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Cantor Robert Solomon (L) and Cantor Shimon Gewirtz.

Cantor's Spring Concert

by Kathy Cohen
Herald Associate Editor

Temple Torat Yisrael was the scene last Saturday night for their annual "Cantor's Spring Concert" featuring cantors Shimon Gewirtz and Robert Solomon with guest musicians and singers.

The concert began at 8:00 p.m. with both cantors pitching in on "Havdalah Song," with Siddur's text set to music by Mr. Solomon.

After the first song, Solomon left the stage so that Cantor Gewirtz could showcase his talents. Gewirtz possesses a smooth, mellow and emotive voice and engaging stage personality. In between songs he spoke of his upbringing on Manhattan's upper East Side

and the blues, jazz and folk scenes there that influenced him. His offbeat sense of humor came through in a brief send-up of music by the legendary East Side songwriter, George Gershwin.

The next set showcased the talents of Cantor Solomon, who sang with a seamless, perfectly pitched voice that can be described as "operatic."

Solomon (accompanying himself on guitar) also has a great sense of humor and belted out his latest recording of traditional music, as well as his collection of "Nightwitch Covers" (a reference to the controversial heavy metal band).

The fourth set found the two cantors singing duets, each tak-

ing turn on high harmony. After a brief intermission there was a performance by a chorus made up of adults and children of Temple Torat Yisrael that included a version of "By the Waters of Babylon," a composition by Don Maclean (best known for his song "American Pie") and a set of duets performed by Shimon and Ilana Gewirtz.

After that, Solomon and Gewirtz were again featured individually and together for the finale of "Aneef V'ata" and "Adon Olam."

For added enjoyment the program included strong accompaniments by Shira Levy on flute, Benjamin Levy on bass, and Dr. Harold Hanzel on clarinet.

Woonsocket — The Few, The Forgotten, The Proud

(Part I of III)

by Kathy Cohen
Herald Associate Editor

Woonsocket. Not too many people are familiar with this city tucked away in a once thriving industrial area. In fact, there are native Rhode Islanders who have never been there. Even those who live there are beginning to feel as if they are nowhere.

This city is probably in the worst financial ruin of any city or town in the Ocean State, especially since Governor Sundlun announced the shutdown of over 40 credit unions and banks in Rhode Island. The closing of Woonsocket's Marquette Credit Union, the largest in the state with 37,000 members and over a quarter of the \$1.2 billion frozen in Rhode Island credit unions, has pushed Woonsocket further into the hole.

According to George Marchacos, Director of the Department of Human Resources of

Woonsocket and a native of Woonsocket, the major underlying problem is, "It's an old industrial city that hasn't grown with the manufacturing industry of the country. It was once the melting pot for the religious and hard-working Canadians." The city's population has fallen from 50,000 to 46,000 and continues to drop.

Today, Main Street, once the main shopping and banking drag of Woonsocket, is lined with empty stores. Desperate for business, the city has allowed free parking to attract shoppers.

While the city leaders are at work trying to drum up business, there are factors that are constantly making it more difficult to gain ground.

Companies are closing, forcing people out of work. Rents now are past due, because monies are tied up in the city's credit union, and those rents are increasing due to the rising taxes. Therefore, tenants are

being evicted for not paying their rents. The list goes on and on. Also, to top it off, Woonsocket has a high level of high school drop-outs, teenage pregnancies and illiteracy.

Homelessness has become such a problem that the people finally decided to do something about it.

Signs of Life

This time of need has spurred some good, as is usually the case. The city has found within itself warm, dedicated, loyal residents who are coming out of the decaying woodwork to help their fellow citizens.

One of the more successful community projects has been the Woonsocket Shelter Community Action Program (WSCAP). Some of the many prominent supporters are Carol Parradee, Executive Director of WSCAP; Rabbi Joel D.

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Palestinian Frustration Spurs Violence

by Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The resurgence of random violence by Palestinians against individual Israelis, including brutal murder, has the security authorities seriously concerned.

A tougher crackdown on Palestinians from the administered territories appears likely after one more Israeli was stabbed to death last Thursday and others were attacked in separate incidents. At the same time, an Israeli human rights group charging "routine ill-treatment and torture" of Palestinian detainees has demanded an investigation.

Last Thursday's events, however, underlined the gravity of the situation facing Israeli citizens close to home. Mordechai (Motke) Reuchman, a 70-year-old furniture dealer in Hadera, was stabbed to death in the storage room of his shop by an unidentified assailant who escaped with an accomplice.

Karen Beinhammer, 11, suffered a fractured skull when a rock was thrown at her parents' car north of Jerusalem.

In Hod Hasharon, near Hadera, two Israeli soldiers were stabbed by an Arab laborer recently. Neither was seriously hurt. Their attacker was shot in the leg and beaten by passersby. He required hospitalization and was discharged the next day. The other soldier was released from the hospital after treatment. hospital after treatment.

The wave of killings has been attributed to Palestinian anger and frustration over the swift defeat of Saddam Hussein's Iraqi forces by the U.S.-led coalition in the Persian Gulf war. Palestinians were almost alone in the Arab world in their support of Hussein, who they believed was genuinely interested in advancing their cause.

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TOGETHER — A young Israeli, carrying his country's flag, shows his appreciation of America by decorating his gas mask flag with the stars and stripes. In the aftermath of the Gulf war, the UJA/Federation emergency cash effort is continuing to provide crucial funds for the aliyah of hundreds of thousands of Soviet Jews. (Photo credit: UJA Press Service Photo by Richard Lobell)

Inside the Ocean State

Scouting Is Not Just for Young Christians

Scouting among youth groups of Jewish institutions has been around since 1916. However, according to Ian Lilien, the new professional advisor to the Rhode Island Jewish Committee on Scouting (RI-JCS), some Jewish communities are not willing to accept scouting as a way of Jewish life for their children and see it as being synonymous with Christianity since its inception.

Lilien is trying to put a stop to that way of thinking and is introducing scouting to the Rhode Island Jewish community with the assistance of the National Jewish Committee on Scouting's (NJCS) chairman,

Jules Cohen. Lilien reports that scouting has flourished in New York City, so why not in Rhode Island?

The NJCS was founded in 1926 by Dr. Cyrus Adler with the idea that scouting and Jewish institutions can work together in striving for a common goal - furthering youth in their education. This organization is committed to serving Jewish Communities through scouting and it is within the communities that scouting can flourish.

While the children advance through scouting by earning merit badges, they also work towards such religious awards as the Maccabee, Aleph, and

Ner Tamid emblems.

Lilien also said this summer the Yawgoog Scout Reservation will have a full-time Jewish Chaplain for their third straight year. Rina Wolfgang will conduct Shabbat services and will fill the needs of the increasing number of Jewish boys attending Yawgoog. These services will be held on site at the new Temple of the Ten Commandments. A kosher meal plan is also planned.

Boys are welcome to involve themselves in the national network of Shomer Shabbos units.

The NJCS has the following BSA programs (ready-made support systems for Jewish institutions) to choose from: Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Varsity Scouting, Exploring, and Career Awareness Exploring.

The NJCS is supported by the Synagogue Council of America, the Rabbinical Council of America, the United Synagogue Youth, The Rabbinical Assembly, the National Council of Youth Israel, the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, the Jewish Education Service of North America, The United Synagogue of America, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Central Conference of American Rabbis, and the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, Inc.

For copies of endorsement letters and more information, contact Ian Lilien at 351-8700.

RIC's Latest Chess Champion

by George LaTour

Rhode Island College's latest coup in the world of chess is not another team championship but, rather, the acquisition to its ranks of yet another chess champion.

Twenty-year-old Alex Sherzer from Fallston, Md., now a freshman at the College, is already an "international master," the only member of the RIC Chess Team so ranked.

The next ranking up the ladder is that of "grand master" which, according to Sherzer, "is the highest in the world."

That is the top rung of the ladder and would place Sherzer in the company of the Russian world champion, Gary Kasparov and, perhaps only 400 others worldwide who have achieved that pinnacle of success.

"He's in the stratosphere, he's so far advanced toward the grand master level," says chess coach Armand I. Patrucco of Providence.

Patrucco says Sherzer "always presses for victory and almost never settles for a draw." Consequently, he's acutely aware of what his opponents are doing at all times.

U.S. Champion

In 1986, Sherzer was the United States Under-16 Champion; in 1989, the National High School Champion, and in that same year finished second in the world in the under-18 championship.

Currently, he is ranked 30th in the country, having jumped from 39th prior to his last tournament. RIC's Sharon Burtman of Stoughton, Mass., is ranked among the top-10 women players nationally.

A son of Laurence and Claire Sherzer of Fallston, which is just outside of Baltimore, Alex has a younger brother and sister, Chris and Elizabeth, both now in high school in Maryland.

He learned the rules of chess at age 7 from his father, who plays merely as a hobby (as opposed to being an international competitor), and has been playing tournament chess since 1982 when he was 10.

Alex was not on his high school's chess team but, through intensive tournament play throughout the U.S., garnered the "international master" ranking and, then, went to Hungary for about eight months to compete there.

"It was a good opportunity to play," there being "many good tournaments" in which to compete.

"I did o.k. there," he says modestly, explaining that he "didn't gain or lose ranking" by his play.

While in Hungary

While in Hungary, his mother helped him "scout colleges" to find the best one for him to attend upon his return.

A full scholarship to RIC helped him make up his mind. Having taken "pretty tough courses" his first semester, Sherzer assures he's doing well academically and has a 3.9 (out of a possible 4.0 perfect) score to prove it.

Interested in learning foreign languages, Sherzer — in addition to English — already speaks Hungarian and is now studying Russian. He also



has plans to study Hebrew, he says.

It's a Mental Challenge

About chess, Sherzer says, "It's a mental challenge."

"You get all the credit if you win and all the blame if you lose," he points out, adding that another aspect of chess he likes is that "there's absolutely no luck in chess."

"It's all skill, and it's absolutely fair. You start out evenly. What your race or nationality or religion may be has no bearing," he says.

Concerning the myth that a computer is unbeatable in chess, Sherzer states flatly: "The truth is, man is better than machine."

He concedes "computers are a fascinating thing," and that "the best computer in the world (named 'Deep Thought') might be ranked in the top 150 world players."

"Computers have beaten grand masters, but, overall — at least right now — man is better."

Best Country in Chess

According to Sherzer (and this shouldn't come as a surprise to anyone), the best country in the world for chess is the Soviet Union. What may surprise you, is his estimate that the U.S., England, Hungary and Yugoslavia share an equal second-place billing.

Sherzer points out that from 1972 to 75, the U.S. had the world chess champion, Bobbie Fischer.

"This brought an amazing popularity to chess here," he assures.

Asked if he planned to pursue chess playing for the long-term future, he responded: "Oh, absolutely."

"The big question," he says, "is whether a player is good enough to make a living at it. In the United States no one gets paid to play chess (as in some other countries, including the Soviet Union), but can win cash prizes."

Sherzer doesn't know at this point, he says, if he'll be good enough to have chess be his main source of income or if he'll have to use it as only a secondary source.

So far, chess has been good to him, you might say.

It's earning him a college education and has taken him throughout the United States and to some 14 foreign countries. Not bad.

Alex Sherzer's more immediate goal: to become a grand master by the age of 23, which means he would attain that highest ranking in the world of chess while a student at RIC.

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The Tale Of Beakie

By Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Editor

There is a tradition of telling a bird story at Pesach. I offer the following:

Canaries and finches had always been part of my life. When Christopher, my first canary, died, I got pneumonia from grief and nearly joined him. I bought a pair of finches for my mother when she was mortally ill. I used to place the cage on our sunny brick patio. A hawk came down from the maple and sliced their heads off right through the bars. Gruesome destinies.

Would I have better luck with a parakeet? We named Beakie for the budgerigar in an English children's picture book

we read to our daughter Emily. Beakie was half tame from the start. He came out of his little gilded domain onto Emily's finger, flew round the house without panic, and perched back on top of his wire home when good and ready.

Summers we took him and his gear down to our cottage by the river. Sometimes he would dive out among the bushes and scrub trees. Willingly he would alight on a finger or head, hop into his cage and return to routine.

My generation, born in the depression, was affected by its conservation ethic. In Cow-boys and Indians, I played

Indian. Indians stayed closer to the meaning of all life. The idea of a pet held less appeal than the concept of sitting among pines waiting for a chickadee. The bird in the bush was worth more than the bird in the hand. Even so, Beakie moved freely through house and garden and wove his way into our hearth and our hearts.

My wife says she nursed Beakie through a series of illnesses over the years. I like the house cool in winter. I go and turn down the thermostat. She turns it back up. Parakeets don't do well in the cross draughts of a New England winter. He caught colds and developed a thyroid condition. We fed him medicine, kept a strong lamp focussed directly on him, took him to vets and had his claws trimmed neatly. Beakie went on for five full winters. No more, no less.

When Beakie felt his span was done, this is how he handled the drama, the exit from

this sphere. He winged his way into the dining room and paused for a brief spell on the crystal chandelier. Then he touched base at all his favorite haunts, the high points of the house, upstairs and downstairs. Curtain rods, door and window frames, pictures and mirrors. Beakie landed on Emily's head and picked a few blond hairs. For the first time he patiently let her stroke the green and yellow feathers of his back.

She preened him fondly. He kissed her on the lips. He turned and re-entered his cage and jumped up to the high perch for a moment of contemplation.

As we stared at this eerie performance, Beakie spread his brightly plumed wings, sank gracefully to the sandy floor, and vanished, expired, went out, in a gesture unimaginably composed and poised.

I teach at Rhode Island School of Design. Many of my

friends are former students who have become colleagues. After a proper period of mourning, I told the tale of Beakie's passing at a small RISD soiree. The artists decided to send me their images of that moment of truth. Upon our parlor couch we all use the pillow with an embroidered motif of a brilliant bird sailing downwards. It reminds me of the death designs on the Etruscan tombs north of Rome.

Beakie has become the icon of our early family life. Emily showed concern for a feathered friend, maybe a symbol too of me, before she moved into the harder teen years and away from her dad. Beakie blessed us with his good will and courtesy.

He set a role model for us to follow. Beakie lived with us amicably and died among us nobly. He brought nature and art, coming and going, indoors and outdoors, all things into perfect accord.

