitled the *Holy Scriptures*. This is the first translation from the original Hebrew into another language to have generally recognized official standing among Jews since the *Septuagint*, into Greek, over 2,000 years ago.

Greenberg is the author of *The Hab/piru*, American Oriental Series, v. 39 (1955) and co-author of *The Religion of Israel* (1960). He has also written *Introduction to Hebrew* (1965) and *Understanding Exodus* (1969). The first volume of his edition of Ezekiel in the Anchor Bible was published in 1983.

## "Jewish Roots" At CAV



Fishel (Mike) Bresler

On Sunday, February 17, from 3-6 p.m., Fishel (Michael) Bresler and friends will present a program of Jewish Roots Music at CAV, 14 Imperial Place, Providence.

CAV is a coffeehouse and an antique store that lends itself for private catered parties. As a coffeehouse, CAV is open for breakfast and lunch Monday through Saturday; dinner is served Wednesday through Sat-

urday; or all day for coffee and pastries. The antique store carries a variety of historic items from America, Europe, Africa and the East in all price ranges.

The program will include Klezmer music, Hasidic and Sephardic music, and songs in Hebrew and Yiddish.

The Jewish Roots Series at CAV will continue with a program on March 21 from 7-10 p.m.

## "Intervals Of Silence"

by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Editor

The classy little Harvard Film Archive at the Carpenter Center for the Visual Arts hosts a series of screenings from all over the world and from many chapters in the history of cinema. The current chic is student style. Harvard invited its own graduate, Deborah Lefkowitz to show and tell two short features. LETTER TO MY UNCLE made its return engagement. This portrait of a man who tape recorded his own season of dying premiered within this very hall as a senior project a decade ago.

"Intervals of Silence: Being Jewish in Germany," her latest work, tells the viewer of the marriage of the filmmaker to a German whose father came home from four years as a Soviet prisoner of war. She

collaged words from her husband's townspeople to a background of images of fruit, flowers and slow motion moving feet.

The auditorium was packed. Many in the audience had a direct personal reason for attending. Some were Holocaust survivors, or second generation. Others were German students. They asked pointed questions of the artist. Why did she choose not to look at the faces of the people she interviewed? Why did she not fully explain that the IG Farben factory in this village manufactured weapons to murder Jews with? Why did her father-in-law spend 4 years as a p.o.w.?

It must be reported that Ms. Lefkowitz did not handle these points well. Pam O'Neill, a film editor from Jamestown, R.I., said, "She seemed to have

learned at Harvard the art of theory, of intellectual defense." A group of RISD graduates bragged a bit. "We may not speak so fully about what we do. But we find out how to design images to say it all for us."

Ms. Lefkowitz's point of view struck some of the public as fuzzy and uncommitted. Many film enthusiasts in the nineties show interest in the problems posed by films about Germany and the Jews now. Not only Jewish anxiety in Germany and German guilt, ambiguity or indifference, but also the artistic dilemma. How can the documentary mode operate poetically as well as literally?

But Deborah Lefkowitz has not found the answer. Perhaps because a Jew must first face his/her own Jewishness.

## Dinner Theater Presents Fatal Attraction

City Nights Dinner Theatre announces production of Bernard Slade's taut thriller *Fatal Attraction*. It runs all Friday and Saturday evenings February 15 through March 10, with Thursday evenings February 28 and March 7 and Sunday matinees February 24, March 3 and 10.

The show is directed by Ernest J. Medeiros and stars Peggy Pires, James Eaton, Beth Denice, Michael Ianero, Peter Vasconcellos and Angelyn Cavallaro.

This show is *not* the movie version, but an incredibly gripping thriller by the well-known Broadway playwright Bernard Slade, author of *Same Time Next Year*.

City Nights is located in the center of downtown Pawtucket at 27 Exchange Street, next to the *Pawtucket Evening Times* Bldg. with easy access from Route 95 by Exit 29. There are four parking lots within a half block of the theatre.

Tickets for the show with

dinner total \$18. The meal is a complete roast beef dinner (from tossed salad through dessert and coffee) and is served family style. Seating is from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. with dinner serving at 7 p.m. Matinee seating is from noon until 1 p.m. with dinner serving at 1 p.m.

Curtain time is an hour and

a quarter after serving time. Cocktails are available for all performances.

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During February Vacation Camp, children from preschool to age 12, can get involved in a variety of interesting and diverse activities. Sports camp, for boys and girls ages 4-12, is also available. All camps run from Monday, February 18, through Friday, February 22, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Early arrival (8-9 a.m.) and extended day (3-6 p.m., 5 p.m. on Friday) are also options for an additional fee. All children are to bring a lunch; snack and beverage will be provided.

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The Greensteins are at home at 97 Parker Street, Newton Center, MA 02159.

## Wines Announce Birth

Emily and Gary Wine of Greenfield Center, N.Y., announce the birth of their son, Andrew Ross, born February 2, 1991. He is joined by his sister, Rebecca Marci, at home.

Maternal grandparents are Morris Paer and the late Helen T. Paer of Paterson, N.J. Paternal grandparents are Charlotte and Maurice Wine of Cranston, R.I. Godparents are the baby's aunt and uncle, Lois Wine Larocque of Warwick, R.I., and Lewis Paer of Manhattan, N.Y.

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Before that he was product manager for Page Wilson Corporation and a sales engineer for the Steel Division of The Timken Company.

Hershberger earned his B.S. degree in metallurgy and material science from Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh and his M.B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School. He is a member of the American Society for Metals and the American Powder Metallurgy Institute.

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Stephen J. Richman, M.D., of Barrington, has been appointed by the American Diabetes Association to serve on its International Research Committee. The Committee has the responsibility to direct the funding of research into diabetes at the international level. Dr. Richman has been involved in the activities of the American Diabetes Association on a local and national level for the past several years and is past president of the American Diabetes Association affiliate in Rhode Island. Dr. Richman has been engaged for the past 20 years in research on how the LASER can be used to treat diabetic eye disease. He is a Clinical Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology at Brown University and has a private practice of ophthalmology in Providence.

## Weinberg Appointed To Board Of Cancer Prevention Research Consortium And R.I. Medical Society

Dr. Marc S. Weinberg, who is on the active staff at all of the Brown University teaching hospitals and is a Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine, is also Acting Director of Nephrology at the Roger Williams General Hospital.

Dr. Weinberg was recently added to the Board of the Advisory Committee of the Cancer Prevention Research Consortium which is a joint program with the University of Rhode Island, Brown University, and Miriam Hospital. Furthermore, he was recently elected a Delegate to the Rhode Island Medical Society as a representative from the Roger Williams General Hospital.

Dr. Weinberg also attended the Merck, Sharp and Dohme Hypertension Faculty Meeting in Los Angeles, California in January 1991 as a consultant



for the development of new antihypertensive and anti-atherosclerotic drugs. At this meeting of 75 selected faculty from around the world, Dr. Weinberg was the only representative from the Brown University Program in Medicine staff.

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## Rabbi William E. Kaufmann Receives Honorary Degree In Recognition Of Career Of Service

Rabbi William Elliot Kaufman of Temple Beth El of Fall River, Mass., will be honored by The Jewish Theological Seminary of America on March 19, 1991. Rabbi Kaufman will receive the Doctor of Divinity degree, *honoris causa* in recognition of his contributions and active career in the Conservative rabbinate.

