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One, Two Three, Infinity... Temple Shalom's Penny Project



(Clockwise from left) Michael Hackett, Rabbi Marc Jagolinzer, Sarah Jagolinzer, Bethany Fisher, Charles Jagolinzer, Jason Lilien and Justin Buffman with their enormous penny collection.

by Sarah Baird
Herald Associate Editor

Yom Hashoah is a powerful, important day for all Jews. The Samuel Zilman Bazarsky Religious School of Temple Shalom in Middletown, under the direction of Rabbi Jagolinzer, has undertaken a special project to help educate the students and greater community about the significance of this day of remembrance.

The impetus for the development of this creative project came one year ago after a young child asked Rabbi Jagolinzer an unanswerable question.

"How much is six million?" Rabbi Jagolinzer admits to

having had no idea how to answer that question.

"I thought and devised a project, the Penny Project. We decided to collect pennies to show the children the magnitude of such a number. People have a lot of pennies and are willing to donate them. Not just Jews but non-Jews also gave pennies to the project. The kids have been very diligent, because this is their pet project."

Each life lost during the Holocaust is represented by a penny. After all of the pennies are counted, the children will cover the vast floor of the social hall with row upon row of pennies. The effect will be

tragically stunning for the children and adults alike.

The older children of Temple Shalom's Hebrew School are responsible for the counting of the thousands of pennies. Stored in a great water jug, the pennies have been slowly multiplying over the course of the past year. Charles, Michael, Justin, Jason, Bethany, and Sarah make up the Penny-Counting-Brigade. With enthusiasm and dedication they will attempt to total the mammoth collection of change.

"We're commemorating how six million Jews died," explains Charles. "It's sad to see how many pennies we have, because they are really like people," continues Bethany. "And it shows how many neighbors we could have had," Jason concludes.

The children are very much aware of the significance of their project. They also plan to donate the collected money to a charity.

Sarah draws attention to the mission of their project. "It's important for the little kids to see how many pennies we have." "If everybody knows, we can keep it from happening again," Michael explains.

The profound tragedy of the Holocaust must be acknowledged by all people, according to Rabbi Jagolinzer, because it could happen to any nationality. "It is important that we who experienced the Holocaust as a people tell and teach the world about it."

The Penny Project at Temple Shalom in Middletown has helped to enlighten the entire community about the tragedies of the Holocaust. On the eve of Yom Hashoah, Temple Shalom will have its annual interfaith service of remembrance. The children and adults will join together to mark this terrible period of world history.



Students at the Samuel Zilman Bazarsky Religious School of Temple Shalom counting pennies.

Demand For Tough Security Measures Tempered by U.S. Push For 'Gestures'

by David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Israeli government is facing seemingly irreconcilable pressures as it attempts to deal with the rapidly deteriorating security situation in the administered territories and Israel proper.

While its own increasingly vocal right wing is demanding tough new measures against Palestinian troublemakers, the Bush administration in Washington is urging Israel ever more forcefully to extend "con-

fidence-building" gestures to the Palestinians to advance the peace process.

The policy-making Inner Cabinet met last week to discuss possible new measures, but it reached no decisions.

Defense Minister Moshe Arens and Police Minister Ronnie Milo were instructed to draft a joint set of proposals to deal with the latest spate of Arab violence against Jews, to be submitted to the Inner Cabinet for consideration at its next session.

The ministers met under the

additional strain of Jewish settler rage at the ambush murder of a 30-year-old settler, Yair Mendelsohn, whose car was riddled with bullets recently near Ramallah, in the West Bank.

That outrage followed a wave of knife attacks by Arabs on Jews in Israel proper, which has resulted in five fatalities this month alone.