Uncle Harry

by Lillian Kline

As far back as I can remember I knew that Uncle Harry was rich. All our other relatives were poor just like us, but Uncle Harry was definitely rich, hence something special, and we kids were never allowed to forget it.

Uncle Harry was my mother's brother. He lived 30 miles from our town and once a year he paid us a visit. If the King of England had deigned to honor us by dropping in at our humble abode, the preparations couldn't have been more frantic than they were for Uncle Harry's yearly sojourn. We boys, my brother and I, were shoved out of our room and the whole room underwent a complete overhauling. That's really an understatement. More to the point, the walls were wiped down, the bedclothes aired for a whole day, the curtains washed, starched and hung back like white sentinels at the gleaming windows, the floor waxed, the furniture dusted and polished, the closet and bureau drawers emptied and cleaned and then the entire room closed and kept closed until Uncle Harry's impending arrival.

This mountain of work was done by one person — my mother, without one word of complaint or one tiny mention of being tired. After all, Uncle Harry was coming to visit, and some day my rich Uncle Harry was going to give us a lot of money — enough to go to college, to buy some new clothes, maybe even a bicycle for me and my young brother.

Finally the big day would arrive and Uncle Harry would march into our modest dwelling. We boys immediately rushed out to bring in his bags and deposit them in that immaculate room which we had been forced to vacate. My mother, by now, had already set the table with Uncle Harry's favorite meal, matzoh soup and flanken. In no time at all Uncle Harry gobbled everything down to the last morsel. He enjoyed my mother's cooking and always praised her in glowing terms and she,

poor woman, hovered around him as if he were the Messiah come to usher in the millennium.

Dinner over, Uncle Harry would produce that long black cigar, lean back in our only comfortable chair and condescend to inform us about all his fantastic money deals. We clung on every word. After all, some day, some of that money was going to be ours and it was to our advantage to listen and to learn. After two hours of listening to the self-praise, my brother and I would begin to get restless. In order not to disturb Uncle Harry's grandiose spiel, my mother would send my brother and me on some inconsequential errand. What a joy it was to get away from that man! We lingered away for hours, returning only when it was time for supper and more of Uncle Harry's fabulous accomplishments. Even at that youthful age, I knew that Uncle Harry was a bore but when we thought about all the things he was going to do for us, we suffered in silence. We sat quietly, we listened, we oohed and aahed in the right places. We played our parts as if we had been rehearsed by the great Max Reinhardt himself. After three days, Uncle Harry would finally leave. We all breathed a sigh of relief and returned to normal until his next visit, which, thank God, was a year away.

Although out of sight, Uncle Harry was in our conversation daily, especially during the

year I was to be Bar Mitzvah. Here was a magic occasion that was coming up and my mother was positive that Uncle Harry would present me with a most generous gift. No fountain pen from Uncle Harry, no empty wallet, no bedroom slippers (which, incidentally, I needed badly). Every night, before I fell asleep, I would conjure up in my mind all the possible wonderful things Uncle Harry might give me. Hopefully, a good sum of money. How much? I couldn't decide. Whatever it was, it certainly would be tremendous. I wasn't really greedy or mercenary. Only someone as poor, as destitute as we, could possibly understand my feelings towards Uncle Harry. He seemed like my one escape, the only way to acquire an education, the only light at the end of a long dark tunnel. For a whole year, I was buoyed up. When I think back, I don't know which was more exciting to me, my Bar Mitzvah or the anticipation of Uncle Harry's gift on that propitious occasion.

Finally the blessed day arrived. I stood on the pulpit and proclaimed myself a man. I read from the sacred book. I recited my little speech, and remembered when to stop. Later my father said I did well and from him that was high praise. My mother hugged me and cried a little with pride. Uncle Harry put his arms around me and surreptitiously slipped a small envelope into my pocket. I was tingling with

excitement but I had been warned not to open any envelopes given to me in the synagogue. I must wait until I got home. The repast after the service was simple and finally it was all over and we were home. With trembling hands I opened the envelope Uncle Harry had slipped into my pocket. My father and mother watched with stifled anticipation as I gingerly pulled out the contents, a gold coin and carefully laid it on the table for all to see. I was too nervous to read the numerals but my father grabbed the coin and peering through his thick glasses, let out a howl that could be heard in the whole neighborhood. Uncle Harry had given me a 2½ dollar gold piece. My mother began to cry. I was too stunned. I just kept looking at that 2½ dollar gold (continued on page 5)

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Editorial

Tied Together

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Editor
 "Think of Jacob and Esau as two groups of people. One pack hunts. The other band settles down among the tents." Our first grade Sunday School teacher at the Jewish Community Center on Benefit Street talked like that. Right from the start she wanted to let us look at the Bible and try to figure it out. It was the spell between depression and war. Miss Elowitz was just a teenager. She treated us wee ones like college students. "Go home and think about it." We did. With each other and with our moms.

Kids worry about right and wrong, fair and unjust. They want to believe in stories. Folklore and cartoons mix with the alleys of the teeming town and the newsreels as well. Especially in that time of designs and ideals.

In the Torah tales one brother gets it all. The other gets nothing. Ishmael loses, Isaac wins. The ram dies. Cain kills Abel. My brothers make fun of me.

Scores of years later, my folks played cards with Joe and

Tillie Elowitz. When I got married Tillie sent over a glass cocktail tray with our initials carved into it. I never made the connection with that lost girl who had asked the tough questions. Until at a brunch on a recent Sunday I drank coffee with their daughter, Rosalie E. Cohn, past president of Temple Beth-El. Did she ever teach little kids at the old Center? I found my Miss Elowitz. She recalled the class. Not me in it. Rosalie said "We're tied together in lots of ways." She caught up with me at another point along the way. Her late sister-in-law Shirley Kesterman had handed me my first paycheck. I washed dishes for Mrs. K when I was 16 and she opened Lloyd's Fountain on Waterman Street at the Brown campus.

I filled my Miss Elowitz in on other landmarks, other milestones. My family prayed in those days at Howell Street Shul. When I reached Bar Mitzvah at Temple Emanu-El Rabbi Eli Bohnen was just beginning his Providence life after serving in the armed forces as chaplain and witnessing the liberation of the Camps. "I don't

know if I am Reform, Conservative or Orthodox. I didn't know you were Reform. I never thought till this day that you were putting Judaism into a historical context. You were allowing me to interpret. You helped me all my life in so many ways."

In the streets among those places of worship big families broke down into smaller units. Vets moved to the suburbs. Or they got jobs out of state. Jews from large households had one kid or maybe two. One congregation went around saying the next one goes too far. The other says the same thing about its neighbor. Just like the brothers, sisters, or "groups of people" Miss Elowitz had spun yarns about so many miles down the road of time.

At this postwar Passover her words take on fresh meaning. We've had Israel just over forty years. We're building some goodly tents for the Ethiopians, the Russians. If we can manage to get along with each other, we can work out a seder of hope and harmony. We can be strong together in the days to come.

Arab 'New Thinking' Not Evident

by Joel Kortick
 Some short time ago newspaper headlines told of the nearly forty scud missiles that landed in Israel. These missiles were aimed at civilian populations, and as they caused much damage to populated Israeli neighborhoods Palestinians from the Judea, Samaria, and Gaza took to their roofs to cheer the destruction on Israel. Today, March 12, a *New York Times* front page headline



reads "Baker Sees Arab 'New Thinking' And Urges Israel to Reciprocate." How can Baker say that there is "Arab 'New Thinking'" in light of their joy at seeing destruction in Israel?

Furthermore, it seems as if Baker does not know that on March 10 a twenty-one year old Palestinian from Gaza stabbed four Israelis killing three and seriously wounding one. This was a direct message to Baker about what he thinks is "Arab 'New Thinking.'"

This 'New Thinking' was again displayed on March 12 as six heavily armed Arab gunmen crossed into Israel from Jordan and intended "to perpetrate a grandiose attack before the American secretary of state" (*New York Times*, March 12, 1991, A 12). While the attainment of peace is something that should forever be pursued, and should be the ultimate goal of all, let us not think that the successful liberation of Kuwait and defeat of Saddam Hussein means that the Palestinians are no longer intent on destroying Israel.

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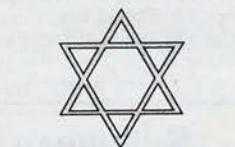
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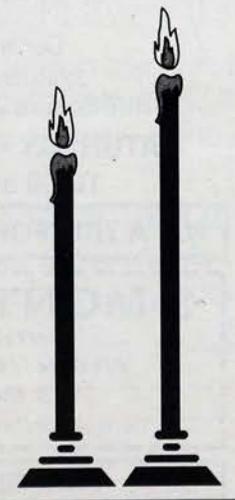
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Fifty Years Ago This Week In The Jewish Herald

March 28, 1941

Fine Amsterdam Jews

GENEVA - A heavy fine will be imposed on Amsterdam's 100,000 Jews for alleged participation in anti-Nazi demonstrations in which one uniformed Nazi was killed and scores of others injured.

N.Y. News Hits Campaign Aimed at Jews

Condemning a "whispering campaign" blaming American Jews "for our being as deep in the war as we now are," the *New York Daily News* presented facts this week refuting the anti-Jewish arguments. "Inter-

ventionism is obviously the majority American sentiment," said the paper.

Ladies Free Loan

Coinciding with its Tenth Anniversary celebration, the Ladies Hebrew Free Loan Association will hold its annual Donor's Luncheon in the Empire Room of the Crown Hotel, under the co-chairmanship of Mrs. David Saltzman and Mrs. Benjamin Schuster. Mah Jong and bridge will follow dinner.

Questioned by Court on Kosher Sign

NEW YORK - Dinty Moore, the restaurant owner, had to appear in court the day after St. Patrick's to answer charges that he advertised kosher calves' liver with bacon. He admitted that there was somewhat of a contradiction but argued that anyone not wanting bacon could order liver and onions. After the magistrate agreed and dismissed Dinty, the Irishman said he was foolish in the first place to have a kosher sign under the name of Dinty Moore and wouldn't do it again.

Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson's Message

To the Sons and Daughters of Our People Israel, everywhere,

G-d bless you all!

Greeting and Blessing:

Coming from the days of Purim — days of miracles that HaShem wrought "in those days at this season," and approaching the Festival of Pesach, when we celebrate the "Festival of Our Freedom," thanking HaShem for the miracles and wonders which He wrought in connection with Yetzias Mitzraim (our liberation from Egypt) —

It is now highly opportune to give full attention to the miracles and wonders which came to pass just recently around Purim time.

These were revealed miracles, obvious miracles, not only for Jews but also for all nations, "seen in all the corners of the earth"; everyone saw the great miracles that unfolded at this time.

The miracles of "those days" — in the days of Mordechai and Esther — were, as is well known, concealed in the natural order of events: from the beginning of Achashverosh's reign, to the third year of his reign, to the seventh year of his reign, to the month of Nis-

san in the twelfth year of his reign and Esther's banquets for Achashverosh and Haman — all seemingly natural happenings *per se*. It is only after profound study of those events and perceiving them as one continuous and connected sequence that one is able to recognize the guiding Hand of HaShem. This is one of the reasons why there is no explicit mention of G-d's Name in the entire Book of Esther (one of the 24 holy books of T'NaCh) — because the Miracle of Purim occurred in a manner of "concealment of (HaShem's) Countenance," as alluded to (according to one interpretation) in the verse, "And I will hide My face on that day," namely, that it refers to the Miracle of Purim — a miracle that was "clothed" and concealed in a natural "garb."

By contrast, the events during the months leading to (and up to the middle of) the month of Adar unfolded a clearly extraordinary miracle for the benefit of Jews as well as for the benefit of the entire world; a conspicuous miracle before the eyes of all the nations.

In view of the existing international conditions it seemed

inevitable that not only would there be a declaration of war, etc., but that the war would engulf many nations and set off a new world-war, G-d forbid — yet, in a most extraordinary turn of events, not only was a world-war prevented, but the war that had begun was quickly over!

While all signs pointed to the outbreak of a massive war, requiring a huge army with massive weaponry of the most advanced technology, and after everything was duly assembled and in place for a long war expected to last weeks and months — victory came in a matter of days!

The victory was so wondrous that not only was much bloodshed (as had been feared) avoided, but the enemy was forced to relinquish without further ado its booty and to free captives and hostages including some that had been held from before.

— Our Torah teaches and directs us to guard against speaking in terms of predicting evil. We pray that henceforth there will be only good tidings, in the kind of good that is revealed and obvious. —

Indeed, those who are "insiders" — who know many details that do not reach the media — appreciate more deeply the marvels of the mira-

cles and wonders in this our time and in these our days.

In the course of the current year (5751) which Jews have (by way of acronym) designated and assigned: "It shall surely be a year of revealed wonders"; as also during the latter part of the preceding year (5750) — which was likewise

designated "It shall surely be a year of miracles," we frequently emphasized the timeliness of our Sages' prediction (in *Yalkut Shimoni* on Isaiah, #499) concerning wars that would break out in the specified region of the world, which will signal the near arrival of

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a phenomenon in their own lives that the Chofetz Chaim himself mentioned in his writings: Learning about the commandment provides the strength for performing it properly. Those 10 short minutes a day stick with students throughout the day, raising their awareness of guarding your tongue in every situation.

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Submitted by Moshe Feuer.

Uncle Harry

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piece from my rich Uncle Harry. This must be some joke. My aunt Becky who was our poorest relative had given me 2 dollars and Uncle Louis who had a brood of eight children and never had one extra dime (so my parents often mentioned) had also given me 2 dollars. I had never seen my father so angry. No one dared to mention Uncle Harry.

One day, a few weeks after my Bar Mitzvah, my father suggested that I collect all my monies and he would take me down to the bank and open a savings account in my name. So off to the bank we trudged with all my booty including, of course, Uncle Harry's 2½ dollar gold piece.

Becoming a depositor in a bank was a heady experience for me. The man behind the cage was most pleasant, greeting me with a nice smile and a friendly "Welcome, to our bank, young man." He started to count the money I handed over but when he came to Uncle Harry's 2½ dollar gold piece he suddenly stopped counting. "May I ask where you got this coin?" I was just about to answer "from Uncle Harry" but my father spoke up quickly and said "From one of our acquaintances." The man behind the cage frowned. "I hate to tell you this, but this 2½ dollar gold piece is counterfeit. There have been quite a few of them around lately." He handed the coin back to me with the comment "Why don't you keep it for a souvenir but don't ever pass it for money." I assured him I wouldn't.