Rabbi Kaufman will join a select group of rabbis also receiving honorary degrees at this special convocation ceremony. This prestigious event is being held for the first time on the campus of the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York. The honorary degrees will be presented by Seminary Chancellor Dr. Ismar Schorsch, Dr. Myron Rubinstein, President of Temple Beth El, will act as co-sponsor of Rabbi Kaufman when the degree is confirmed.

The honorary degrees were affirmed after a unanimous vote by the Faculty Committee on Honorary Degrees and the Board of Directors of the



Seminary. The deserving candidates have been selected, in the words of Chancellor Schorsch, "For a career of service which has brought honor to the Seminary, the Rabbinical Assembly and the Conservative movement, and a blessing to the Jewish people."

The day's events will begin at 10:30 a.m. with seminars at which the honorees will share their insights gained in the rabbinate with students of the Rabbinical school. Following this will be a luncheon hosted by Chancellor Schorsch for all

honorees and their spouses, the respective Synagogue Presidents who shall serve as the honorees' co-sponsors, the Seminary faculty, and the Board of Directors of the Seminary. The climax of the day will be the convocation ceremony at 3:15 p.m. at which the honorary degrees will be conferred.

Rabbi Kaufman, who has served twenty-six years in the pulpit, received his education at The University of Pennsylvania (B.A.), his Master of Hebrew Letters from The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, and his Doctorate from Boston University. He received his ordination from the Seminary in 1965. He was the recipient of the Annie Schimmel Prize in General Excellence and the Rosenberg Prize in Jewish Philosophy from the Seminary.

Rabbi Kaufman is the author of *Contemporary Jewish Philosophies and Journeys: An Introductory Guide to Jewish Mysticism*. He has published articles in *Time*, *Conservative Judaism*, *American Journal of Philosophy and Theology* and *Contemporary Jewish Religious Thought*. He has served as Visiting Professor of Philosophy at Clark University, University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College and Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio. Kaufman is a member of the American Philosophical Association, and The American Academy of Religion. He has served as Rabbi to Temple Beth El for over eight years. Rabbi Kaufman and his wife Nathalie have two children, Ari and Beth. For further information regarding the Honorary convocation, please call (212) 678-8950.

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## Alperin Schechter Bar Mitzvah

You are invited. Please share our joy as the Ruth and Max Alperin Schechter Day School celebrates its Bar Mitzvah Year on Saturday, March 9, Shabbat Parah at 10 a.m. at Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Avenue, Providence, R.I. Kiddush luncheon to follow services.

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# Local News

## Holocaust Workshop Held At JCCRI

by Peter Corwin  
**Herald Contributing Reporter**  
 Beth Cohen, curator of the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum, arranged an intensive Holocaust information workshop for area junior and senior high school teachers entitled "Facing History and Ourselves." The free Feb. 4-5 workshop at the Providence Jewish Community Center reflected the content of the nationally acclaimed program by the same name which originated in Brookline, Mass., in 1976.

Guest speaker Shelly Shapiro, director of Holocaust Survivors and Friends in Pursuit of Justice (HSFPJ), addressed some 30 teachers and administrators at the conclusion of the workshop. Based in Albany, N.Y., HSFPJ is a nonprofit organization committed to increasing public awareness both about the Holocaust and the presence of Nazi war criminals in the United States.

Vehemently opposed to the presence of Nazi war criminals who have sought refuge in this country in particular, Shapiro felt compelled to counter claims on the part of so-called "historical revisionists" that the Holocaust was a myth.

Shapiro's discussion focused in particular on a Malden, Mass. consultant for execution equipment, Fred Leuchter Jr. A short news clip of his activities showed Leuchter travelling to Poland in 1988 to take samples of various gas chamber ruins. Leuchter concluded, as a self-proclaimed engineer and gas chamber expert, that the chambers could not have been used for mass murder. Leuchter had earlier been hired by a Canadian publisher of neo-Nazi materials.

Shapiro described how she alerted Massachusetts authorities to Leuchter's fraudulent "engineering" title, adding: "I tried to expose a man with anti-Semitic values who used credentials he doesn't deserve."

Last October, Leuchter was arraigned on misdemeanor charges of practicing engineering without a license.

Referring to Leuchter's subsequent Jan. 22 hearing, where he received support from the Klu Klux Klan, the Christian Defense League, and various Boston revisionist groups, Shapiro said: "It affected me terribly because (his supporters) were real people without any shame. He was hailed as a hero by organizations which claimed the Holocaust never existed." Leuchter's own attorney had represented a former Grand Dragon of the KKK.

With both hands, Shapiro hoisted a seven-pound publication by Jean Claude Pressac entitled *Auschwitz: Technique and Operation of the Gas Chambers*. The book contains information about the gas chambers as revealed by the Germans themselves, and Pressac describes Leuchter's findings as having been "researched illegally, ignoring the most straightforward of historical data, and flounder(ing) in gross errors of measurement and calculation." Shapiro sadly asked why one had to publish such details at all.

She stressed that each individual must help prevent segments of society from bestowing unjustified credibility upon revisionists. For example, she described how the January 1990 issue of *The Atlantic Monthly* had published a story on Leuchter and revisionism

without mentioning his background. Last summer, ABC-TV's "Prime Time Live" aired a special on the topic of revisionism; also neglecting to inform viewers of Leuchter's dubious past history. In effect, what is omitted from information can be just as misleading as what isn't.

Shapiro summed up, "I never expected to confront such blatant anti-Semitism, but each and every one of us must take risks in our own way."

After Shapiro's address, Auschwitz survivor Helen Schwartz said she was grateful for people like Shapiro who expose those anti-Semites seeking to cloak themselves under the guise of credibility. Mrs. Schwartz, one of the youngest to survive the Auschwitz death camp, lost all her family to Nazi atrocities. "Many of us survivors cannot even attend meetings like this one because it's simply too hard," she said.

Mike Eckenroth, a Classical High School social studies teacher, noted that the further we move away from the actual Nazi period in history, the greater the chances of a similar development occurring again.

For the past two years, every eighth-grade student in the Providence public school system has been requested to visit the R.I. Holocaust Memorial Museum in conjunction with overall class discussion.

Shapiro, the HSFPJ director since 1984, says the primary purpose of the organization today is education; followed in turn by documentation and action. She is editor and co-author of *Truth Prevails — Demolishing Holocaust Denial: the end of The Leuchter Report.*

## They Came Together For Peace And Freedom

by Mike Fink  
**Herald Contributing Editor**  
 It's a little hard to find this temple in Woonsocket, though it sits serenely among grand mansions. You can get lost going and coming. Rabbi Joel Chernikoff hosted at Temple B'nai Israel an ambitious "Come Together for Peace and Freedom" on Sunday, February 10. It summoned religious and military groups from Northern Rhode Island and Southern Massachusetts.

The St. James Baptist Church Senior Choir rang out a rousing version of the Battle Hymn of the Republic. You could pick out here and there a muttered or a frankly uttered "Glory!" M. Manoog Kaprielian of the Viet Vets of America offered words of support. Like Jean LeBlanc, mother of Sgt. Richard Bourassa, and Roland Pelletier, father of LCPL Roland Pelletier, he claimed that the yellow ribbons and American flags do give hope and cheer to the troops. The mother traced her feelings and thoughts. She added a special word of support for Israel. She was warmly applauded.