The spate of violence has prompted demands for tough new security measures from right-wing Cabinet ministers. At a recent meeting, Yuval Ne'eman of Tehiya and

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Interreligious Coalitions Create Paradoxes

by Debra Nussbaum Cohen

NEW YORK (JTA) — When Stephanie Gurwitz became director of the Rhode Island Jewish Federation's Community Relations Council five years ago, she never imagined she would be working to defend the rights of Hmong refugees from Southeast Asia.

But when the Rhode Island state coroner performed an autopsy on a dead Hmong man against his family's wishes in 1987, the CRC joined the Hmong community, the American Jewish Congress and the American Civil Liberties Union in supporting a suit against the state asserting a violation of the family's civil rights.

The CRC's interest was twofold: It was generally concerned about the violation of an ethnic minority's civil rights, and it was specifically concerned because traditional Jewish observance prohibits autopsy in most circumstances.

The Providence coalition won the court case. But the victory was shortlived.

After the Supreme Court ruled last June that states need not prove a compelling state interest before infringing on certain religious liberties, the federal district court judge who heard the Providence group's case took the unusual step of reversing his earlier ruling.

Tackling the problem another way, Gurwitz, together with Hmong, black and Jewish groups, as well as the ACLU, successfully lobbied last year for a state law prohibiting autopsy against a family's

wishes except under certain circumstances.

And the Providence CRC, with local black, Christian, Moslem and Hmong groups, is presently working on a state religious restoration act that would effectively reverse last June's Supreme Court ruling.

Providence is one of many illustrations that Jewish community relations professionals and religious leaders across the country are living out Shakespeare's truism "Misery acquaints a man with strange bedfellows," as they forge relationships with ethnic and religious groups that would have been unlikely, even impossible, a short time ago.

While coalition-building has always been a strategy used by American-Jewish organizations, new groups, most notably Asians and Hispanics, as well as Moslems in some areas, are emerging as important partners.

The Asian population in this country has doubled in the past decade, and the Hispanic population has increased by more than half, according to preliminary figures from the 1990 Census.

Joint action on such local issues as municipal budget cuts and intergroup tensions presents a stronger, united front to protect minority interests and is "becoming a necessity rather than stylish," said David Nussbaum, executive director of the Flint (Mich.) Jewish Federation and executive vice president of its social service agency, Jewish

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Haggadah For The "Patriots"



Hundreds of Haggadot were presented this week to soldiers of the American Patriot batteries serving in the Haifa area. The servicemen are participating in a Pesach Seder here, most for the first time.

The special Haggadot are a gift of the American-Israel Bank, a subsidiary of Bank Hapoalim, Israel's largest financial group.

Haifa bank branch manager Shaul Tzur (center) pointed out that the message of the Jewish festival of freedom is one shared by Americans and Israelis alike.

Seen from left to right are: Specialist Carl Hardy of Los Angeles; Specialist Charles Pickman of Atchison, Kansas; Mr. Tzur; PFC Susan Fajeson of Abilene, Texas, and PFC Ricky Colson of Houston.

Inside the Ocean State

Events At The JCCRI: Week Of April 5-11

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, located at 401 Elmgrove Avenue in Providence, will be holding activities 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.

Swim-a-thon Update...

The JCCRI wishes to thank all who supported and participated in Swim-A-Thon '91, making this event fun and successful.

Young Judea Meetings

Students in grades 4-7 are invited to join the fun during the next Young Judea meeting, Sunday, April 7, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Call Evy Rappoport for details.

Club 456 Plans A Hayride

Club 456 will be going on a spring hayride at the Scituate Carriage Works on Sunday, April 14. A bus will leave the Center at 2 p.m. and return at 5:30 p.m., after an afternoon of fun, refreshments and a one-hour, horse-drawn hayride. The fee, including transportation, is \$5 for Club 456 members and \$10 for all others. Students in grades 4-6 are welcome and asked to reserve a space by April 10. In case of inclement weather, Club 456 will meet for a video and pizza at the Center at 2 p.m. Call Evy Rappoport to make a reservation or for further information.