My father's face was livid. Neither of us spoke all the way home. As soon as we walked into the house, my mother took one look at my father and cried out — "Aaron, what's wrong?

Sammy lost all the money on the way to the bank?"

My father banged his fist so hard on our kitchen table, two dishes fell to the floor. "Your brother," he yelled "your rich brother" and then my father let loose a torrent of words I had never even heard. "Your despicable brother gave our son a counterfeit coin. Two and ½ dollars as a gift wasn't cheap enough for that braggart we've had to put up with for years. It turns out even that 2½ dollars is no good."

My mother began to cry (when she was at a loss for words she always cried) "Aaron." She tried to take my father's arm. "Aaron, I'm sure he didn't know it was counterfeit. Cheap he is. To that I'll agree, but he's not a crook."

"Don't tell me anything more about your brother. If anyone else had given our son a counterfeit coin, I would agree they didn't know it was counterfeit, but not your brother. He knew, he damn well knew. That cheap, no good — I never again want him in this house."

My father turned to me, "Sammy this should teach you a good lesson. Never depend

on someone else to get you what you want. Depend upon only one person — yourself. You want an education. You want to grow up to be somebody. Make up your own mind you're going to do it on your own strength, your own brains, your own will, your own determination — and God's blessing."

This all happened so long ago. My parents are gone these many years. I've lost all trace of Uncle Harry. I think of them all with sadness and affection. By dint of hard work and God's blessing, things have turned out more than well for me. I think my father would have been pleased, and my dear mother would be so happy, she would probably cry a little. I often wonder did Uncle Harry really know that 2½ dollar gold piece was counterfeit. I doubt it. I can still hear my mother's gentle voice, "Cheap yes, but not a crook." Responding angrily, my father's voice still booms out loud and clear, "He knew, that crook, he knew, he definitely knew."

Lillian Kline, a fictional writer from Massachusetts, submits articles regularly to the Herald.

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World and National News

Billboard Displays Carry Passover Message

NEW YORK (LNS) — In an innovative approach to raise Jewish awareness of the arriving Passover holiday, Lubavitch has employed the use of high exposure outdoor display ads.

As part of the Lubavitch movement's global campaign to bolster Jewish education, 200 billboards in 50 major U.S. cities have been commissioned to display attractive, full-color posters. The posters bear the message "Don't pass over Passover," along with a visual of the traditional three matzohs and four cups of wine — central to the Passover seder.

In addition to the billboards, posters will be placed in each of the 6000 subway cars of the metropolitan New York transportation system, and hundreds of bus shelters will be adorned with the same mes-

sage.

It is estimated that well over 20 million people a day will see these billboards on highways and byways, in cities and towns across the country. They are intended to stimulate interest among Jews to identify with and celebrate the Passover holiday.

"Many Jews only need a light jolt, a spiritual 'shot in the arm' to stir their latent spiritual sensitivities," said a Lubavitch spokesman. "These elegant reminders, which include a local telephone number for information and assistance, may just be the necessary motivating catalyst."

This new project is part of the multifaceted, worldwide Passover campaign initiated by the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, to strengthen the observance of the festival.

EL AL Readies For Passover

From kosher-le-Pesach menus to factory new equipment, EL AL Israel Airlines is busily preparing for Passover under the strict supervision of the Israeli Chief Rabbinat Supervisor at Ben Gurion Airport, Rabbi Katzir.

Passengers flying EL AL during the holiday of Passover will enjoy traditional matzoh instead of bread, coconut macaroons instead of cake, as well as matzoh balls in all soups during inflight food service.

No beer, peanuts or rice, for instance, will be available in accordance with the dietary laws of Passover. Only kosher-le-Pesach approved soft drinks, wines and liquors will be available during Passover flights. And dried fruit will be served as snacks.

Haggadahs will be distributed to all EL AL passengers,

with First Class passengers receiving a luxury-bound, special edition Haggadah, designed exclusively for EL AL. A special edition Haggadah, in Russian, will be given out on all flights during Passover carrying Soviet olim from Russia to Israel.

During Passover, EL AL will offer the following extensive scheduled flight service to Tel Aviv: from New York, nine flights (eight nonstop); from Boston, one every Monday; from Chicago, every Monday; from Miami, every Tuesday and Thursday; and from Los Angeles, every Monday and Wednesday.

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National

It was reported by the *New York Times* that the U.S. State Department has denounced Israel's plans to deport four Palestinians from the Gaza Strip, saying the action was damaging to U.S. efforts toward improving Arab-Israel relations. State Department spokesperson Margaret D. Tutwiler said, "The United States deplores this decision by the government of Israel. Deportations are a violation of the Fourth Geneva Convention..."

Reports from *The Washington Post* say that U.S. officials were working long hours Monday evening at the United Nations negotiating terms of a permanent cease-fire in the war against Iraq. Senior officials have predicted an agreement would be reached later this week, clearing the way for full withdrawal of U.S. forces from the Persian Gulf.

International

Jerusalem (JTA) — Israel's Likud-led government was shaken in the Knesset when the opposition succeeded, with the help of two coalition partners, in blocking a multimillion-shekel allocation to religious institutions of the Orthodox parties.

Tel Aviv (JTA) — Israel Defense Force soldiers killed two alleged terrorists and wounded a third outside the southern Lebanon security zone last Thursday morning. The IDF soldiers opened fire on the occupants of a "suspicious looking" white Mercedes sedan when the strangers challenged the IDF's order to halt. The occupants were reported to be members of Hezbollah, the pro-Iranian extremist Moslem militia.

Jerusalem (JTA) — Knesset members voted last Thursday, approving a \$30.6 billion state budget, which, for the first time in Israel's history, allocates more for immigration than defense spending. The budget is for nine months only, covering April 1 through Dec. 31. The 23-14 result was a less-than-impressive victory for Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's government, because only 31 percent of the 120-member parliament bothered to register votes.

Latvia, struggling for independence from the Soviet Union, has taken at least a symbolic step in that direction by inaugurating direct flights between Riga and Tel Aviv.

Reform Judaism 2001

by Alexander M. Schindler

(Part II of II)

Reform Judaism will rise to its calling with a spiritual and educational intensification and an enhanced understanding of Reform Judaism's authenticity. There will be a flowering of adult education and steady increase in the number of Reform day schools, worship attendance will increase, and a greater heedfulness of Jewish tradition will be seen in Reform homes.

The growth of Reform day schools, adult education programs, summer study institutes; the vibrancy of our camping movement; our creativity as a publisher of Jewish books; the development of our task forces on synagogue music and religious commitment — all of these bespeak a much-needed, nationwide intensifi-

cation on behalf of Reform Jewish literacy and spirituality. We see it, too, at the grass roots: there is a new sense of discipline in the performing of *mitzvot*, a renewed appreciation for the Jewish calendar, greater interest in traditional texts. There is an infectious gladness gripping the hearts and minds of many Reform Jews and creating a Sabbath peace in many Reform households.

Where will these trends find us a decade hence? On the one hand we begin with a discouraging level of Jewish ignorance, a too-small cadre of informed and motivated young leaders, and a lingering hyper-rationalism and embarrassment about religious fervor. We begin with two generations who were stunted by our willingness to sum up the whole Torah, as did Hillel, with words about kindness to our neighbors, but without adding his injunction to "go and study."

On the other hand we have a liberality of thought, a broad sense of compassion, a distrust of dogma — all parts of a modern Judaism that is more true to the dynamic, classic faith of our ancestors than is so-called "Torah-true" Judaism today. Let us remember that it was not until the Middle Ages,

amid repressive encounters with Christendom, that Judaism was codified in works that encrusted *halacha* and eventually helped atrophy our faith's most creative dynamics. Classic Judaism of an earlier era was a work-in-progress in the best sense: a religion not of obedience but of dialogue tempered by a profound sense of responsibility. Our sages rarely acted as strict constructionists: *halacha* was always a soluble substance when mixed with human tears.

It is crucial for Reform Jews not to view their movement as some form of Jewish minimalism that cannot satisfy a passionate heart. Rather, the deepening of literacy and spiritual vision with our movement should produce a more powerful tie among us, an increased sense of kinship with the Judaic past, and a great excitement regarding our future. As our prayers become more unified and our religious dialogue intensifies, I believe that our evolutionary form of Judaism will surpass a grasping Orthodoxy in its claim to "authenticity." Towards this end, our national movement must strive not only to provide resources, but to establish greater communal coherence and movement-wide criteria against which the individual can measure his or her sense of Jewish renewal.

Playing Our Part in the Human Drama

With increased confidence bred of increased commitment, Reform Jews will play a leadership role in confronting the

challenges and difficulties facing Jews in North America and throughout the world.

Dramatic realignments and upheavals in our world have heightened Jewish vulnerability, both psychologically and actually — certainly in the Middle East, where Israel is once again face-to-face with the implacability of its foes; in parts of Eastern Europe, where the dissolution of totalitarian "order" has brought forth, among its fruits, the bitter grapes of resurgent anti-Semitism; and here in North America, where budget deficits and economic insecurity supply grist for the anti-Semites.

Yet Jewish empowerment, as a community unto itself and in alliance with other forces, is at an all-time high, facilitated in no small part by the worldly involvements of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and our affiliate organizations. It is we, of all the synagogue movements, who most participate in Christian-Jewish dialogue, in joint activity with the African-American community, inactive engagement with governmental policymakers, and in a democratic dialogue with other Jews. In this, we are Jewish survivalists to the core, for at the heart of Reform Judaism is our historic understanding that isolation, ghettoization, and an us-versus-them mentality, far from holding together the Jewish people, serve to heighten Jewish vulnerability and suffering.

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Behind The Headlines: Challenges Facing Jewish Revival In USSR Evident At Moscow Gathering

by Charles Hoffman

MOSCOW (JTA) — Launching a religious revival among Jews in the Soviet Union is proving to be an uphill struggle, mainly because the liberalization of Soviet society has opened the way for the mass exodus of Soviet Jews.

That was evident at the second Congress of the Union of Jewish Religious Communities in the Soviet Union held here recently.

The podium was graced by distinguished rabbis and halachic sages from Israel and the United States, who came to offer advice and encouragement. But the 200 delegates in the audience, mostly men over 60, seemed to be at a loss about what to do.

Having worked all their lives to preserve the tattered remnants of religious life in their cities and towns, when official government policy opposed all religions, they are now free to do as they please.

But they do not know where to begin. Nor do they have the tools or the knowledge of Judaism to revive the synagogue as a center of communal life.

Most serious is the growing shortage of Jews to fill the synagogues. The mass aliyah in the past year has drastically reduced the Jewish population in many areas.

In the large Ukrainian city of Kharkov, for example, over half the Jews have gone to Israel in the past year. Their departure coincided, ironically, with the government's return of the synagogue, a large building that had been used as a community gym.

Kharkov's Jewish community lacks the money to restore and furnish the building or buy the ritual accessories.

The building therefore remains empty except for a small room used as a makeshift chapel, where the Torah scroll is kept in an old refrigerator instead of a proper Ark.

Israeli Public More Wary Than Ever About Germany

by Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israelis now have stronger negative attitudes toward Germany than at any time in the last 10 years, according to the latest public opinion survey.

It goes deeper than resentment of Germany's equivocal policies in the recent Persian Gulf crisis, experts said.

The poll was conducted under the auspices of the Koebner Chair in German History at the Hebrew University.

A random sampling of 1,200 Israeli Jews over age 18 was interviewed. Of that number, 36 percent believed German-Israeli relations could not be described as normal, up from 20 percent who felt that way in a poll taken last year.

Ten years ago, 30 percent gave a negative response.

According to 34.5 percent of the respondents, today's Germany is not a "different Germany" from the Germany of World War II, the Third Reich.



MOSCOW — Jewish religious leaders from across the Soviet Union, Israel and the United States met here in mid-March at the 2nd Congress of the Union of Jewish Religious Communities in the Soviet Union. Left to right, seated: the Chief Rabbi of Haifa, Shear Yashuv Cohen; the Sephardic Chief Rabbi of Israel, Mordechai Eliyahu; Yuri Christoradnov, chairman of the Soviet Council on Religious Affairs; Rabbi Arthur Schneier of New York, president of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation and senior rabbi of Manhattan's Park East Synagogue, and Rabbi Adolph Shayevitch of the Choral Synagogue in Moscow, president of the Soviet synagogue federation.

In his address to the Congress, Rabbi Schneier called for a "mini-Marshall Plan" to provide Jewish religious communities in the USSR with teachers, religious functionaries, educational materials, religious articles and other assistance aimed at strengthening the infrastructure of the 103 synagogues in the Soviet Union.

All over the Soviet Union, about a dozen synagogue buildings have been returned by the government in the past two years, to be used for their original purpose.

There are about 100 cities and towns with significant Jewish populations, and practically all of them now have synagogues. But apart from a dearth of congregants, there is only a handful of Soviet rabbis and religious teachers.

The Union of Jewish Religious Communities was formed about a year ago and has 77 member communities. It is headed by the leaders of Moscow's Choral Synagogue, Rabbi Avraham Shayevitch and the congregation president, Vladimir Federovsky.

Shayevitch said that the fact that "great rabbis" came to the congress from Israel and America "gives us great

strength and hope for the future. Democratic change has enabled us to have ties with Jews all over the world. We expect much help from Jews abroad."

A plan was announced at the congress to create a central rabbinic authority for the Soviet Union, headed by Rabbi Goldschmidt and Shayevitch, which would work in coordination with the Chief Rabbinate of Israel.

One of its tasks would be converting people of Jewish ancestry who want to immigrate to Israel.

Reciting a list of urgent needs, Shayevitch said that Soviet Jews must have more religious literature in Russian, more schools and more yeshivot. He also said there is a need to organize communal welfare for the needy, an activity long dormant.

Such feelings were reported by only 13 percent 10 years ago.

Asked to rate five nations — the United States, France, Germany, Holland and the Soviet Union — only the Soviet Union received a more negative response than Germany.