Cantor Philip Macktas, in this his 8th decade with the

Woonsocket congregation, did a solo of "How Goodly are Thy Tents" — looking like a fine, gentle prophet-priest. B'nai Israel Youth chanted Havanu Shalom Aleichem and HaTikvah, in Hebrew and then in English. The phrase "Israel, strong and free" underlined solidarity, although the emphasis throughout the afternoon was on prayers for lasting peace in the area and in the world. Clergy spoke of the strength of this state that shapes unity within diversity.

The Governor and Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Mayor

of Woonsocket and consular representatives from Boston also greeted the group.

Only a few weeks ago, the Garden of Meditation was redesigned and rededicated. Within its glass walls it looked in on the throng, like a little quiet prayer for peace itself, listening in on speeches. The lists of French and Polish names among the honor roll of soldiers serving in the Gulf war, like the image of the veterans young and old, made for a strange and moving event that mixed memory and hope.

## Local Family Practice Student Appointed To National Family Practice Committee

Mr. Christopher Goodwin of Providence, R.I., was recently appointed student delegate to the Committee on Resident and Student Affairs of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP). The AAFP is the national organization for family doctors.

The Committee on Resident and Student Affairs was established to study the special problems of students and residents in relationship to family practice and to work with the Commission on Membership and Member Services to encourage medical graduates to enter the field of family practice and to join the membership ranks of

the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Headquartered in Kansas City, the AAFP was instrumental in establishing the medical specialty of family practice in 1969. Membership of the national group totals more than 71,000. The specialty of family practice, which evolved from classic general practice, now has more than 30,000 certified diplomates. It is supported by 386 residency training programs in medical centers across the nation and by more than 115 departments or divisions in more than 126 medical schools.

## Local Surgicenter Appoints New Member To Executive Committee

Blackstone Valley Surgicare in Pawtucket recently appointed four new members to its Medical Executive Committee. Stuart Engel, M.D., General Surgeon; Linn Parsons, M.D., Gynecologist; Melvin Mancini, D.P.M., Podiatrist; and James Weintrub, M.D., Plastic Surgeon will join the current panel of five surgeons to provide leadership and guidance to the outpatient surgery center.

"The appointment of these new members brings a broad cross-section of medical experts together to better serve the community" said Paul Healey, M.D., Medical Director of Blackstone Valley Surgicare.

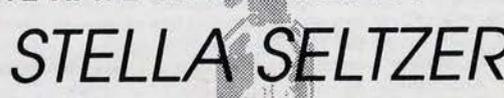
Drs. Engel, Parsons, Mancini, and Weintrub, as well as other members of the committee, have established medical practices in the Pawtucket area, and regularly perform surgery at Surgicare. The committee, which meets quarterly, oversees all quality control and clinical issues at Surgicare, and also offers input on a variety of day-to-day activities.

Blackstone Valley Surgicare, founded in 1976, provides out-

patient surgical services to the entire Northern Rhode Island area. With five fully equipped surgical suites, general surgeons, gynecologists, ophthalmologists, podiatrists, plastic surgeons, and otolaryngologists (ear, nose and throat specialists), regularly perform same-day surgery there. In addition, Surgicare was among the first facilities in the area to offer advanced laser treatment for such conditions as endometriosis and chronic pelvic pain in women.

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## Sons Of Jacob Synagogue

**Friday, February 15** - First day in the new month of ADAR - second day of Rosh Chodesh - the latest time for morning SHMA is 8:39 a.m. Candlelighting is at 4:58 p.m.

**Saturday, February 16** - Second day in the new month of ADAR. The Parshas today is TERUMAH. (SHACHARIS) Morning services are at 8:30 a.m. with kiddush to follow. Mincha is 5:05 p.m. with the Third Meal immediately following the service. (Se'udah Shelishis and Z'miroi) Ma'ariv is 5:55 p.m. Shabbos is over at 6:02 p.m. Havdalah is 6:05 p.m.

**Sunday, February 17** - Morning services are at 7:45 a.m. with the customary coffee and refreshments to follow.

*Mincha for the entire week is at 5:15 p.m.*

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

Our annual Purim Party and Raffle Prizes Program is under way. First prize is a color TV, second prize is a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond, third prize is an assortment of several bottles of liquor - with numerous other prizes to be given away at the party. Tickets are available from any of the membership, Purim committee, or at the synagogue.

### Lessons Not Learned

Many people have asked whether the United States should be defending feudal monarchies, autocrats, and human rights abusers in the Gulf. This is an unfortunate by-product of what is a necessary stand against the Iraqi aggression, and defense of vital American interests in Persian Gulf strategic countries and oil.

The Administration's previous conduct of appeasing the

Arabs at the U.N. by accepting resolutions condemning Israel, will be changed as a result of Israel's cooperation in the first days of the Middle East crisis - not retaliations from missile attacks.

Ironically, recent events at the U.N. are being driven by the PLO. Even as the Arab states opposed to Iraq vilify Arafat, they continue to pursue this agenda, and the U.S. has acquiesced.

The U.S. chose expedience over principle after heads of state met with Syrian President Hafez Assad to "concede" important matters. The sole justification for any U.S.-Syrian cooperation is to surround Iraq with hostile forces. But Assad was already Saddam Hussein's enemy. No U.S. "prodding" was necessary to get Syria to oppose Iraq.

By our concessions and meetings with Assad, we have given Damascus new legitimacy. This is the same mistake the U.S. made with Baghdad. Because Saddam Hussein was viewed as a counter to Khomeini (who are Persians - not Arabs) the U.S. ignored Iraq's despicable behavior. Now, Syria's role in sponsoring two Syrian-backed groups terrorist attacks against Israel in late November 1990, and the complete absence of democratic concern or principles for human rights, are being overlooked!

Additionally, the last vestige of Christian resistance in Lebanon has been eliminated, and, effectively Syria conquered that country.

Syria will no doubt strive to achieve strategic parity with Israel.

How does that saying go about those who fail to learn from their mistakes?

## Pre-Purim Adult Holiday Workshop At Beth Sholom

What are the origins of the Hamantashen? Why do Jews fast before Purim? How was Achashverosh, King of Persia, like Stalin? How do I "do" Purim?

If the answers to these questions are of interest to you, then you should attend the free Pre-Purim workshop at the Jewish Learning Exchange at Beth Sholom. The workshop will take place on Wednesday, February 20, at 7:20 p.m.

On Purim itself, Beth Sholom will be open to the entire community starting with the Megilla reading at 6 p.m., and followed by the annual Beth Sholom Purim carnival at 7, which this year promises to be more exciting than ever.

This Holiday Workshop is

the first of two being offered by the Jewish Learning Exchange this season. The second will be entitled "The How To's and What is's of the Passover Seder," and will take place on March 20 at 7:20.

The Jewish Learning Exchange offers numerous courses on the beginner, intermediate, and advanced level, and is open to the entire community, both affiliated and nonaffiliated. If you are interested in any of these programs, please contact our office at 331-9393 (if no one answers, please leave a message; your call will be returned).

Congregation Beth Sholom is located at 275 Camp St. (corner Rochambeau).