Brown Bag Club/ Yiddish Vinkel

On "Movie Day," April 9, the Brown Bag Club will screen the original black and white version of "The Jazz Singer." Sam Primack will lead the discussion that follows. The film begins at noon. Adults are invited to bring a brown bag lunch. The \$1 donation includes dessert and beverage. Yiddish Vinkel will meet at 2 p.m. directly following the Brown Bag Club. For more information, call Evy Rappoport.

Junior Outdoor Club to See Red Sox Play

The Junior Outdoor Club, for students in grades 6-8, is planning a trip to Fenway Park on April 17 to watch the Red Sox play the Kansas City Royals. The fee (\$8 for Club members, \$13 for all others) includes deluxe round trip transportation and ticket. Students are asked to meet at the Center by 10:45; the bus departs at 11 a.m. and returns at about 5:30 p.m. Tickets are limited, so those who are interested should respond by April 10 to Evy Rappoport. In the event that the game is "rained out," the Center will "do" pizza and a video. The Outdoor Clubs are sponsored by the Robbie Frank Fund.

Saul Abrams Memorial Essay Contest Invites Entries

"Desert Storm" is background for this year's Saul Abrams Memorial Essay Contest, as students in grades 4-6

are invited to submit essays about, "An individual or a family with relatives in Israel or serving/having served in the Armed Forces in Saudi Arabia." Entries must be at least one typewritten or two handwritten pages and many include photographs or drawings. Each entry must include the child's name, age, grade, school, address, telephone number and parent's signature. All essays must be submitted by Friday, May 3, to Ruby Shalansky, Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence, R.I. 02906-3451. The Committee will judge the essays in May and winners will receive awards at the KidSpace/PTC Dinner. Call Ruby Shalansky for further information.

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. Exercise is scheduled on weekdays at 11:15. A Women's Group meets every Tuesday morning from 11 to 11:45. 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 5-11 includes:

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

Wednesday, April 10 - Yom

Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day. Services at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El, followed by candle-lit walk to the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Call Sandy Bass for details.

Events At Brown

Folklorist Film Festival

The Music Department of Brown University will present the Annual Spring Colloquium of Folklorists in New England, Inc., from 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 6, in Room 315 of the Orwig Music Building, corner of Hope Street and Young Orchard Avenue. A series of five films and videotapes made by folklorists living and working in the New England area will be shown, and the filmmakers will be present to discuss their films. Admission is free and the public is welcome.

Ethics: "The Nazi Doctors and the Nuremberg Code"

Dr. Michael Grodin, director of medical ethics at Boston University's Schools of Medicine and Public Health, will give the annual Holocaust Commemorative Lecture, "The Nazi Doctors and the Nuremberg Code: Human Rights in Human Experimentation," at 8 p.m. on Monday, April 8, in Room 102 of Wilson Hall on the College Green. The lecture is sponsored by the Brown-RISD Hillel and the Chaplains of Brown University. Grodin's talk will be accompanied by rare footage from the Nuremberg Medical Trials. This is the fourth of five lectures in the series "Ends and Means: Ethics in Research," sponsored by Brown-RISD Hillel. The lecture is free and open to the public

and is made possible by a grant from the Jacob Burns Endowment on Ethics of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations.

Panel Discussion: "Out of Order? Women in American Religion"

"Out of Order? Women in American Religion," a panel discussion, will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, in Lower Manning on the College Green. The program will explore the present status of women in Christianity and Judaism. The panelists will include Rabbi Sharon Cohen, assistant director of the Tufts University Hillel; Rev. Beverly Edwards, pastor of United Congregational Church in Little Compton; Rev. Linda Kirkland-Harris, associate minister at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Boston; and Elizabeth Morancy, former Sister of Mercy and state representative in Rhode Island. Elizabeth Nordbeck, dean of Andover Newton Theological School in Massachusetts, and an American church historian, will be the respondent. The program is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by the Chaplains' Office, the Sarah Doyle Women's Center, the Pembroke Center for Teaching and Research on Women, the American Civilization Department, and the Charles K. Colver Lectureships Fund.