Among 10 possible ratings, Germany ranked lowest.

Catholic-Jewish Tensions Alleviated

by Debra Nussbaum Cohen

NEW YORK (JTA) — A potentially serious rift in Catholic-Jewish relations has been averted as a result of a Vatican panel's decision to recommend against beatifying Queen Isabella I of Spain.

The 40 bishops on the Pontifical Council for Christian Unity unanimously passed a resolution which reportedly states that the proposed beatification of Isabella contradicts current church positions on the freedom of conscience.

The resolution, which was not made public, also reportedly concludes there is no evidence that Isabella fulfills the requirements for sainthood, which include proof that the candidate performed at least two miracles during her lifetime.

It also suggests her beatification would work against the Vatican's interest in promoting 1992 as the 500th anniversary of the advent of Christianity in the "new world," rather than as the dark close to the golden age of Spanish Jewry.

Isabella is viewed as a despot by both Jews and Moslems, who were subjected to torture, forced conversion and expulsion during her reign from 1474-1504.

Under her leadership, the Inquisition was established in all of Spain. In 1492, Jews were required to convert to Christianity or leave Castile and Aragon. In 1502, Moslems were forced to make the same choice.

The resolution recommending against beatification was presented to Pope John Paul II.

Though the Pontifical Council has no formal jurisdiction over the Vatican Congregation for the Causes of Saints, which oversees the actual process of making saints, several bishops participate in both groups.

The resolution carries great "moral weight," according to one Catholic theologian.

"Though it doesn't officially kill the effort, most people consider it a dead case now," said the Rev. John Pawlikowski of the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.

A significant factor in the Pontifical Council's decision was said to be the outcry from Catholic, Jewish and Moslem groups around the world once news of Isabella's proposed beatification spread.

In many cases, Catholics and Jews together made their opin-

ion clear through Vatican diplomatic channels. Jewish and Catholic leaders from Chicago sent a joint letter to Cardinal Angelo Felici of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, urging him to "put this proposal to rest in light of the significant damage it would do to contemporary interreligious relations."

News of its adoption was revealed to the American Jewish community at a March 5 meeting.

The process of making saints has been cloaked in secrecy since the Vatican first started the system early in church history. A resolution against a candidate is considered a rare and important step for the Pontifical Council.

To many of the Jewish leaders who were vocal in their opposition to Isabella's candidacy, the concern demonstrated by the Pontifical Council marks a maturation of the relationship between Catholics and Jews.

In the past, the relationship has been weakened by dispute, even broken off at times, because of controversies such as the occupation of a convent at the Auschwitz death camp by a group of Carmelite nuns and the pope's meetings with Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasser Arafat and Kurt Waldheim, the ex-Nazi president of Austria.

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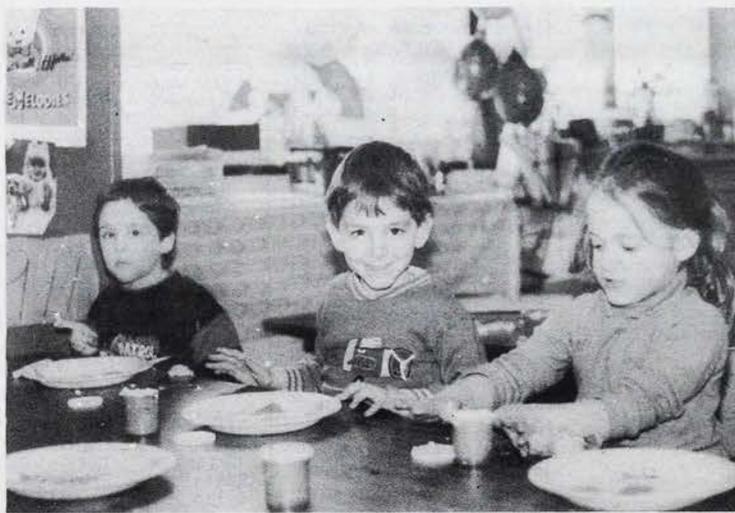
AROUND TOWN

Story and photos by Dorothea Snyder

It was Operation Seder Plate for the youngsters at Temple Sinai's Nursery School/Pre-School early this week. Guided by director Harriet Zarchen and head teacher Jill Prazenica, the children enjoyed learning about the traditional Seder plate by pasting paper symbols of eggs, shankbones, haroset, bitter herbs and greens onto paper plates.



With dollops of paste on their fingers, Lisa Neufeld and Andrew Delmonico begin the first step.



A trio of seder plate designers: Christopher Tucci, Daniel Salemi and Mia Zincone.



Head Teacher Jill Prazenica assists Loren Steingold and Zachary Matusow in step one of the seder plate arts and crafts project. Zachary was momentarily distracted by the camera.

Introducing Temple Sinai Tots To Passover



"Look what I made!" chimes a delighted Leslie Bienenfeld after making her seder plate.



Director Harriet Zarchen shows and tells the children at each table what belongs on a traditional seder plate. At left are Emily Weintraub and bottom right, Leslie Bienenfeld.



"Let's see, what's the next step?" Benjamin Gaines and Max Covill have just pasted a paper egg on their seder plates.

Arts and Entertainment

The Lower Depths Never Soars

by Sarah Baird
Herald Associate Editor

There's nothing beautiful about the underworld, that dirty, acrid hole beneath our sidewalks. There, the forgotten live huddled together under blankets of damp cardboard. The faces we try not to see in the shadows of doorways are scarred by brutal climates and uncertain tomorrows.

There is, however, a certain poetry and degree of dignity in all human stories of survival.

Trinity Theatre attempts to give life to this poetry of squalor with the production of its newest play, *The Lower Depths*, by Maxim Gorky. Originally staged at the Moscow Arts Theatre in 1902 and directed by the brilliant dramatist, Stanislavsky, *The Lower Depths* creates a collage peopled by a forsaken and desperate group of boarding house bums.

The message of the play, contrary to that of the deafening presentation at Trinity, is not that these people live in the noisiest, dirtiest, most violent place on earth. Gorky turned back the soiled blankets covering his friends in order to reveal the power of hope and the struggle to survive among even those forsaken by society.

The power of *The Lower Depths* comes from its message that all of us — every drunk, every thief, every baroness — dream of and deserve a better life. Whether through inebriation, fiction or love, we must be given the chance to hope. The truth and beauty revealed by Satin (masterfully played by Peter Gerety), for instance, are



Gustave Johnson, Andrew Mutnick and Patricia McGuire in Maxim Gorky's classic, *"The Lower Depths,"* at Trinity Repertory Company through April 14.

given wing by drink.

This reviewer believes that Richard Jenkins, the director, has misread and misdirected this potentially poetic play. With unmodulated, unintelligible scenes, Jenkins has reduced the dignity of the underworld to a tragi-comic netherworld.

The impact of a line like: "It's not what a person says but why they say it that matters," spoken by Luka, is overwhelmed by the chaos on stage. Luka's lines seem grand and fantastic, utterly out of context.

Luka, a central character in *The Lower Depths*, is a symbol of something illusory. He postures as a good man, but wrecks havoc in the lives of those he meets. His name is from the word "lukavyy," or sly in Russian. He is more than a prophet figure. In fact, he is perhaps a

false prophet. Gustave Johnson, however, brings to life a jovial, hopeful tramp and leaves the audience with an unclear feeling about his character's sincerity.

It is also significant that the baron and his "fermented" wife, Kvashnya, have known another world. Kvashnya can still escape through literature despite the fact that approximately 95% of the population (at that time) is illiterate. Her books are more than a luxury; they are a vital, final link to her lost horizons.

"You prophets can go to hell," says Vaska Pepel, the thief, to the others.

The weighted irony of this line (that they are all prophets already in one level of hell) is lost, since the audience is not allowed to come to know the

stage and out to the back alleys of wartime London. Take it all in with a heap of iodized salt.

By the standards of my youth this lurid melodrama is unspeakable. By today's more political standards it is even worse. Korda shows Jews just the way the British like them. Pushy, oversexed, a blend of talent, energy and fakery. The upper class Brits don't come out much better. "Vivien" bears her only child as the result of a rape by her own father, Uncle Harry, the brother of her mother's husband.

I got through it in one snowy evening. I'm not awfully proud of it. Neither should Mike Korda be.

SMU Center For Jewish Culture R.I. Philharmonic

The Center for Jewish Culture is sponsoring a reading of "I Love You, I Love You Not," a play by Wendy Kesselman, on Tuesday, April 2, at 2:00 p.m. in the SMU Library Browsing Area.

Ms. Kesselman will be on campus throughout the day as part of the Center for Jewish Culture's Scholar-in-Residence Series," said Professor Robert P. Waxler, co-director of the Center with Rabbi Glassman.

"I Love You, I Love You Not" is a play that explores the relationship between a grandmother, who is a Holocaust survivor, and her granddaughter. Barbara Orson will play the role of the grandmother and Jennifer Dundez, an actor from Brown University, will play the granddaughter.

The performance is free and open to the public.

characters as noble, poetic souls. We laugh instead, thinking that such bums could hardly be prophets.

Gorky, however, did seem to recognize that we all have a hint of prophesy in our desperation. Prophecy, after all, is little more than articulated hope. In this respect, Satin offers the hope of enlightenment through drink — for a while, anyway.

The Lower Depths is certainly a period piece shaped by the environment of pre-revolutionary Russia and the personal experiences of Gorky. Its potential to transcend political and temporal frameworks, however, has not been realized in Trinity's dull production.

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The Friends Society of the Rhode Island Philharmonic will host its 14th Annual Auction on Saturday, April 13, at 6 p.m. at the Roger Williams Park Casino in Providence. This year's theme is "A Blooming Auction" with decor boasting an abundance of spring flowers. The Auction, the Friends' principal fundraiser, will begin with a reception and silent auction with bidding on nearly 200 small items and services. The evening continues with a dinner, catered by Cafe in the Barn, followed by a live auction, as the closing highlight.

The live auction, conducted by Chris Mercurio, one of this country's top auctioneers, will allow guests to bid on a variety of donated items. Among the featured items to be auctioned are paintings by such renowned Rhode Island artists as Maxwell Mays and John Hagen, a day's sail for eight on a 70-foot yacht, and trips to Jamaica and Washington D.C. Tickets are \$75 per person with tables of eight or ten available. Dress is black tie optional. For more information, call 831-3123.

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CURTAIN

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Editor

(by Michael Korda 378 pages.
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The fashion of mixing biography with fiction has grown out of our fascist fascination with the rich and famous. It infects all our communications. We have run out of interest in our next door neighbors over the fence. We crave stronger meat. Maybe this new funky art form sets out to make fun of the reader. The new game breaks the codes of honor both of journalism and art, blurring the line between fact and fancy.

The author changes the names of his cast and disclaims their stories. Michael Korda is the son of Sir Alexander Korda, the great Hungarian Jewish

British film producer. He sticks an alias over the glittering names of his characters, guests in his father's home.

According to CURTAIN, "Vivien Leigh" stabbed to death with Shakespeare's dagger her Hollywood Jewish lover. In the shabby flat of a boy pickup who is "Danny Kaye's" lover. "Danny" dies off too. These stars give their all to shield those they worship from blackmail. Danny and Sir Lawrence Olivier (aka "Robert Vane") spent one night together and still pay the price.

I read every word. Michael Korda inherited the family gift for exciting plot, dramatic settings and recreations of the past. He brings us into back-

Rhode Island's Child Easter Sunday, Channel 36, 6:30 pm

A special television adaptation of the National Education Association Rhode Island Sixth Annual Children's Fund Celebration, featuring students of Rhode Island public schools.

"We hear a lot about the problems in our public schools and the problems with public education. But...you walked away from that (show) feeling much better about the quality of education here in this state...sensational."

— Steve Kass, WHJJ talk show host

The National Education Association Rhode Island is a union of education and public employees. The Children's Fund is a charitable foundation that provides clothing and other essentials to needy students.

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Patricia Young

Feinstein Merit Award for Public Service

The program will include comments by the award recipients
and the Honorary Chair of the 1990-91 Awards



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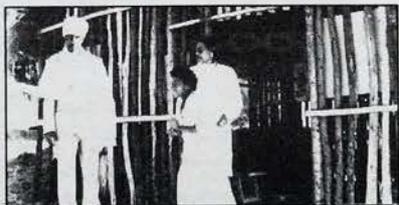
My People Go

It's almost Passover, time to celebrate the exodus of the Jews from Egypt. It's also time to celebrate the exodus of the Jews from Ethiopia. About 20,000 Jews still live in Ethiopia, dreaming of the day when they will be taken to Israel. Most of the Jews who are left are women, children, and old people.



Most Ethiopian Jews used to live in villages. Last May, they started coming to Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia, so that they could go to Israel as soon as permission was given by the Ethiopian government. Most of the villages in Ethiopia are empty of Jews now. Because Ethiopia is having a civil war, some Jews are stuck behind rebel lines and cannot make it to Addis Ababa yet.

The Ethiopian government has said that they would let the Jews leave for Israel. However, they can't all leave at one time. So, a few hundred get to leave every few months. Then, the government doesn't let any more leave for awhile. Then, they will let some more leave. Depending on how many people get to leave and how often, it could take from two to four years for all of the Ethiopian Jews to go home to Israel.



Ethiopia is the poorest country in the world, and the Jews are the poorest people in Ethiopia. The Jews around the world cannot help too much, because then other Ethiopians will be jealous and might rob or attack the Jews.

In Addis Ababa, the Jews live in slum dwellings, with eight to twelve people jammed together in a tiny one-room hut. The huts are made of mud walls and tin roofs, and have no floors. The floors inside are just like the ground outside - rocks and mud. They have no heat and no furniture.

About 5,000 to 8,000 of the Jews are children. Many are sick. Because the people are so poor, they have no shoes and are not properly dressed for the weather. A lot of young children have died. Clothes which American Jews have donated are on the way to the Ethiopian Jews, however it is difficult to get the items to them. Meanwhile, the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), an organization that helps Jews around the world, now has a health clinic in Addis Ababa that is helping a lot. JDC is also giving them flour and other food.

Also, amazingly, the Israeli government has been allowed to build a cultural center on the grounds of the Israeli embassy in Addis Ababa. One half of the children come by the embassy twice a week for lessons in Hebrew and other subjects. They are learning from adult Ethiopian Jews who study at night so that they can teach the children the next day.