## Congregation Ohave Sholam

The Young Israel of Pawtucket will begin Friday evening services at 5:05 p.m. Shabbat morning, a kiddush will follow services which begin at 9 a.m. weather permitting. Rabbi Jacobs will give his class at 4:15 p.m. Mincha will be 5 p.m. followed by the Third Sabbath Meal. Ma'ariv will be at 6 p.m. Havdalah will be at 6:10 p.m.

On Sunday and Monday

services will be at 8 a.m. The rest of the week services will follow the regular schedule.

On Tuesday at 8 p.m. the basic Hebrew reading course will continue. On Wednesday at 8 p.m. the basic Judaism course will continue.

On Wednesday, February 20, the Junior N.C.S.Y. will meet at 1:30 p.m. to prepare Shalch Manot to be distributed on Purim.

## Fabulous Family Fun At Alperin Schechter



Abbey Weintraub on the Obstacle Course at Alperin Schechter.

### Family Double Dare

An overflow crowd of parents and children cheerfully signed up for good, wholesome, messy! family fun as the Parents' Association of the Ruth and Max Alperin Schechter Day School sponsored Family Double Dare. Laughter built as parents and children competed in a series of relay races: clothing, sack, egg-on-a-spoon, and pass-the-lifesaver-on-a-straw races.

Duly primed for the next phase of the event, families tempted fate (and the washing machine) with a series of gooey, gory, gummy games. First came the egg toss — watch out for the one that isn't hardboiled! Then came the pie-eating contest and shave-the-balloon.

The piece de resistance was the much ballyhooed Obstacle Course (which more than lived up to advance publicity). Children (somehow parents were not as interested in this event — perhaps you'll see why) forged their way barefoot through jello (yes, real Jello!), plunged their hands into chocolate pudding in pursuit of jelly beans, and dove cheerfully into a popcorn-filled swimming pool to find hidden candy treats.

It was good, clean family fun! Wendy Garf-Lipp and Lauren Schechtman, organizers of the event, promise a return engagement next year.

### Family Square Dance

Once again parents and children got together for an evening of shared fun as the

Alperin Schechter Parents' Association sponsored its first-ever Family Square Dance. The Alperin Meeting House, decorated by Bonnie Gold with hay, barn and Western decor, was alive with action as caller Paul LeTourneau kept parents and children on their feet throughout the evening. Schechter students, who had learned the dances as part of their gym program, led their parents through the intricacies of American square dancing.

Refreshments kept energy levels up, and participants all agreed that this event would be a welcome addition to Schechter tradition.

### K-1 Shabbat Dinner

Once again, the K-1 Shabbat dinner was a warm and meaningful family evening. Students prepared centerpieces and Challah covers, chanted Kiddush and HaMotzi, sang Zemirot, and led Birkat HaMazon. Special thanks go to co-chairs Wileen Rosner-Snow and Debby LaMarche and their committee: Liz Goldberg, Pam Kaitin-Miller, Roohi Radparvar and Merle Siegel.

### Grade 2 Havdalah Program

Second graders, having made Kiddush cups, spice boxes and Havdalah candles, led their families in the beautiful Havdalah ceremony after parents, grandparents and siblings had enjoyed a traditional Seudah Shelishit. After Havdalah, a special family crafts project was prepared: Shabbat table runners to be decorated by each family group.

## R.I. Jewish TV Program Features A Traditional Shabbat Dinner

The R.I. Jewish television program sponsored by the Jewish Federation of R.I. in cooperation with WJWF of Chicago will again feature Enie's Kitchen during the month of February.

We will visit with Enie Frost as she takes us through the preparation of a typical Shabbat dinner. Her presentation, not only features a delectable menu which can easily be duplicated by the viewing audience, but also introduces us to the beauty and tranquility which the Shabbat meal can bring to every Jewish family. The sense of togetherness at the Shabbat table helps form a bond between family members, which strengthens, as this tradition is repeated every Friday night throughout the year.

From the blessings of the candles at sundown, through

the reciting of the Kiddish, and the blessing over the challah, the viewer begins to sense a feeling of calmness as the Shabbat begins.

The book of Genesis tells us that the world was created in six days and on the seventh day G-d rested. Friday evening therefore begins our day of rest.

Enie believes that the Shabbat meal should be relaxed and unhurried. It should be a time for family members to share the week's experiences with one another. Therefore the dinner should be special! The menu she chose begins with chopped herring, with her own special ingredients, as an appetizer. Her main dish is cornish hens stuffed with apples and prunes and glazed with orange marmalade. As a side dish, she makes a light

fluffy potato kugel with her own recipe. Her special dessert to crown the evening is a delicious lemon sponge pie with a meringue topping.

Next month Enie will prepare several unusual Passover dishes which we can easily make and enjoy with our families.

Enie's Kitchen can be seen on Cable Television Channel 49 every Thursday at 7 p.m. and every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. throughout the state, with the exception of Heritage Cable subscribers.

Heritage Cable will feature Enie's Kitchen at the same times as above but on Channel 57. Call 942-5807 if you wish a copy of any of the recipes featured on this program.

Submitted by Kap Kaplan, Cable TV coordinator for Jewish Federation of R.I.

## Lectures At Miriam Hospital

Leo M. Cooney, Jr., M.D., Humana Foundation Professor of Geriatric Medicine at the Yale University School of Medicine, will deliver two lectures on problems of the elderly in The Miriam Hospital's Sopkin Auditorium at 164 Summit Avenue, Providence, on Thursday, February 21.

Dr. Cooney will lecture at 9:30 a.m. on "Back Pain in the Elderly." At 11 a.m. he will deliver the William Fain Oration on Behavioral Medicine. His subject then will be "Altered Mental Status in the Elderly."

Dr. Cooney is a native of Providence who was graduated

from Holy Cross College in Worcester in 1965 and from the Yale School of Medicine in New Haven in 1969. From 1969 to 1971 he was an intern and junior resident in medicine at the Boston University Medical Service at Boston City Hospital. During the five years after that he served successively as director of the outpatient clinic at the U.S. Army Hospital in Fort Campbell, Kentucky, chief resident in medicine at Boston City Hospital, fellow in arthritis at the Boston University Medical Center and lecturer in rheumatology and senior registrar in

tion at the University of Manchester in England.

His academic positions have included instructor of medicine at the Boston University School of Medicine, assistant professor, associate professor and professor of medicine at the Yale University School of Medicine and since 1987 Humana Foundation Professor of Geriatric Medicine at the Yale University School of Medicine.

Announce your graduation, new job or promotion in the Herald. Black and white photos welcome.

## Dvora Dayan Club Of Na' Amat/ USA

At a recent meeting of Dvora Dayan Club of Na' Amat/USA, Florence Silver, president of the Club reiterated The American Jewish Community must intensify all efforts on behalf of Israel's absorption of its massive immigration, at the same time that it steps up support of tourists to Israel and public understanding of Israel's position in the Middle East.

"As we know the sheer numbers of Olim (immigrants) from the Soviet Union, Ethiopia and other countries necessitate a much greater effort this year. It is possible that the number of immigrants streaming into Israel can again double in 1991 and the Jewish state cannot be expected to bear this burden without unprecedented assistance from world Jewry.

"Even the historic fund-raising achievements in the months preceding and following Israel's independence in 1948 does not compare with the need at this time."

Na' Amat is celebrating its 65th year of achievement and

has chapters throughout the United States.

Dvora Dayan Club of Na' Amat USA will hold their next meeting on Monday, February 18, at 7:45 p.m. at the home of Ceil Krieger, 381 Cole Avenue, Providence.