Exhibition Of Israeli Artists At Striar Jewish Community Center

"Expressions '91," an exhibition and sale of Israeli artists and artisans, is set to open at the Perkins Gallery at the Striar Jewish Community Center on the Fireman Campus, 445 Central Street, Stoughton, MA 02072, on Sunday, April 7, 2-4 p.m. The exhibit will run through the 14th of April.

The exhibit features over 80 contemporary Israeli artists and artisans and is designed to highlight the vitality and diversity of Israeli art. Some of the featured artists include Baruch Sketsian, whose famous sculpture "Korchah With His Children" can be seen at Yad Vashem, Israel's monument to victims of the Holocaust and Calman Stemi whose "soft paintings," made of thousands

of pieces of felt and wool, are unique in the art world.

Also highlighted will be Bracha Lavee who makes beautiful tapestries of felt and Yael Gillis who does three dimensional weaving with sculptural fiber techniques. There will be tapestries, sculpture and prints by other artists as well as jewelry, ceramics, mosaics and stoneware available.

The Gallery will be open Sunday, April 7 - Sunday, April 14. Hours are Sunday through Thursday, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. and Friday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Admission to the exhibit is FREE and there will be a 10% discount on all purchases made at the opening preview on Sunday, April 7.

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On The Side Of The Beasts

By Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Editor

This is a story about a couple of local Jewish artists whose work deals with the hope for a higher regard for animal rights.

Mike Johnson graduated from RISD last year with a degree in animation. His wife Dyan finishes up this spring in apparel design. They are a tall, dark, attractive Jewish couple, drawn and designed for each other.

One of the values they share is a deep feeling for animals, for nature. Mike likes reptiles. His prizewinning senior film thesis featured a lizard, sketched from his own pet. He also longs for the space to own a dog. He would like to do a cartoon about a ghost hound.

Dyan is a catlover. She opposed the use of fur in the fashion industry — even though

she comes from a long line of furriers. She is a Haspel. She tells me that ironically, her grandfather has just named a shearing line the Dyan Group. She wrote her final paper in my journalism class on the politics of animal rights. I liked the way she handled her topic. She did not judge harshly. She used restraint, respect, even some humor — rare qualities on campus these days. But she came out strongly on the side of the beasts.

Right now Mike is working on a new film. About a Russian witch whose house stands and moves on chicken legs. It follows the hag around the woods like a strange pet. He works from a model that has taken over their flat just off Wick-

enden Street. Next thing, the whole tenement will rise on paws or claws and take off down to the river.

I have always asked the rabbis of Rhode Island, the Ocean State, what is the Jewish view of rivers and dogs and cats and salamanders. I asked Rabbi Israel M. Goldman if I could feel sorry for that ram that stood in for Isaac. Rabbi Franklin and I write to each other on the subject. He penned a mild P.S. that the concern doesn't seem awfully Jewish somehow. Rabbi Liben faced the issue at my daughter's bat mitzvah. He pointed out that when the Bible was created, technology had less power of destruction. Rabbi Bohnen sent me messages in his time at Emanu-El. But he dealt with who owns what property, deeds and land rights, not so much animal feelings. Rabbi Braude walked along the rock wall in front of his house and took me seriously. Whether I deserved it or not.

Rabbis are beginning these days to write and talk about the earth itself in terms of regard and responsibility, though often only as an exten-

Johnson Wins Animation Award!



Mike Johnson won the New England Film and Video Festival Judges' Award of Merit for Animation.

sion of human values. There is a warning against waste in Jewish tradition. They fit the crisis of the planet into these concepts.

Pesach marks the moment in the year for these worries to come out into the breeze and the light. The Seder ends with

the poem about the fate of a little kid, whose death is redeemed by G-d Himself.