Until it is possible for all of the Jews to leave Ethiopia, Jews around the world are trying to help them. To find out what you can do, turn to the next page.

(Thanks to Barbara Ribokove Gordon, Executive Director of the National Conference on Ethiopia Jewry, for the information in this article. Photos are courtesy of JDC.)



Ethiopian Jews make new friends in Israel.

Make Gifts For Ethiopian Jewish Children

The children love to learn, but they do not have enough supplies. They need pencils, pens, and paper! In 1988, NOAH'S ARK readers sent thousands of gifts which were delivered to Ethiopian children. Now, your help is needed again. An organization called the North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry (NACOEJ) has worked hard to help Ethiopian Jews. Members of NACOEJ will be visiting Ethiopian Jews soon and will take your gifts to the Jewish children in Addis Ababa.

It is important that every child receives a gift - NACOEJ cannot give a gift to some children and not to others. Please help so that thousands of gifts can be delivered. Thank you!

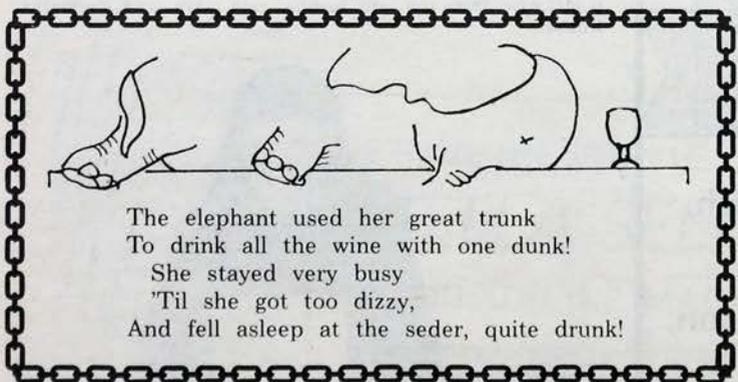
What You Need:

- large Ziploc bag
- ballpoint pen
- pencil (sharpened)
- eraser
- a notebook or pad of paper
- a few pieces of hard candy
- a surprise! (see #3)
- a picture drawn by you
- a note from you



What You Do:

1. Follow these instructions exactly!
2. Put the pen, pencil, eraser, notebook (no binders, please!) or paper, and candy in the Ziploc bag.
3. Find a small surprise to put in the bag. It could be a little toy car, a small pad of paper, a little ball, a small sock puppet you made yourself, stickers, or anything that's not too big. Large toys or expensive toys cannot be sent. (Do not send crayons; they melt.)
4. On an index card or small piece of paper, draw a happy picture. Draw whatever you like. The picture can be about anything Jewish or about Israel. You could draw a house, a garden, or children.
5. Write a short note to the child who will receive your gift. The children are learning Hebrew so you should write your note in Hebrew, if you can. If you can't write Hebrew, go ahead and write it in simple English. You could tell the child something about yourself and your family, or how your family will celebrate Passover.
6. Send your gift to: Children, c/o NOAH'S ARK, 7726 Portal, Houston, Texas 77071. Packages should be mailed as soon as possible, but no later than April 1, 1991.



The elephant used her great trunk
To drink all the wine with one dunk!
She stayed very busy
'Til she got too dizzy,
And fell asleep at the seder, quite drunk!

Rebus - (Ree-boose) ריבוז

If a box of matzah cost \$1.00, how much is a pound?

מה ההבדלים? (Mah Hah-hehv-deh-leem) What Are The Differences?

Find at least 5 differences in the pictures below.



During the seder, why did Max use a piece of cake to clean up his spilled wine?



It was sponge cake!

Answer To Rebus

Sign - gn + ax - a +
toe - o + pen - p + cow
- cw + sun - s + cherries
- herri = sixteen ounces!

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PASSOVER CONTEST WINNERS Ages 6 and Under



Danny Newman, age 5

"We celebrate Passover because we're Jewish and it's a story with a very happy ending when the Jews become free from Pharaoh."

2nd PLACE Dovid Gibber, age 6

3rd PLACE Robin Halpern, age 5

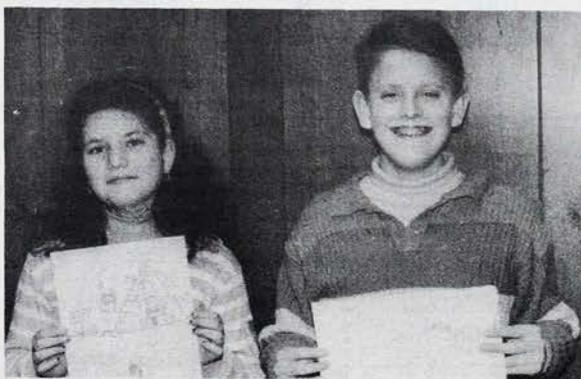
HONORABLE MENTION Dan Konoff, age 5



Danny Newman (L) and Meir Weinberg (R).



Dovid Gibber



Albina Soyevich (L) and David Dudek (R).



Natanya Raskin

Due to technical difficulties, *The Herald* was unable to publish a photograph of Robin Halpern and Penina Strajcher. A photograph of these two talented children will appear in next week's *Herald*.

PASSOVER CONTEST WINNERS Ages 10-13



**Penina Strajcher,
age 12-1/2**

"Desert journey home."

2nd place Albina Shayevich,
age 12

3rd place Rebecca Zisseron,
age 10

HONORABLE MENTION David Dudek,
age 12

ATTENTION:

All Passover Contest Entrants who have not received their prizes, please call us today at 724-0200 with your full name and address. We will mail each of you a free skating admission pass to Riverdale Rollerworld and a 2-for-1 pass to The Children's Museum.

PASSOVER CONTEST WINNERS Ages 7-9



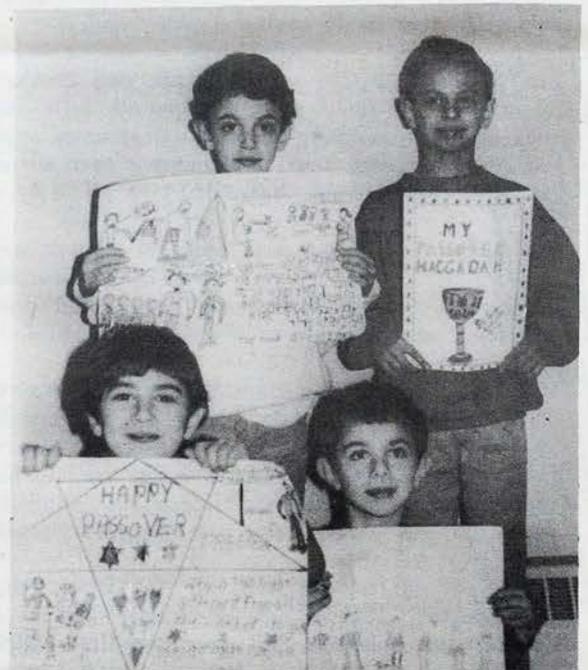
Seth Konoff, age 9

"This book is dedicated to all the Jews who are not yet free to celebrate Passover this year. I hope their freedom comes real soon."

2nd place Natanya Raskin, age 8

3rd place Meir Weinberg, age 8

HONORABLE MENTION Joshua Konoff, age 8
Benjamin Konoff, age 7



(Clockwise from top left) Joshua, Seth, Dan, and Benjamin Konoff.



Rebecca Zisseron

Milestones

Harvey Ferdman Noted For Volunteer Service

In a recent article published in the *St. Louis Jewish Light* Harvey Ferdman, son of Mae L. Ferdman of Pawtucket, was noted. Mr. Ferdman, chairperson of the social committee of Congregation Kol Am in St. Louis, Missouri, was instrumental in organizing a community-wide Super Bowl party for the homeless on Super Bowl Sunday.

According to the article, the members of Congregation Kol Am and St. Peter and Paul Church invited more than 300 homeless people to an extremely special party. Plenty of food, clothing, medical supplies and personal hygiene items were distributed to the

guests.

Approximately 75 volunteers from the St. Louis synagogue participated in this all-day event. Mr. Ferdman was quoted in the article as saying that he "found the people who attended 'very warm, appreciative and gracious. These people are always surprised to find out we're Jewish,' because the shelters are generally run by non-Jewish religious organizations. It's one of the few times people on the street actually see Jewish people helping," he said.

The Super Bowl party for the homeless is an outgrowth of the Kol Am care van project, which distributes food to the homeless every Saturday night.

Brier Receives CLU Diploma

Jeffrey G. Brier, a partner in the insurance firm of Brier & Brier, has earned the Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU) diploma and professional designation from The American College, Bryn Mawr, Pa. The CLU designation is awarded to persons who complete a ten-course program of study and examinations and full-rigid experience and ethical requirements.

Jeffrey G. Brier received his M.B.A. from Washington University and his B.A. from Lake Forest College. He is a trustee of The Miriam Hospital and a Vice President of The Jewish Community Center of R.I. Mr.

Brier is a member of the Steering Committee for Marathon House's Capital Campaign and is active in the annual campaigns of the United Way of Southeastern New England and the Jewish Federation of R.I. He is a past President of Camp Jori and serves on the Board of Directors of The Jewish Home.

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Providence Native To Receive National Community Service Award



Joyce and Michael J. Bohnen

On Thursday evening, April 25, Michael J. Bohnen, a native of Providence and his wife, Joyce Oppenheim Bohnen will be the recipients of the prestigious National Community Service Award presented by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. They will receive the Award at the 25th annual dinner of the New England Region which will be held at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel.

The National Community Service Award is given to select individuals on special occasions by the Jewish Theological Seminary. The recipients range widely in the fields of their interests and in the scope of their activities. The common denominator is their devotion to Judaism and commitment to widening its influence for the good of all mankind.

Michael J. Bohnen is President of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston. He is a past President of the Solomon Schechter Day School in Newton, Mass., has served as chairman of the Allocations Committee of the Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston and is a recipient of its Young Leadership Award. He has chaired Boston's community-wide celebration of Israel's Independence Day. He has served on the

Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston, Camp Ramah of New England and the Zamir Chorale, with whom she has performed for many years. Joyce is the Registrar and Recruitment Coordinator for Camp Ramah of New England. She serves as High Holy Day Cantor of Temple Emanuel in Wakefield, Mass., conducts the choir at Temple Emanuel and is a frequent soloist at community commemorations of the Holocaust including at the Massachusetts State House. She is a graduate of Simmons College.

Michael and Joyce Bohnen reside in Newton, Mass., and are the parents of two daughters, Sharon and Debby, both veteran Ramah campers.

Guest speaker that evening will be Gershon Kekst, founder and President of Kekst and Company, a corporate communications and public relations firm. Mr. Kekst is recognized by both the financial community and business leaders worldwide as one of the pre-eminent practitioners in his field. Mr. Kekst is the Chairman Elect of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Butler Hosts Talk On Eating Disorders

Butler Hospital will present part two of its spring Professional Lecture Series in Psychiatry on Wednesday, April 10, with a talk on "Eating Disorders: Classification and Treatment Strategies" by Leigh Anne Hohlstein, MD, coordinator of the eating disorders program at Butler, and Teri Pearlstein, MD, director of the women's treatment program.

Anorexia and bulimia nervosa are serious medical conditions that affect a growing number of females in our society. Recently, compulsive eating has been recognized as a third major type of eating disorder. The presentation will address the classification of eating disorders, describe associated clinical features, and review current treatment strategies.

Saffersons Announce Birth

Research data from the hospital's eating disorders program will also be presented.

The program will run from noon until 1:30 p.m. at Butler's Ray Conference Center, 345 Blackstone Boulevard, Providence. The cost is \$20, which includes lunch. Education credits, CMEs and CEUs, have been applied for in nursing, psychology, social work, and medicine. To register, call the public relations office at (401) 455-6265.

A Meeting Promoting Friendship

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The Aristides de Sousa Mendes Society held its first meeting on Sunday, March 10, at the home of Dr. Ron and Ada Schneider of Friends Cove in Somerset, Massachusetts. Barbara and Dick Shore performed chamber music with an Iberian theme.

The objectives of the organization include the promotion of friendship between descendants of Iberian Jews and the Jewish Community and the study of the heritage, history and culture of Crypto-Judaism.

Alvin Rubin is President, and Carolina Matos Vice President for Rhode Island. The honorary chairman of the executive board is the Portuguese Consul of R.I., Joao Laranjeira de Abreu.

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Local News

Jewish Family Service Events And Programs

Family Life Education Workshop Helps In "Surviving Marital Separation"

Jewish Family Service, in an attempt to address the emotional needs of a significant segment of the community, will be offering a Family Life Education workshop, "Surviving Marital Separation." Within the context of a group, individuals who are separated or divorced will learn ways of coping with the experience of being single again, from dealing with the children's reactions to dating.

The workshop will be held on four consecutive Mondays, April 8 through 29 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the offices of Jewish Family Service, 229 Waterman St., Providence. The fee for the workshop is \$30 per person. Pre-registration is required. For information or to register, call 331-1244.

Alcohol and Substance Abuse Specialist Joins Jewish Family Service Staff

Ms. Pamela Kramer, a graduate of the Smith College School of Social Work, has joined the JFS clinical staff as Alcohol and Substance Abuse Coordinator. Previously an outpatient therapist for Newport County Community Mental Health Center, she has experience working with substance abuse issues in the family and providing ACOA psychotherapy. Her initial goal for the alcohol and substance abuse program at JFS is to increase public awareness of the issues and the effects on the family. "The community needs to know that confidential, high quality therapy (individual and family) is available through

JFS," she states, "for all who are affected." For further information about alcohol and substance abuse programs and counseling, call Ms. Kramer at 331-1244.

Lifeline: Key To Independent Living

Lifeline Rhode Island is an emergency response system funded by Miriam Hospital and administered by Jewish Family Service. The system provides the physically at-risk person with a pendant that, with a push of the button, signals for help through a special device attached to the telephone. When activated, the telephone dials "central monitors" that have pertinent information about the subscriber including medical history, doctor's name, and family members to be contacted. The service provides emergency assistance that is often lifesaving, and certainly contributes to the peace of mind of the subscriber and his/her family.