We have an exciting program planned by "The Dvora Dayan Players" who will present "The Devil and Mr. Haman." Don't miss this Purim Shpiel! Members and prospective members are invited.

On Sunday April 21, we will sponsor a fund-raising for the musical hit "Pippin" to be held at Roberts Hall, Rhode Island College. This will be a 2 p.m. performance and tickets are priced at \$10 each. Those of you who have attended our previous theatre parties at R.I. College know what a delightful time is in store for everyone.

Please send your request for tickets together with your check as soon as possible to Celia Krieger, 381 Cole Avenue, Prov., R.I. 02906.

## February Offers A Purim Celebration And Senior Activities At The JCCI

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, located at 401 Elmgrove Avenue 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.

### Purim Celebration

Enjoy a community-wide Purim Celebration on Thursday, February 28 at 5:30 p.m., complete with a costume parade, prizes and children's crafts table. The story of Purim will be read in English and Russian, so that all can enjoy Esther's triumph. Admission is \$2 per person with a maximum of \$8 per family and includes dinner and hamantaschen. Call Lisa Yanku or Ruby Shalansky to make a reservation by February 22.

### 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 15th to the 21st of February are:

FRIDAY, 15  
VCR program, 11 a.m.  
SUNDAY, 17  
VCR program, "The Rooster Who Would Be King," 11 a.m.  
For further information call Sandy Bass.

## Operation Radio

Operation Radio is a special emergency operation coordinated by the members of Providence USY. The purpose of the operation is to distribute radios to newly arrived Soviet immigrants and elderly Israelis in need. Due to the frequent missile attacks on Israel it is essential that these people have access to emergency instructions and information that is provided over the airways by the Israel government.

The price of each unit (radio, batteries) is \$15. The money will be sent directly to Israel where radios and batteries will be purchased at an Israeli manufacturing company and distributed to newly settled Soviet immigrants through contacts in Israel and to the needy elderly with the aid of Yad Sarah. While the price of one unit is \$15, any donation will be greatly appreciated. Please rush your check payable to Operation Radio as soon as possible.

In addition please call or write if you have any questions or concerns:

Operation Radio  
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99 Taft Ave.  
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(401) 331-1616

## The Jewish Learning Exchange at Beth Sholom

by Kathy Cohen  
Herald Associate Editor

Recently, the Herald received a notice outlining Beth Sholom-Sons of Zion's Late Winter 1991/5751 Semester Course listing. Beth Sholom, under the direction of Rabbi Marder, has sponsored adult education programs for many years; however, this year, with Marder's help, the program has been extended.

The classes will be open to people with widely varying backgrounds in Judaism and Jewish studies. People are not expected to be affiliated with the synagogue. The entire Jewish community is welcome, says Marder.

Rabbi Marder explained that the courses fall into six categories: Bible, Hebrew, Talmud, Jewish Thought, Jewish Law, and Special Programs. The "level" of difficulty ranges from basic to intermediate and some are appropriate for all levels. Most classes are offered on Monday and Wednesday evenings for two hours (including breaks).

Besides the adult educational program, Beth Sholom is looking to collect donations for those whose family members have been injured, left homeless, or killed.

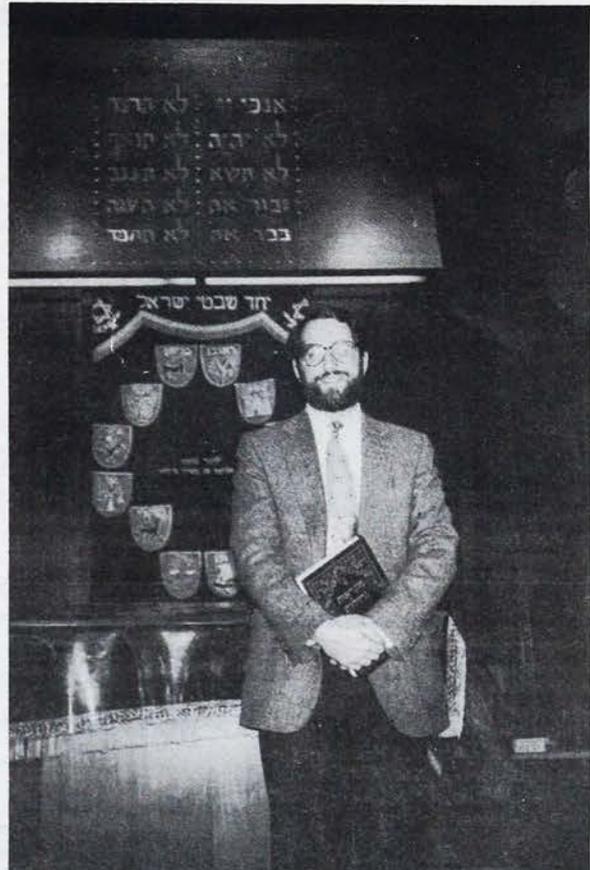
Marder, a member of the faculty of The Jewish Learning Exchange, relocated from the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale in New York where he served as an associate rabbi. The Jewish Learning Exchange is, in part, a byproduct of a similar adult educational program Marder had been involved with in New York. Marder brought with him the idea of bringing the Jewish community closer together by offering classes which help people to better understand traditional Judaism. And, of course, he says his ultimate goal is to have more people join his congregation. It is, however, more important that they learn first.

"Synagogues are not doing their job by serving themselves," says Marder.

The faculty also includes Rabbi Peretz Gold, a faculty member of the New England Academy of Torah; Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer, coordinator of the Providence Chabad Lubavitch House; and Gail Rubenstein, R.N.

Although the program is already underway, new students may still enroll into the second week of class, ending Wednesday, February 21.

In the course of my meeting with Rabbi Marder, I found out some interesting tidbits about the history of his temple. I was told that Beth Sholom had been



Rabbi Marder at Beth Sholom

closed for about a year, between 1988 and 1989, and that there was no rabbinical leadership during which time until Marder's arrival in August 1990. Also, the Sons of Zion congregation, whose temple was once where the Providence Marriot is today, merged with Beth Sholom's congregation. Some of the temples inscriptions are hung on the wall of Beth Sholom's sanctuary and some items can be found at the R.I. Jewish Historical Society.

Marder stressed that the temple is starting a discretionary fund for those whose family members in Israel have been injured, left homeless or killed. Also, the temple will be collecting home appliances, clothes, furniture, etc., to help New Americans in their relocation.

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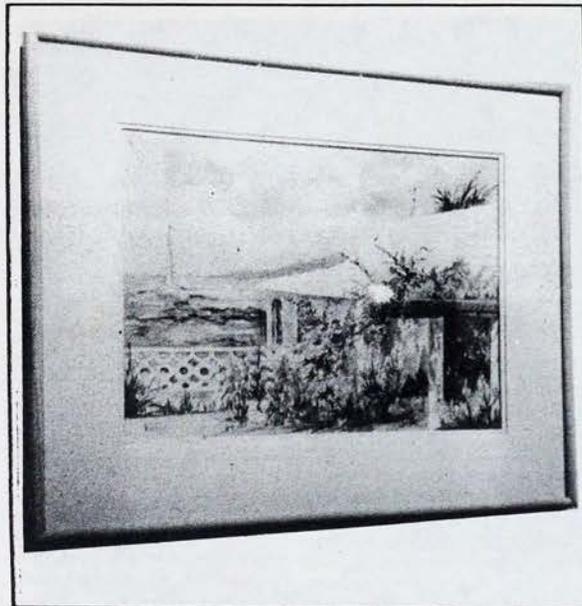
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# Time Out



## Roaming And Roving

by Mike Fink  
Photographs by Sarah Baird

The Rhode Island Watercolor Society moved from Thomas Street in Providence to the former boathouse at Slater Park in Pawtucket in 1983. Betty Dunlop, president of the society, told the *Herald* staff that "It's harder to get people to come over and see what's going on."