Mike and Dyan and I go out for lunch every couple of weeks. We always discuss our hopes for a Jewish moral order that rests upon a gentle creed toward every *nechama*.

Shielding Our Loved Ones

by Eleanor Roth
Special To The Herald

Confused by the strange conversation she heard as she entered the hallway, Nancy moved back against the wall, beyond her grandmother's line of vision.

"I'll miss the synagogue service," her grandmother said, speaking to her friend, Mrs. Goldstein. "But getting there would be difficult with my wheelchair, and I don't want Nancy to ask where I'm going." She paused, her voice troubled as she added, "You must think that I'm overly protective; after all, Nancy is 15! But can you blame me for shielding her from such tragedy?"

"Of course not," the other woman's tone held understanding.

"Still, the prayers are such a comfort," her grandmother went on. "They make me feel as though I were bringing flowers to my daughter-in-law's grave, wherever it may be. And your music helps, too. . . What a wonderful choir you have!"

"Just remember that your choir and two other churches help to make it that way," Mrs. Goldstein answered.

Their voices became muted and Nancy felt troubled as she left the hallway. She remembered that last year, — at this same time in the spring, she had become aware of guarded words, cautious glances, and silencing gestures. She felt certain now that her family was withholding knowledge from her, and she felt pushed away, distanced from some dreadful problem.

She pondered the matter for days until she remembered Mrs. Goldstein saying that their own church choir participated in this special service. Surely her priest could help her!

Feeling confident that afternoon, she went to see Father James. He smiled as she

entered his office and asked, "What can I do for you, Nancy?"

"Father," she began, "My grandmother is worried about something that's involved with a service at the synagogue, but my family is protecting me from whatever it is. That's why I've come to you."

Father James held her gaze as he leaned towards her. "Nancy," he said, "the synagogue holds a memorial service for *everyone* who lost his life in concentration camps during the Second World War, and that's why so many churches in the city participate. You see, many people of different religions and political beliefs suffered at that time."

"The Germans were responsible for those concentration camps and my family is German," she answered, puzzled. "Yet Mrs. Goldstein and my

grandmother are good friends; they both left Germany after the Second World War."

"The Germans are a nationality, but the Nazis were a political group," Father James replied pointedly. "The Nazis were responsible for the concentration camps. Several Jewish survivors of the Holocaust have told me that they owed their lives to the courageous Christians — Germans among them — who saved them. And I'll tell you this: when I went to Jerusalem I visited the museum that's been dedicated to the victims of the Holocaust. There's a wide, tree-lined avenue in front called The Avenue of the Righteous Christians. Each tree has been dedicated to a Christian who saved the life of a Jew."

"Thank you, Father James," Nancy said, rising from her chair. "You've really helped me."

"Just remember this," he

said as she started to leave. "If suffering doesn't bring wisdom, then truly, it was borne in vain."

The following day Nancy approached her grandmother. "We've been studying the Second World War in school this month," she began matter-of-factly. "We're learning about the Holocaust."

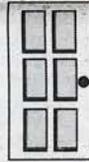
A gate seemed to snap shut across her grandmother's eyes. "Your teacher shouldn't

expose youngsters to such things!"

"But we have to understand history if we hope to prevent them from happening again," she reasoned.

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Editorial

Horizons Beyond

by Sarah Baird
Herald Associate Editor

As Yom Hashoah approaches, it is important for all of us to find some time to address the terrors of years past. In the aftermath of our joyous celebration of the Festival of Passover, let us remember to pause to pay tribute to the millions of Jews and others, who perished during the Holocaust.

As a young American Jew with no direct personal ties to the Jews who suffered across a vast ocean and years before my birth, I adopt the communal history of all Jews. I must, however, not merely memorize the facts but also learn to personalize the history in a meaningful way.