According to Maxine Richman, Jewish Family Service's outreach social worker for the elderly, there are 234 Lifeline subscribers throughout the state. Sixty-five people have used this critical, 24-hour personal emergency response system for 146 emergencies. "Lifeline is one of the key programs that can help individuals to live independently, remaining in their own home," says Richman. For further information, call Maxine Richman at Jewish Family Service, 331-1244.

Home Health Aides Help Continue Life At Home

Home Health Aides from Jewish Family Service play a vital role in enabling many people to return home after ill-

ness or surgery, rather than having to enter institutional settings to recuperate. Being at home allows clients to maintain their quality of life and to recover in familiar, comfortable surroundings.

The Jewish Family Service Aides are skilled, trained paraprofessionals who help meet their clients' specific needs such as personal care, meal preparation, transportation to medical appointments, meal preparation and light housekeeping.

For more information about this special service, call Debbie Prinz at Jewish Family Service, 331-1244.

Emanu-El's Social Action Committee Presents Ecology Awareness Weekend

The Social Action Committee of Temple Emanu-El presents an Ecology Awareness Weekend, April 12-14. The weekend's theme, TIKUN OLAM, reminds us that in this day and age, we must work not only to repair the world spiritually, but also physically.

The weekend begins with a special environmentally oriented Friday night service, April 12 at 8 p.m., at which Mr. Ira Magaziner will address the congregation. Ira Magaziner is president of SJS, Inc., a public policy strategy firm addressing economic and social issues facing America in the 1990s. Mr. Magaziner graduated as valedictorian from Brown University, and attended Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar. He has co-authored a number of critically acclaimed books and studies dealing with economic policy development. He also serves

Congregation Ohave Sholam

Schedule of Events for Passover

Thursday, March 28

Bedikat Chometz 6:51 p.m.
Last day for appointing Rabbi Jacobs to sell your Chometz.

Friday, March 29

Shacharit - 6 a.m. Siyum for Firstborn immediately following services. Mincha-Ma-ariv - 5:55 p.m.

Seder not to begin before 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 30

Shacharit - 9 a.m.
Mincha and learning session 5:50 p.m.

Ma-ariv 6:50 p.m.
2nd seder and Havdalah not before 7 p.m.

Sunday, March 31

Shacharit - 9 a.m.

Mincha - learning session - 5:50 p.m.

Ma-ariv - 6:50 p.m.
Havdalah - 7 p.m.

Monday-Thursday, April 1-

April 4 - Hol Hamoed
Shacharit - 6:45 a.m.
Mincha-Ma-ariv - 6 p.m.

Friday, April 5

Shacharit - 9 a.m.
Mincha-Ma-ariv - 6 p.m.

Saturday, April 6

Shacharit 9 a.m.
Mincha - learning session - 6 p.m.

Ma-ariv 6:55 p.m.

Havdalah 7:05 p.m.

Sold Chometz not to be eaten before 9 p.m.

on the editorial advisory board of the Sloan School Management Review at MIT. He serves on the board of directors of several educational and environmental agencies, including the Green Seal program, and R.I.'s Save the Bay. He is also a board member of the Jewish Federation. Mr. Magaziner's talk will address the role of the individual in ecological issues.

On Sunday, April 14, the annual Sisterhood-Men's Club - Social Action Committee breakfast will be held at 10 a.m. Ms. Erica Guttman of the Rhode Island Solid Waste Management Corporation will speak on "Innovative Ways to Reduce Solid Waste." This dynamic presentation is a must for anyone who's interested in practical ideas for reducing their family's contribution to the waste stream.

Then at 4 p.m., everyone is invited to enjoy a production of "The End of the World Cafe," presented by the All Children's Theatre of Providence. In this show, Mother Earth must hire a detective to find out who is trying to kill her. This comic play about a serious topic goes a long way to raise environmental awareness in children. (Recommended for ages 7 and above) For children 6 and under, a separate program will occur simultaneously. This program also will teach environmental lessons with stories, videos and hands-on projects, as well as a visit from Mother Earth herself. Former Providence Teacher of the Year, Ms. Barbara Halzel, is planning this special program with the assistance of Ms. Bonnie Gold. This promises to be a delightful afternoon for the whole family.

Cranston Senior Guild

The first meeting of the 1991 season for the Cranston Senior Guild will be held on Wednesday, April 10, at Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Avenue, Cranston, R.I. at 12:30 p.m. A short business meeting will be followed by the entertainment of 12 members of the "Senior Harmonica Band" performing old-time favorites. A social hour and refreshments will follow.

There are still reservations available for our annual trip to the "Nevele Country Club," June 16-21. Louise and Leonard Lyons are chairpersons. Call them at 438-2634. A delightful trip to the beautiful Catskills is a great way to "kick-off for summer fun."

Also, reservations can be made at the meeting for our fantastic installation and paid-up membership luncheon to be held on Wednesday, June 5, at the Venus de Milo, Swansea, Mass. Beverly Jacobson is chairlady of this very popular event.

Reminder: Dues are due and payable by June 1. To attend the luncheon and all the other functions and activities, your dues must be paid. Helen Forman is our financial secretary and her address is: 145 Metropolitan Road, Providence, R.I. 02908. Telephone No. 521-0455.

Our officers and board wish all our members and friends, a very healthy and happy Passover.

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by Audrey Licht

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

In 1968, the original concert was under the guidance of Rosalind Bolusky who was Sisterhood president. Fortunately for us, Rosalind and Mervin Bolusky volunteered to put together another fabulous event. Back again is Joseph Conte and The Rhode Island Fine Arts Pops Orchestra. A spectacular evening is in the making.

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

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

ment, the group enjoyed success and longevity.

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

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

Harris Poll said they viewed the PLO as "not friendly" or as an "enemy" of the U.S.

Even as Israel cooperated with the Bush administration by maintaining a low profile in the coalition against Iraq, polls indicted from all American major political, social, and regional groups recognize the value of Israel as an important U.S. ally. For example, eighty-two percent of Americans in an October 1990 *Newsweek* poll, said that Israel is "as important," or that it is "more important" an ally of the U.S. since the outbreak of the Gulf war. Another survey found that 85% of Americans believe U.S. ties to Israel should be kept the same or strengthened (*ABC/Washington Post* - October 1990).

The depth and strength of American public support for the U.S.-Israel relationship has already been made clear, however, before the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait. For example, in a June 1990 *CBS/New York Times* poll, more than six of every ten Americans supported either maintaining or increasing foreign aid to Israel, with that continued bombing of the recent war weeks, the promise of help has been fortified.

Pollster Louis Harris wrote that the particularly strong support for Israel demonstrated in his August 1990 poll could be attributed in part to

Labor Of Love Becomes A Passover Tradition

Some ten years ago during the month preceding Passover, Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer of Temple Shalom in Middletown and his wife, Barbara, were speaking about the forthcoming holiday and its observance. Earlier that same day, the rabbi had been in conversation with a few members of his congregation about the Passover Seder. He was saddened to learn that these members did not have a Seder since they felt unable to do so. Both Rabbi and Barbara Jagolinzer decided to undertake a Congregational Seder for all those members and families who were not planning to hold or attend a Seder. So the process began. The response was overwhelming with over 75 persons sending in their reservations. The preparation work was done by the Rabbi and the Temple's then custodian, James Munford. After the kitchen had been properly kashered for Passover, Barbara Jagolinzer came in and set to the task of preparing and cooking the food. Having been a cook in the Navy, Mr. Munford was a tremendous help in this aspect of the Seder. And so the Temple Shalom Congregational Seder was born and has enjoyed great success since then. The group has grown and the Seder still continues to attract families from not only the Congregation but the com-

munity as well. During the nine years it has been held, visitors have attended from as far away as Jamaica, Washington, D.C. and France. Each visitor has added a bit of their own customs and traditions to the Seder. Rabbi Jagolinzer conducts the Seder with the participation of all those in attendance.

This year's Seder will take place on Friday evening, March 29, at 6:30 p.m. with a good number of attendees. There was a bit of hesitation this year as to whether or not the Jagolinzers would be able to do the Seder without James Munford, who had passed away in December. But with the assistance of the new custodian, Charles Birdy and his desire to assist as well as his prior knowledge of Passover preparations, the Seder will be held.

The Temple is proud of their Seder and of the untiring efforts and dedication of Rabbi and Barbara Jagolinzer.

Correspondents Wanted

If you would like to correspond for the *Herald* by writing about what is happening in your community, contact the editor at 724-0200.

Congregation Sons Of Jacob

Friday, March 29 - Fourteen days in NISAN - Morning services are at 6 a.m., followed by a SIYUM for the Firstborn. Chometz may be eaten until 9:45 a.m. and may be burned until 10:45 a.m. Mincha is at 5:50 p.m. and candlelighting at 5:47 p.m. The seder begins after 6:50 p.m.

Saturday, March 30 - Fifteen days in NISAN - First day of Pesach. Two Torah scrolls are read. In the first VAYIKRO MOSHE MISH-ECHU (Shomos 12:21-51) is read for seven men. In the second "U'vachodesh horishon" (B'midbar 28:16-25) for Maftir. Don't forget to include Tefilas Tal (prayer for Dew) in the Mussaf services.

Shacharis (morning services) - 8:30 a.m., followed by kiddush.

Mincha - 6 p.m.
Ma'ariv - 7 p.m.
Havdalah is made during kiddush.

Do not light candles or make any preparations for the seder until Shabbos ends at 7 p.m. Seder begins after 7 p.m.

Sunday, March 31 - Sixteen days in NISAN - Second day of Pesach. Motzo'el Shabbos. The first day of the Omer is counted tonight. The commandment to count is in the Torah "And you shall count seven weeks, starting with the day after the Sabbath." Two scrolls are taken out. In the first "shor oh chesev oheiz" is read for five men. In the second "U'vachodesh horishon" is the Maftir.

Shacharis (morning services) - 8:30 a.m. followed by kiddush.

Mincha - 6 p.m.
Ma'ariv - 7 p.m.
Chol Hamoad Pesach - Monday, April 1 through Thursday, April 4, morning services will be at 6:30 a.m., sure!

Mincha for the entire week is at 6:05 p.m.

The members and officers wish everyone a Happy and Kosher Pesach, and pray for peace throughout the world, and for Israel. Our heartfelt gratitude to all who supported the synagogue, this past year. May the A-mighty give you and your loved ones continued strength to continue!! (We reported that Mr. David Fink donated his winning Purim 3rd prize. Mr. David Port has also donated his 2nd prize of the \$100.00 U.S. Savings Bond, both to the synagogue. Thank you to both Davids, and also thanks to Gerry Friedman, our recording secretary who took the Purim Party pictures!)

Americans Support Israel
Israel's base of American support remained rock-solid in 1990. Polls throughout last year showed American support for Israel near its historic high levels, and exceeding sympathy for the Arabs, by more than two for one. And it goes without saying, that Israel's restraint from any retaliations through the first weeks of the war was exceedingly gratifying.

By contrast, an overwhelming majority of Americans continue to hold a negative view of the PLO. More than three-quarters of the Americans surveyed in an August 1990

"second" effort to Israel. (Chapel 274-5260/274-0861 after 6 p.m.)

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Conservative Jewish Educators Discussed Pressing Issues



From left to right are Marcia Kaunfer, Rabbi Alvan Kaunfer and Lonna Picher.

Can peer coaching techniques increase teacher effectiveness by 85% without significantly increasing costs? Can techniques used by successful politicians help educators manage their boards? Are these methods ethical? Does the conservative movement need to be redefined in light of new attitudes and beliefs? How can revitalized thinking affect schools?

These and other pressing professional issues were discussed at the annual convention of the Jewish Educators Assembly, the national organi-

zation of Conservative Jewish educators. The conference, in its second year of a more aggressive professional development approach was held in Stamford, CT, March 3 - March 6.

Top flight speakers and trainers were drawn from the entire professional spectrum. Leonard G. Hirsch, a Washington based consultant in organizational development specializing in power and politics was a popular trainer. Hirsch, recently named the Kenneth Bene Scholar of the year discussed the political side of Jew-

ish life. He suggested techniques for managing problems in Jewish education which worked for him as a Jimmy Carter staffer and with clients such as General Motors and Saturn.

James W. Morgan, a well known BOCES trainer demonstrated the effectiveness of peer coaching. He outlined startling research that indicates that expensive in-service training is sometimes substantially only 15% effective. Peer coaching whose only cost is that of a substitute while teachers work together produces improvement 85% of the time.

Dr. Hanan Alexander of University Judaism asked some hard questions about the appeal of conservative Judaism in today's relativistic culture. "Ask yourself and your colleagues what really matters to you about conservative Judaism. I think you'll find that there is surprising consensus... Why not build our educational experiences around what we agree is meaningful instead of trying to inculcate a party line that may have lost meaning."

Over 200 educators participated in the convention's 30 different professional training opportunities. Delegates represented 28 cities across the U.S. and Canada. Response to the ambitious program was enthusiastic. Conference coordinators Sheila Adler of Westchester and Alvan Kaunfer of Rhode Island, and executive director Bernard Dov Troy were elated with the results. "It was worth all the work. I don't even need to brag, the results are obvious to everyone," quipped Adler with the good humor that characterized her management of the conference.

"Our goal for next year is to bring more educators from the west and the midwest," remarked incoming president Miriam Klein Shapiro of New York. Shapiro, the first female president in the organization's history, is confident that the word will travel among educators about the quality of the conference. "When boards and synagogue administrators find out what we're doing, we know they'll gladly authorize the expenses to allow their principals to participate."

Dr. Aaron M. Nussbaum, educational director of the United Synagogue Day School in Toronto, received the Behrman House Jewish Educators Assembly Award for Lifetime Achievement in Jewish Education.

Ben Margolis, of Springfield, N.J., was honored for his work as executive director of the JEA and his lifelong commitment to Jewish education.

Senior Companion Program Receives Service Grant

Maureen Maigret, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs (DEA) announced that the Senior Companion Program (SCP) and the Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) of Rhode Island have received \$55,000 for a three-year demonstration project to expand services to frail, elderly persons living in Providence.