People are missing something. You drive through a grove of large trees, a winter meadow of browngold grass. Overlooking a pond the elegant gallery stands, with its balustraded stairs and giant fireplaces. On the walls you see flowers in bloom, summer beaches glowing under a brilliant blue sky, newborn lambs and grazing cows — all done

by new members of the society. Some winter scenes as well give you a glimpse of a proper New England season of snow and country lanes.

This reviewer is perfectly happy just to know that people really look at the world and make the effort to try and show what they see in watercolor. You can't go over and over a point in water, you have to just do it and keep it fresh.

As we left the show we stopped here and there in the park to visit the wondrous beasts. Goats and sheep stood like statues under a comfortable drizzle. Geese and ducks kept up their racket. A little black pig grunted gently at us. Indoors we said a few words to the elephant and a group of ponies. A tiny lamb bleated at

us. A family of cats jumped on and off a stack of bales of hay that smelled sweet. The room of primates and parrots didn't smell so sweet.

It was such a joy to be among the beasts, I hate to spoil the amber scene with a melancholy footnote. But the bears looked bored out of their minds, and the elephant stood in tragic solitude within its gray pen.

If you have an hour — not to "kill" but to live, drive to Slater and take in the watercolors and the lovely animals that throng together through the late winter.

## "Play On..."

by Sarah Baird  
Herald Associate Editor

I am drawn to galleries, museums, zoos. From the outside I dream longingly of being inside. Once there, held by the walls, I hold my breath, waiting for some magic. Pictures and statues and animals enchant me. I get ready to sign up for every project, braced for artistic transcendence. I think of reviving my abandoned attempts at artistry, my buried passions for charcoal and ink, a love of black and white. I have dreams, big dreams of leaving a mark, winning prizes, and making contact with bears and ghosts.

Today, in Slater Park I did make contact. I made contact through memory with my grandmother and grandfathers, long ago members of my family

as my grandfather lay dumb in bed in the Niagra Lutheran Nursing Home. Oscar Silverman, my grandpa, had a gift for literature and elegance. We ate from china and dipped in crystal finger bowls, sitting on tall thrones at Grandpa's. Long ago, when I was learning to quote poetry, he had already suffered a powerful, silencing stroke.

I remember my grandpa vividly in the car, the yard, his home, The Home. In the dim backgrounds I hear my voice, some birds and the two old ladies next door, but not my grandpa. His still anguish rings in the pounding of the zoo elephant's trunk against the heavy chains of his cage.

My father's father I never knew. As a child I looked to the photographs of him and studied his ears. My Grampa Cam was a musician, so I thought his



club. As I slowly spun through the showing at the watercolor club, I thought of my mother's mother and her skewed paintings of haunted interiors.

I remember her as a graceful shadow, a gentle hug in my living room. Her eternally tender smile and sad eyes watched me run from her to television, as soon as *Gilligan's Island* came on the screen. I love my memories of Grammy; one of her paintings hangs above my childhood bed.

I felt the slow wind of remembrance float through the rotted grass in the park today. I remembered lines of Shakespeare and pictures of my mother's father. In the seventies, I discovered Shakespeare,

ears might hold secrets. There is a place in Buffalo by a little pond with Grampa Cam's name. In Slater Park, too, there is a little gazebo by the water, a place to meet lovers and ghosts. I think of Cam and his name, a legend, it seems.

Grampa Cam might have liked it here in Pawtucket in the old park with the funny name and the craggy trees. He might have thought of Buffalo's Delaware Park in the good old days of ducks and strolls and watercolors. I picture Grampa Cam in an odd collage of pre-war Berlin, country hills, recital halls, and libraries. I strain to hear hints of music on the wind, wondering if he's listening still.

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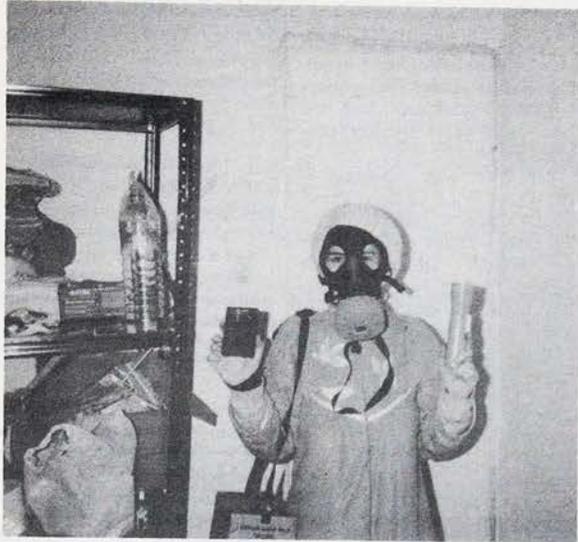
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# Missile Attack (continued from page 5)



Sarah Dena (Strajcher) Katz prepares for Scud attack in sealed room.

my room seemed darker than it had ever been before. I locked the door behind me.

Running from the dorms I

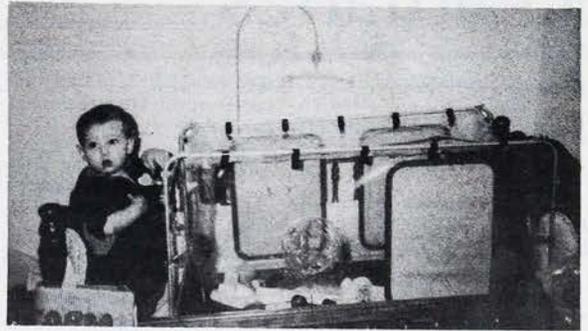
finally realized what was really happening. I turned to look at the apartments on the school's campus. I saw my teacher,

Rabbi Warman, carrying his children, running. Everyone was running not thinking, not considering, just running.

Earlier that week we had all received a room number to go to on the second floor of the building in case of emergency. Slowly groups began to form outside of the locked rooms. We began dressing in the clothes that we hoped, prayed, would protect us in case of a chemical attack. In that case we were all standing still, we were all mentally running, running to the gas masks waiting for us behind the locked doors.

Once the doors were opened, reality hit us in the face, and it hurt. One guy couldn't stop shaking. He just couldn't stop. "Breathe," I said, "Just breathe, just concentrate on your breathing." I don't think I helped him any. I wish I could have. I felt sorry for him, he was worse off than me.

I put my things down in a corner. When I turned around people had already begun to try on their masks. "Take it easy," I said to the guy who



Dovid Katz, the son of Aaron and Sarah Katz, stands outside his special covered crib.

was standing next to me, but I was really talking to myself.

The radio told us to get the masks ready and to begin testing their tightness without the filter. Surprisingly most people knew what they were doing. Everyone stopped running and began helping. I started to take pictures. It calmed me down and I think it lessened the tension in the room. People were smiling.

It was only a few minutes until reality set in again. The radio told us to put the masks

on with their filters. The missiles were coming.

An hour later the radio announced that we could remove the masks. The initial danger was over. We could relax for now. No one knew what had happened. After reciting some Tehilim - Psalms, a few of us huddled over a radio, others rested, and some continued praying. Our first of what has become regular, yet fresh, terror was over — we had, with G-d's help, survived.

## Afro-American Folk Artist Visits Alperin Schechter



"Rhythmologist" John Belcher at Alperin Schechter.

John Belcher, Afro-American musician and folk artist visited the Ruth and Max Alperin Schechter Day School on January 15 to present a program of traditional rhythms and chants from Africa.

Mr. Belcher has worked as a composer, performer, teacher and consultant in a diverse range of settings including public and private schools, nursing homes, hospitals and theaters. He has composed music for dance, theater, jazz ensemble, and experimental voice and percussion performance, making use of self-made instruments, found objects and environmental sounds in addition to conventional instruments. Two years ago, John Belcher and the Everett Dance Theater participated in a very successful Artist-in-Residency at Alperin Schechter.

This program is provided by the Cultural Enrichment Committee of the Schechter Parents' Association, Liz Goldberg, chair. Earlier this year the program sponsored visits by Peanutbutterjam, a children's music group and Nancy Garcia, a Narragansett Indian. In March the Alperin Schechter School will be pleased to welcome Keiko Nabb, Japanese folk artist and origami special-

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# Obituaries

## MARILYN CHALEK

CRANSTON — Marilyn Chalek, 63, of 54 Cottage St. died February 6, 1991, at the Elmhurst Extended Care Facility, Providence. She was the wife of Avon Chalek.

Born in Lynn, Mass., a daughter of the late William and Doris (Zamcheck) Pruss, she lived in Cranston since 1965. She previously lived in Providence.

Mrs. Chalek was a foster parent to more than 20 adolescent children from 1979 to 1989.

Besides her husband she leaves a daughter, Ronne B. Chalek of Providence; a son, Michael A. Chalek of Cranston, and two grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Harris Pruss.

The funeral service was held February 8, at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon, Mass.

## GERHARD HAUSMANN

WARWICK — Gerhard Hausmann, 62, of 2320 Post Road, a clinical pharmacist at the Veterans Administration Medical Center for six years,

died February 7, 1991, at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of the late Barbara (Goldberg) Hausmann.

Born in Germany, he was a son of the late Hugo and Lili (Rosenthal) Hausmann. He had lived in Providence before moving to Warwick 35 years ago.

Mr. Hausmann owned the former Stork Pharmacy in Warwick from 1955 to 1972. He also was a pharmacist at the former Adams Drug Store in Warwick and Park Drug in Johnston.

He was a 1953 graduate of the Rhode Island College of Pharmacy, now the University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy. He was a member of the Rhode Island Pharmaceutical Association and the American Association of Hospital Pharmacists.

Mr. Hausmann was a founding member of Temple Am David. He was a member of the Rhode Island Philatelic Society and the American Association of Individual Investors.

He leaves two sons, Randolph Hausmann of Pawtucket and Geoffrey Hausmann of New London, Conn.; a daughter, Audrey Matteson of Coventry, and two grandchil-

dren.

The funeral service was held Friday, February 8, 1991, at the Sugarman-Smith Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

## JOSEPH W. RESS

PROVIDENCE — Joseph W. Ress, 86, of 486 Cole Ave., a lifelong Providence resident honored a number of times for his public service to several educational, religious and charitable institutions, died Monday, February 4, 1991, at Roger Williams General Hospital. He was the husband of Anne (Gordon) Ress.

Mr. Ress, son of the late Morris and Bessie (Flint) Ress, was especially active at Brown University, from which he graduated Phi Beta Kappa in 1926; the United Way of South-eastern New England, which he served as president and campaign chairman, and the state's Jewish community.

Born in 1904 in Providence's south end, he attended Technical High School while helping his parents run a delicatessen on North Main Street.

Mr. Ress began his career as a lawyer, graduating from Harvard Law School in 1929 and practicing for five years before going into business. He became president of the former E.A. Adams & Son Inc. jewelry manufacturers in 1949 and remained at its helm until he sold the business in 1981.

He was a trustee of Brown University for 16 years and treasurer during the 1970s. He received an honorary degree from Brown and the Brown Bear Award, the highest alumni honor. He was chairman of the fund-raising campaign to start a medical program at Brown.

In 1988, the United Way awarded him the Alexis De Toqueville Award, the organization's highest honor. He was campaign chairman in 1964 and chairman in 1965.

Mr. Ress was one of the founders of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and president from 1960 to 1964. He was a trustee of Temple Emanu-El, the Jewish Community Center and the Jewish Home for the Aged.

A past president of the Miriam Hospital, Mr. Ress established the cardio-pulmonary laboratory and launched the first open-heart surgery program in the state.

Mr. Ress was chairman of the Providence College President's Council and served on the state's Board of Governors for Higher Education. He served on the boards of the Rhode Island School of Design and Lincoln School in Providence, and was named 1980 man of the year by the University Club of Rhode Island. He was on the executive committee of the Urban Coalition.

Mr. Ress received the national Herbert Lehman Israel Award in 1974 for outstanding service to Israel and the National Community Service Award of the New England Friends of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in 1976. The National Conference of Christians and Jews gave him the Brotherhood Award and the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce gave Mr. Ress the Roger Williams award in 1972.

Besides his wife, he leaves two daughters, Joan R. Reeves of Providence and Betsy R. Jacobson of Larchmont, N.Y.; and four grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Samuel Ress.

The funeral service took place Tuesday, February 5, at Temple Emanu-El, Morris Avenue at Sessions Street and was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

## ALICE SIMONS

PROVIDENCE — Alice Simons, 78, of Charlesgate East, 50 Randall St., a beautician in New York for 20 years before retiring 16 years ago, died Thursday, February 7, 1991, at Miriam Hospital.

Born in Russia, a daughter of the late Samuel and Rose (Merovitz) Simons, she lived in Providence for eight years. She had also lived in Chicago.

Miss Simons was a member of Temple Emanu-El.

She leaves a sister, Ruth Simons of Providence and several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held

Monday, February 11, at Sinai Memorial Park, Warwick. Arrangements were by the Sugarman-Smith Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

## AARON SISKIND

PAWTUCKET — A memorial service was held Friday, February 8, for Aaron Siskind, 87, of 4 Leicester Way, a world-renowned photographer, and professor at the Rhode Island School of Design from 1971 to 1976, who died Friday, February 8, 1991, at Miriam Hospital.

Born in New York, a son of the late Jacob and Riva (Mystrovitch) Siskind, he lived in Pawtucket for five years. He previously lived in Providence and Chicago.

Mr. Siskind was previously a professor at the Chicago Institute of Design from 1951 to 1970. He was listed in Who's Who and The American Arts. His photographs are on display at the Museum of Modern Art. He was known as "The Father of Contemporary Photography." He authored several books including, *Aaron Siskind's Road Trip, Place and Pleasures and Terrors*.

He leaves a stepdaughter, Isabella B. Johansen of New York, and two sisters.