Providence is one of 18 cities nationwide that will participate in the project, which is sponsored by the Visiting Nurse Association of America, based in Denver, Colorado. Funds for the \$1.5 million grant were provided by ACTION, the federal volunteer agency.

The purpose of the SCP demonstration project is to:

- Stimulate private donations and support to expand care for elderly with special needs by involving Senior Companions.

- Supplement and enhance the formal network of care for elderly clients.

- Provide corporate donors with a way to assist their employees in caring for older relatives by enlisting the help of Senior Companions.

- Create successful public/private model programs that enlist Senior Companions to help less fortunate older persons.

According to Maigret, "The SCP/VNA demonstration project is designed to show that public and private concerns can work together to help take care of our ever-aging population." "I'm very happy that ACTION is initiating this three-year project to promote a better quality of life for those who need our help and support," she observed.

Marilyn Sayles, Director of SCP in Rhode Island said, "We are fortunate to have this opportunity to work with the VNA to expand the program in Providence."

"We will be able to combine

the health care expertise of the VNA with the skills and enthusiasm of our volunteers to help our clients maintain their independence," she stated.

Jane MacKenzie, Executive Director of VNA explained her agency's role in the project. "The SCP demonstration project is a natural extension of our long-term services," she declared. "As caregivers, we're very concerned about the support our patients receive after they leave our care. Often this support allows a patient to remain in their own home."

"The VNA will play an active role in the program by providing training and support, assisting in recruiting volunteers and referring patients to SCP," MacKenzie said.

ACTION began SCP in 1974. Senior Companions are low-income seniors, who volunteer 20 hours each week to provide service and companionship to older clients in their homes and community settings. Companions receive a modest stipend that does not affect their eligibility for Social Security or other programs.

In Rhode Island, SCP is sponsored by the DEA. Currently, there are 82 Senior Companions serving older clients across the state. Since 1974, SCP volunteers have given nearly one million hours of service to older clients in need.

Other cities selected to participate in the SCP/VNA project include:

West Haven/New Haven, Connecticut; Worcester, Massachusetts; Louisville, Kentucky; Marietta and Cincinnati, Ohio; Birmingham and Mobile, Alabama; Detroit and Pontiac, Michigan; Kansas City and Kennett, Missouri; Atlanta, Georgia; Denver, Colorado; El Paso, Texas; Oregon City, Oregon; Salt Lake City, Utah; and Seattle, Washington.

Chabad To Hold Seders

Passover is a time when families traditionally come together to celebrate the Festival of our Liberation.

Yet for many people, Passover can be one of the loneliest times of the year. Young college students away from home, many of them for the first time; the elderly who have no one, and no place to turn to; and new Americans whose families are still locked behind the Iron Curtain. For these people, Chabad can provide the opportunity to enjoy the holiday.

Chabad community-wide se-

dorim will take place on Friday and Saturday evenings, March 29-30. They are open to all students, new Americans and unaffiliated members of the Jewish community. They will feature an authentic Passover Seder, complete with a recitation and explanation of the Haggadah, four cups of wine, and hand-baked shmurah matzoh.

Anyone wishing more information is invited to call Chabad Lubavitch of South-eastern New England at 273-7238.

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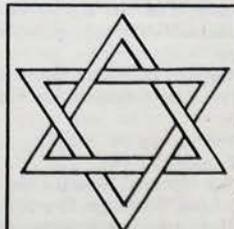
Providence Chapter Of Hadassah

On Monday, April 8, the Providence Chapter of Hadassah is pleased to announce as our keynote speaker, Elizabeth Kaplan. Drawing on her personal background, her talk will be "Inter-Marriage and Conversion: A Personal Perspective." Mrs. Kaplan is a graduate of Case Western Reserve, earned her B.A. in English and during the period 1969-1973 was a high school teacher in Malden, Mass., and St. Louis, Mo. At the present time, she is a part-time student at Rhode Island College in Adolescent Psychological Counseling as well as part-time teacher in English to Russian students at

the Alperin-Schechter Day School. She is a member of Providence Singers, founder of Women for a Non-Nuclear Future, and a member of The Fund for Community Progress. She is an active participant in the Bureau of Jewish Education and serves on the committee for teacher training.

Mrs. Kaplan's talk will be presented at the Jewish Community Center at our open meeting at 1 p.m. This will be preceded by our Current Events Study Group, conducted by Doris McGarry, and Coffee Hour at 12:30 p.m.

Serving on the committee for this meeting are Claire Bell/Erna Oelbaum, co-presidents; Doris McGarry, program; mailing, Esther Swartz; publicity, Eunice Greenfield. We look forward to seeing all members and friends in attendance. This promises to be a most stimulating afternoon.



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Sisterhood Of Temple Beth-El Hosts Spring Donor Kick-Off

The Sisterhood of Temple Beth-El is hosting an annual Donor Kick-off on April 3 to gear up for this year's event, a dramatic Fall Fashion Preview by Sadow's of No. Dartmouth, Mass.

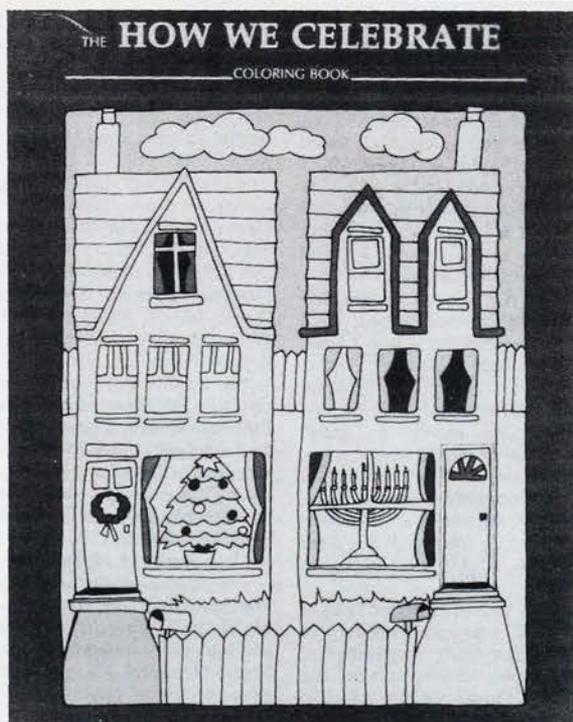
The Kick-off will be held at 10 a.m. in the Temple's Silverstein Meeting Hall, 70 Orchard Avenue. Coffee, tea and Passover pastries will be served.

The Fall Fashion Preview will feature an evening of clothing coordinated by retailer Richard Sadow and modeled by members of Sisterhood. Guests will also enjoy a creative array of fabulous desserts and more by Plantation Cater-

ers of Newport.

Members of the 1991 Donor event committee are: Sheri Singer, Abigail Leavitt, Judi Labossiere, Joanne Summer, Beth Weiss, Karen Levis, Evelyn Siegle, Beth Meister, Carrie Levine, Mary Engle, Betty Kotlen, Reva Lewis, Sue Itkin, and Amy Sugerman.

Ticket categories are: benefactor, \$54; patron, \$36; sponsor, \$25; donor, \$20. Proceeds to benefit a variety of Sisterhood of Temple Beth-El programs. Because seating is limited, advance reservations are required. For more information, call the Temple office at 331-6070.



"The How We Celebrate Coloring Book," just published by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, is designed to instill interfaith understanding and respect in religious school children while teaching them the differences between Christian and Jewish symbols, religious objects and holidays. The unusual publication was the outgrowth of interreligious programs organized by Temple Beth El in Tyler, Texas, and Congregation B'nai Israel of Little Rock, Ark., both affiliated with the UAHC, composed of 840 Reform congregations in North America. The coloring book can be used by clergy and professional educators in Christian and Jewish religious school classrooms. Representatives of 15 churches and synagogues served as religious and educational consultants during its preparation.

Forum On Faith

Orchard Avenue Plus, a forum on ethical issues sponsored by Temple Beth-El, St. Martin's Church and Central Congregational Church all of Providence, will sponsor a program entitled "How My Faith Works: And What I Do When It Doesn't," on Wednesday, April 3. The program begins at 8 p.m. and will be held at the Central Congregational Church at 296 Angell St.

Faith is that inner resource - sometimes resonant, sometimes remote - which sustains us when printed instructions, 800 telephone numbers and catechisms fail us. Untested faith is often a vibrant and eloquent force; but its enduring strength remains unknown until it is challenged. Three community leaders will share the substance and dimensions of their privately fashioned faith in a discussion moderated by Dr. Stanley Aronson. The speakers include: Walter Feldman, an artist and teacher associated with Brown University; Gregor Goethals, professor of graduate studies at the Rhode Island School of Design; and Anne Milhaven, a theologian and author. For more information, call 331-1960.

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Jewish Community Center Of Rhode Island

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, located at 401 Elmgrove Ave. in Providence, will be holding activities and events of interest for people of all ages during the month of April, as detailed in the following list. To sign up or to obtain further information, please call the Center at 861-8800 and ask for the person specified in the listing.

Passover Vacation Campers Go Skating

KidSpace and PTC members, as well as other children in grades K-4 and 5-8 are invited to a special day of rollerskating and fun when they travel to the Worcester JCC to meet other campers on Wednesday, April 3. The bus will leave the JCCRI at 9 a.m. and return at 3 p.m. Campers are asked to bring a kosher-for-Passover bag lunch. The cost is \$20 for Kidspace and PTC members; \$25 for full members; \$50 for supporting members. For further information, call Evy Rappoport or Laurie Leone.

Kosher Mealsite

Seniors are invited to join in a variety of activities and to enjoy a hot kosher meal at noon at the Kosher mealsite at the Center. "The doors open" weekdays at 10 a.m., with casual conversation in the lobby until 11 a.m. Exercise is scheduled on weekdays at 11:15 a.m. A Women's Group meets every Tuesday morning from 11 to 11:45 a.m. Friend to Friend meets Thursdays from 11 a.m. until noon. Bingo is played Thursday from 12:45 until 2 p.m. Shabbat traditions are observed on Fridays. Sundays begin with tea, coffee and hot muffins served at 10 a.m., followed this month by movies and a VCR program. The schedule for the week of April 1-7 includes:

Thursday, April 4 - G.A.C. Board Meeting, 12:45 to 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 7 - "A Night At The Opera," with the Marx Brothers, 10:45 a.m.

Call Sandy Bass for details.

Touro Fraternal Association

Members of Touro please mark down the following dates:

April 24 - "2 fer" at West Valley Inn. Time is 6:30 p.m.

May 2 - Election at Touro Hall.

May 22 - Installation of officers with full dinner.

June 8 - Dinner at Venus de Milo.

June 23 - Brunch and initia-

tion.

If you are a member of Touro Fraternal, do not miss these great events. If you are not a member, look at what you missed. If you want to be a member or would like to find out more about Touro just call 785-0066 or write us at P.O. Box 3562, Cranston, R.I. 02910.

International House Of R.I. Announces Its Schedule For ESL Classes

Evening English as a Second Language classes are offered three semesters per year at the beginning, intermediate, and advanced levels on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and registration for the spring session (April 1 through June 27) will be held March 27 and 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Students must register in advance and a class fee of \$45 for the semester is required at that time. The emphasis of the classes is on conversational skills and class placement will

be made at the time of registration.

Daytime English language classes are ongoing and students are accepted into the program as long as openings are available. Classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursday mornings. Beginning and advanced beginning classes are held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; intermediate classes are from 10 to 11:30 a.m.; and advanced classes are held from 9:30 to 11 a.m. The class fee for these programs is \$30 for two

months and is required in advance. Class placement will be made at the first session. The use of the language lab is included in the fee. An intermediate reading and writing class is also available on Tuesday mornings from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and the fee for this program is \$20 for two months.

Anyone interested in attending any of the above classes or who want further information about our programs should contact International House at 421-7181.

Southeastern New England Home Show

The Southeastern New England Home Show has been an annual event in Rhode Island for the past forty-one years.

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Show hours are Saturday, April 6, 10 a.m.-10:30 p.m.;

Sunday, April 7, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Monday-Friday, April 8-12, 4-10 p.m.; Saturday, April 13, 10 a.m.-10:30 p.m.; and Sunday, April 14, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

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BERNARD B. ABEDON
 PROVIDENCE — Bernard B. Abedon, 85, of 395 Angell St., a practicing lawyer in Providence since 1929, died Monday, March 18, 1991, at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Anne (Seidman) Abedon.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Harry and Jennie (Volpe) Abedon.

Mr. Abedon attended Boston University, College of Business Administration. He was a 1928 graduate of Boston University Law School. He was admitted to the Rhode Island Bar the same year, and became a member of the federal court in 1929. He was a member of the Rhode Island Bar Association, and had served as chairman of its executive board. He was a member of the United States Jurisdiction Society.

He became a Mason at Redwood Lodge in 1928, and was raised to the sublime degree of master mason in 1929. He was

appointed junior steward six years later and advanced through the stations, and was elected and installed as worshipful master in 1941.

In 1954 he became grand master of the state of R.I. and Providence Plantations.

Mr. Abedon was a member of the Providence Royal Arch Chapter, the Rhode Island Consistory, the Palestine Shrine, and was an honorary member of the United Lodge, Brookline, Mass. He served as grand lecturer of the Grand Lodge, president of the Freemason Hall Company, and was chairman of the Masonic Education Forum. He received the 33rd degree at Buffalo, N.Y., in 1959.

He was a member of Temple Beth-El, was vice president of its Men's Club, a member of the board of directors of the Jewish Home for the Aged of Rhode Island and Touro Fraternal.

Former Gov. John O. Pastore

appointed him to the United Nations Committee. He was a former chief crier of the Town Criers of Rhode Island. He was a member of the board of governors of the Big Brothers of Rhode Island, and a member of the board of directors of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Rhode Island. He was a past president of the Ledgemont Country Club.

Besides his wife he leaves two sons, Herbert J. Abedon of East Providence, a lawyer, and Probate Court Judge Richard L. Abedon of Tiverton; a sister, Ruth Grossman of Providence; five grandsons and a granddaughter. He was brother of the late Bertha M. Helford.

The funeral service was held Wednesday, March 20, at Temple Beth-El, Orchard Avenue and was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

MAURICE GENTER

CRANSTON — Maurice Genter, 89, of 22 Oaklawn Ave., owner of the former Genter's Pharmacy, Broad Street, Providence, which he operated for more than 35 years, died Sunday, March 17, 1991, at home. He was the husband of the late Natalie (Brier) Genter.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Peter and Matilda Genter, he lived in Cranston for 45 years. He previously lived in Brockton, Mass.

Mr. Genter was previously manager of Liggett's Drugstore, Brockton. He was a past president of the Ace Investment Corporation and the Rhode Island Pharmaceutical Association. He was a member of Temple Beth-El, Redwood Lodge F & AM, and the Palestine Shrine.

He leaves a daughter, Sandra Genter of New York; a son, Alan D. Genter of Glendale, Calif.; a sister, Rose Pritsker of Hallandale; a brother, Harry Genter of Pawtucket and Hallandale; and three grandchildren. He was also a great-grandfather.

The funeral service was held Thursday, March 21, at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

DR. EVANS H. NELSON

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Dr. Evans H. Nelson, 76, of 1900 Consulate Place, a dentist at 228 Main St., Pawtucket, for over 50 years before retiring in 1986, died Friday, March 15, 1991, at Good Samaritan Hospital. He was the husband of Sylvia (Arnovitz) Nelson and the late Shirley (Cooper) Nelson.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Abraham and Kate (Hessel) Katznelson, he had lived in Providence all his life before moving to West Palm Beach in 1986.

Dr. Nelson attended New York University and Providence College and was a 1938 graduate of Tufts Dental School. He was an Air Force Medical Corps veteran of the Korean War.

He was a past president of the Pawtucket Dental Society, a member of the Rhode Island Dental Society, the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, the Jewish Home for the Aged, and the President Country Club and Temple Israel, both in West Palm Beach. He had been a member of Ledgemont Country Club, Seekonk, Mass., and Temple Beth-El, Providence.

Besides his wife he leaves a daughter, Valerie Solomon of Albany, N.Y.; a son, Robert Nelson of Providence; two stepdaughters, Marilyn Tapson of San Francisco and Barbara Spivack of Washington, D.C.; two sisters, Helen Gerber of Providence and Evelyn Chester of West Palm Beach; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 18, at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

IDA SIPPER

PROVIDENCE — Ida Sipper, 90, of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., died Wednesday, March 20, 1991, at the home. She was the widow of David Sipper.

Born in Boston, a daughter of the late Isadore and Rosa Cohen, she lived in Providence for more than 50 years.

She leaves nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was held Thursday, March 21, at the

Jewish Home for the Aged. Burial was in Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon, Mass. Arrangements by the Sugarman-Smith Memorial Chapel, 425 Hope St., Providence.

NORMAN TORMAN

POTOMAC, Md. — Norman Torman, 70, of 9112 Falls Chapel Way, a government accounts manager for the Siemens Corp., Maryland, for 20 years, died Friday, March 15, 1991, at the Shady Grove Adventist Hospital, Rockville. He was the husband of Elaine O. (Israel) Torman.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Sam and Gussie (Gurnick) Torman, he moved to Maryland in 1966. He had also lived in Cranston.

Mr. Torman was an Army, veteran of World War II. He was previously associated with the former Kelet-Ket Co., Providence. He was a former member of Temple Sinai, Cranston. In his youth, he was a member of Boy Scout Troop 44, Providence.

Besides his wife he leaves a son, Dr. Howard A. Torman of San Mateo, Calif.; a daughter, Marjorie A. Torman of Silver Spring; a brother, David Torman of Cranston, and a sister, Dorothy Renaldo of Greenville, Miss.

The funeral service was held Tuesday, March 19, at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

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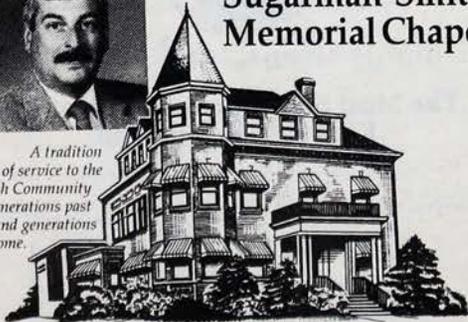
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Message

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the true and complete Geulo through Moshiah Tzidkeinu.

In light of the aforementioned events and miracles, one should become even more strongly aware that this is the time of urgent preparedness for the fulfillment of the prophecy "and the kingdom shall be HaShem's," when all nations will recognize that "this mansion (the world) has a Master" — a recognition that will lead "all of them to call upon the Name of HaShem, to worship Him with one consent."

Especially that, as mentioned, we are now approaching the month of Nissan (from the Hebrew word *nes*, a miracle). Moreover, as our Sages point out, the name of the month (by its two letters *nun*, making it also readable forward and backward) indicates a "multiple of miracles" and "miracles within miracles." Thus it is certain that HaShem will show even greater miracles than heretofore.

And particularly when Jews also increase their own efforts to elevate their daily Jewish conduct to the level of the supra-natural, with everyone, man and woman, elevated above their natural tendencies

and habits, in the area of Torah study and doing Mitzvos with *Hiddur* (excellence) in a manner of "multiple miracles," striving ever higher and still higher.

Apropos of the above, we have an instruction right in the beginning of this week's Sedra (from the word *seder*, order): "If any person of you bring an offering to HaShem," as interpreted and taught by the Alter Rebbe: "If you bring an offering to HaShem," let the offering be of you, of yourself, by breaking out of one's habits and constraints, in order to dedicate oneself totally to HaShem.

Thus, the "supra-natural" behavior of every Jew in a manner of "revealed wonders" — open and manifest to all around, will hasten the fulfillment of the prophecy: "As in the days of your liberation from Mitzraim will I show you wonders, and HaShem will now fulfill His promise: 'I have found David My servant, with My holy oil have I anointed him,'" followed immediately forthwith by the true and complete Geulo through Moshiah Tzidkeinu.

Menachem Schneerson

Judaism 2001

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fering. Reform Judaism instead seeks to participate vigorously in daily life, in the larger society, in the human drama. Coupled with the numerical and spiritual growth that I predict for our movement in the coming decade, this philosophical orientation will bestow upon us a significant leadership role within *k'lal Yisrael*.

Jewish law teaches that when a house is dedicated as a synagogue, words of dedication suffice, and all of the rules regarding synagogues immediately apply. "However," says the *Shulchan Aruch*, the new synagogue "is not considered holy until people have prayed in it." Together, therefore, let us invest the House of Reform Judaism with holiness, through our labor, our study, our prayers, our mitzvot.

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READ THE HERALD!

Palestinian

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The killings are also attributed to pent-up rage after living for seven weeks during the Gulf war under tight curfews imposed by the Israeli authorities throughout the administered territories.

But authorities are concentrating at the moment less on the causes of the murderous outbursts than on finding ways to protect an increasingly fearful citizenry.

Police Inspector General Ya'acov Ternar said there is not much the police could do, since it is impossible to assign a police officer to every citizen. He urged the public to exercise greater caution. He promised that security forces would do a better job of screening Arab residents of the territories who enter Israel to work each day.

But Ternar conceded that a number of potential killers slip through the net.

Police Minister Ronni Milo summoned Ternar and other senior officers for a discussion last Thursday about how to reduce the number of attacks. One idea was to impose further

limits on the number of Arabs allowed into Israel proper from the territories. That would require the cooperation of the Israel Defense Force, which is sovereign in the territories.

Police stationed at the many checkpoints have been ordered to conduct body searches of all Arab workers entering Israel and carefully inspect their belongings. Such searches have been sources of friction between the Palestinians and Israeli security forces. But no more effective way of deterring potential assailants has been found.

Meanwhile, B'tselem, the Israeli Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories, called last Thurs-

day for an "independent commission of inquiry" to investigate the interrogation and "torture" methods Palestinian prisoners are allegedly subjected to in the territories.

The investigation was urged after B'tselem published its findings, based on interviews with 41 former inmates. The inmates said they endured humiliation, threats, and deliberate deprivation of sleep and that they were systematically beaten and had hoods placed over their heads.

Military sources promptly countered that the report is based on the testimony of individuals suspected of security violations and therefore is suspect.

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BUSINESS PROFILES

The Furniture Doctor and His Magic Touch!

by Sarah Baird
Herald Associate Editor

The hands of a doctor are his most important tools. Without skilled, sensitive hands, a doctor cannot discover problem spots or perform his intricate surgeries. *The Furniture Doctor*, a native of Rhode Island and an East Side resident, is well known for his diagnostic and healing expertise.

No other doctor in the entire state is as well trained in the fine arts of furniture repair, re-finishing, and reupholstering as Mr. William Golditch, a.k.a. The Furniture Doctor. And there is no other doctor as willing as Mr. Golditch to administer to any patient, no matter how little. "I do all the work myself. No job is too small. I'd rather have the small job than the big sofa," says Golditch, his strong hands dissecting a chair, as we talk.

The Furniture Doctor and his

two-toned van are a fixture throughout the state. No matter where you live, The Furniture Doctor will come to your house, ready to repair or touch-up your ailing furniture.

A doctor who makes house calls? Impossible? Not at all! Although house calls may be a thing of the past for most doctors, The Furniture Doctor recognizes their eternal value. For a nominal service charge, he will travel to the ends of the earth for your furniture.

"I'm not interested in the money," says Golditch. "I give free estimates. Once I give a price, I stick to it. I take my time and I do it right, using only the best materials like horsehair, down, and the best cotton available."

Many people have pieces of furniture that are a little loose, a bit unbalanced, somewhat scratched or stained. The burden of moving a piece of furniture and bringing it in to a shop for repairs is often too much for

a customer to tackle.

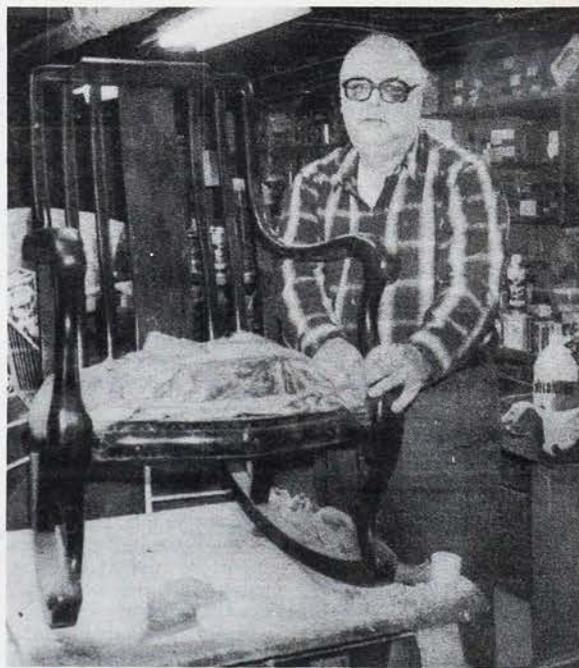
Therefore, the loose part stays loose and often makes the table, chair, shelf unusable. The unbalanced part wears on other parts, the piece slowly becomes more unsteady. The scratch or stain remains, marring the otherwise flawless furniture. No matter how long the problem is ignored, it will not go away!

The Furniture Doctor takes the burden of transporting the piece to a repair shop out of the customers' hands. Often, he will use his remarkably able hands to repair the furniture in the customer's home. If need be, he will carefully transport the "patient" to his workshop in his East Side home.

"I just picked up four chairs down in Narragansett last week. I travel all over. The touch-up work I do on the site. The major pieces I take away. I take them completely apart and then reglue them. That's the secret. I have a whole shop downstairs. It's like a small factory."

Indeed, the walls of his cavernous basement are lined with tools and materials for his successful business. As The Furniture Doctor describes his extensive and impressive experience, his deft hands effortlessly strip a chair to its skeletal frame.

Unlike many other people in the trade, Mr. Golditch not only repairs wooden furniture but also does all the upholstering himself. For instance, he upholstered the stunning chairs on



The Furniture Doctor, Mr. William Golditch.

the bimah in the sanctuary at Temple Emanu-El.

More than thirty-five years ago, Mr. Golditch began to learn his trade. "I learned from an old-timer, John S. McDermott. He taught me to make everything the old-fashioned way with hand stitches, the way the antiques were made originally."

For years Mr. Golditch worked as a furniture service and repair technician for no-

table companies like Jordan Marsh and The Outlet Company. Over the course of the last five years, Mr. Golditch has become known to everyone in the business as The Furniture Doctor. He is a remarkable doctor with many talents and powerful, healing hands.

The Furniture Doctor is on-call now and always will be happy to make a house call to diagnose your patients. He can be reached at 421-2256.

Woonsocket

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Chernikoff of Congregation B'nai Israel and past Chairman of WSCAP, Paul Dempster, first Director of "because HE lives" ministries soup kitchen of Woonsocket and George R. Marchacos, Director of the Department of Human Services of Woonsocket.

In 1987, Woonsocket started a shelter program. In December of 1988, the program was designated a state-funded CAP agency. The Lucien P. Benoit House opened in April 1989 at 176 Sayles Street. This shelter was put to good use, as it gave the homeless a place and an opportunity to restore their dignity. Residents kept busy and learned new skills, helping with renovations at the shelter, which houses about 30 residents.

When the second federally funded 30-resident capacity shelter (which has not been named yet) opened adjacent to the Lucien Benoit House on Thursday, January 24, it was filled a week later and has remained full ever since.

But, according to Parradee, of Blackstone, there are about 1,000 homeless families in Woonsocket.

WSCAP's goal is to assist people who are in a crisis; to solve their immediate crisis and to help the needy become self-sufficient. Parradee coordinates

services, grants, and the two shelters within a \$325,000 annual budget.

"When people come through those doors we immediately find them a bed and something to eat for tomorrow, but then we start working on the things that brought them to the shelter," explains Parradee.

The community action program has a broader mission than offering shelter and food. Their service to the homeless extends into funding food vouchers for local food covenants; supplying emergency housing assistance with either two weeks rent or mort-

gage up to \$600; offering advocacy support with the local conviction court; or just looking for other resources they might not know about that might be available. For example, a person's term life insurance can be tapped until he is on his feet again.

According to Parradee, due to the economic problems of Rhode Island, "We know resources will be lessened from the government. [WSCAP] would like to turn to the general public and business sectors for funds, so [WSCAP] can be less dependent on state and federal fundings."

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