The service will be held Friday, February 15, at 4 p.m. at the Rhode Island School of Design Auditorium, Canal Street, Providence. Arrangements were by the Sugarman-Smith Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

## CECILE SKOULTCHI

NORTH MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — Cecile Skoultchi, 83, of the B'nai Israel Rehabilitation Center, died February 1, 1991, at the center. She was the widow of Herbert Skoultchi.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Abraham and Sarah Fishman, she moved to the Miami Beach area five years ago.

She leaves a son, Dr. Arthur Skoultchi of Larchmont, N.Y.; a sister, Gladys Bass of Miami Beach, and two grandchildren.

A graveside service was held Sunday, February 3, at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick, and was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

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**CLAIRE SUNDEL**  
BOCA RATON, Fla. — Claire Sundel, 83, of 550 S. Ocean Blvd., died Sunday, Jan-

uary 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, Haddassah, 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 Betsy Parent of Bristol; a son, William Sundel of New York; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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

## "A Candlelight Dinner With Friends"

The Jewish Learning Exchange at Beth Sholom will sponsor a unique Shabbat (Shabbath) dinner - "A (Shabbat) Candlelight Dinner With Friends" - led by Rabbi Chaim Marder on Friday evening, February 22. Everyone is invited to come experience the beauty of the Sabbath with friends and family. The dinner will offer the chance to meet others, hoping to get re-acquainted with their Jewish past. Whether your first time ever - or in too long a time - at a Shabbat meal, you are sure to find this evening of good food, song, story, and study to be very special.

The program will take place at Congregation Beth Sholom-Sons of Zion, 275 Camp St. (corner Rochambeau & Camp). A short beginners prayer serv-

ice/workshop will begin at 6 p.m., followed by the dinner. The cost is \$10 per person/\$25 maximum for family, but no one will be turned away for lack of funds. Come single, familed, or friended.

In addition to this program, Beth Sholom also offers numerous other outreach programs including a crash course in Hebrew reading and a course in Basic Judaism.

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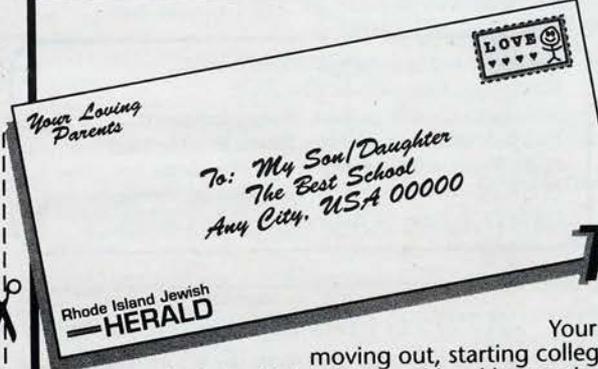
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# A Closer LOOK

BUSINESS PROFILES

## "We Buy and Sell"

by Kathy Cohen  
Herald Associate Editor

Are you a shop-a-holic? If so, then just think about having your own 1,000 sq. ft. closet. Think of all the room you'd have and what a closet that size could house. Are you a collector? You could fill it up with old grandfather clocks, jewelry or furniture.

Well, Marcia Stern and Joyce Shatkin have fulfilled a dream that most may only ponder — if that. Four years ago the two women became partners and opened The Emporium, a store that buys and sells antiques, collectibles, consignments, and jewelry.

Before Stern and Shatkin became partners they both rented booths from a cooperative shop at the same location — 1629 Warwick Avenue, Warwick. There were about 12 booths in the store.

Stern originally worked part-time for T.D. Brow of Warwick,

doing photo touch-up/art work on negatives and prints. During her fourteen years in the photography business, Stern went to flea markets and shows to buy items to sell from her booth.

In the meantime Shatkin, originally from Queens, New York, had done some volunteer work for women and for 12 to 15 years shopped at antique shops and flea markets. When she married, she and her husband relocated to R.I.

The store's two-floor retail space is chockfull of old-time goodies; everything from paintings to estate jewelry. An old rocking chair with a stuffed animal and other antiques welcomes the customer at the front door. *The Emporium's* aisles are just wide enough to walk through, and to gaze at all the amazing items provoking one's sense of their own past or of history in general.

The two owners find their stock mostly through people selling items, dealers bartering for whatever, advertisements, and shopping at flea markets. Sometimes, antique hunting will take them out of state, but usually they stay local.

When asked how they acquired so many articles for their store and how they price them, they said usually they put advertisements in the newspapers looking for people selling items from attics or cellars. The women have found from experience that "people are more comfortable with women."

They base some of their prices either on a collector's book or previous buys. As far as resale value, there's little mark-up on most items.

September through December are their busiest selling days with April through May following a "good" second. January is usually the slowest month of the year for selling antiques.

Any item sold by The Emporium must be picked up by the buyer and, in turn, if The Emporium purchases a large item they, too, are responsible for picking it up.

This isn't just a job to the two owners, "it's a fun business as well as work," says Shatkin. "It's a legal way of spending money and we know we're going to sell it anyway."



Marcia Stern and Joyce Shatkin of The Emporium in Warwick show off a case full of jewelry.

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## Striar Jewish Community Center

### Coffeeshouse And Singles Reception

The Striar Jewish Community Center on the Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, is holding a special reception for Singles Only following the coffeeshouse night featuring Iris and Ofer on Saturday, February 23, at 8 p.m. The price for members is \$4, nonmembers \$6, and includes both the coffeeshouse and singles reception. Pay at the door.

### Mini Brunch Plus

The Striar Jewish Community Center, 445 Central St., Stoughton, is holding a Mini

Brunch Plus for Singles, 45-62 on Sunday, February 24, at 11 a.m. Mark Dwyer, Director, Striar JCC Men's Health Spa, will be the guest speaker. The price for members is \$5, nonmembers, \$7. Pay at the door.

### Wine And Cheese Tasting For Singles

The Striar Jewish Community Center on the Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, will sponsor a discussion for Singles of All Ages on "Responding to Anti-Semitism" on Monday, February 25,

at 7:30 p.m. Our guest speaker will be from the Anti-Defamation League, in conjunction with the Bureau of Jewish Education. The price for members is \$5, nonmembers \$7, payable at the door.

### Singles Gameroom Night

The Striar Jewish Community Center on the Fireman Campus, 445 Central St., Stoughton, will sponsor Volleyball for Singles of All Ages on Sunday, February 24, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The price for members is \$5, nonmembers, \$7. Pay at the door.

## Events At Brown

### Palestinian Artifacts on Display at Hillel House

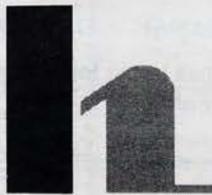
Through Tuesday, February 26 - A collection of Palestinian artifacts and clothing is currently on display at Hillel House, a Brown-RISD Jewish cultural center at 80 Brown St. Adam Frank, a student at the Rhode Island School of Design, put the exhibition together in an attempt to increase understanding between Jews and Palestinians. Among the artifacts are traditional costumes, a Koran and a carved wooden map of Palestine. The exhibition, sponsored by the arts committee of the Jewish Student Union, is open to the public at no charge. Hillel House is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### Booth Looks at Hypocrisy in Series on Literature and Ethics

Thursday, February 21, 8 p.m. - Wayne Booth, professor of English literature at the University of Chicago, will deliver a lecture titled "In Praise of Hypocrisy: The Reader's Many Roles."

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