Keeping the history alive and learning from others must go beyond empathy. Certainly, empathy is an important starting point, but to guard against such horrors happening again, I must push past purely reflexive responses. I believe that as a young adult virtually untouched by the distant wars, I must find a way to incorporate the past into my understanding of the present and expectations for the future.

Four years ago, I spent some time as a student in the Soviet



Union. There I visited numerous memorials to those lost in the "Great Patriotic War." Only on rare occasion was I reminded about the Jews. To many Soviets, World War II was a national Soviet triumph. Jews, when mentioned, were an afterthought.

At Babi Yar, the immense grave for thousands of inno-

cent, the paths are lined with rose sand — the color of blood. Like the dreadful descriptions in *Babi Yar* by A. Anatoli (Kuznetsov), the ground slips underfoot, a memory of a moving mass grave, the ground

alive with dying people.

The expanse of sunken earth is a powerful memorial to the Soviets who died here. They died in the struggle against the Germans, a border war, not one of raging, blind anti-Semitism and repulsive bigotry. Certainly, countless Poles, Russians and Jews perished at the hands of the German murderers. But their names and nationalities are not remembered. The "final solution" is never mentioned.

The officials pass out "znachki," buttons with their slogan: "No one forgets. No one is forgotten."

If only that saying were true. Today, many people forget and more and more are forgotten every day. Places like the Rhode Island Holocaust Museum, Babi Yar and our local synagogues are places where we can renew our commitments to Judaism and to learning about our rich, albeit tragic, histories. They must be, however, places not just of memorials but also of testaments to the living and the future.

In order to make that which is past relevant to the present and our futures, we younger Jews must recognize and accept the past. We must be constantly

reminded of the Holocaust so that we can never forget it. When the stories become more rare, we are able to think of them as nothing more than stories.

Stories fade to fiction, fiction to forgotten tales. The threat of the terrible shadow of the Holocaust in time reduced to someone else's memory is very real. As time passes, Gentiles and Jews alike forget the horrors, wondering whether it all really could have happened. How long will it be until our children or theirs begin to question whether the victims were really as innocent as we know they were and are?

Years ago Babi Yar was a playground for all the local children. Suddenly, it became a swelling graveyard for the living. Today, it is a memorial to the nameless victims. In how many years will its purpose again change?

Let us remember and never forget so that nowhere will another playground become a killing field. And we must honor and visit these sacred spots so that, G-d forbid, a memorial never becomes a playground for generations unaware of the past.

Letters to the EDITOR



Dear Editors:

As a longtime faithful reader of, and sometimes writer to your great publication, I want to express my pleasant surprise that neither in last week's nor this edition was there any un-

favorable comment on the letter published written by a group of gay and lesbian Jewish clergymen.

I am a Jew, (and a heterosexual if I may state) and would have been offended if there were any criticisms expressed by your readers.

To those who are and who kept nevertheless silent, let me say that in late nineteenth cen-

tury, Vienna (no I don't remember, I am not that old), there was a Jewish deputy in the Austrian parliament, who when another delegate mentioned something about criminal involvements of Jews, replied, "Sir, we have an equal right of having wrong-doers in our midst."

Hans L. Heimann

True Freedom Not Just Civil Liberties

There's been a lot of talk lately about people's rights; living, doing and saying whatever one wants. Sleeping on the street and burning money doesn't mean you belong in an institution; it's your right.

But what is freedom? When you associate with whomever you want, sleep wherever you wish, say anything under the sun, are you truly free? Does following only society's most fundamental laws make one liberated?

The Jewish people were enslaved in Egypt for hundreds of years, their bondage being both physical and spiritual. After many miraculous events, they were delivered out of slavery by the greatest prophet of our history.

But why did this prophet, Moses, tell Pharaoh they needed to be free? "Let the Jewish people go so they may serve G-d in the desert." And G-d told the Jews they would be His servants.

Does this sound like freedom? How can one be truly free when a servant, involved with the 613 commandments, all with minute details, interpretations, customs?

The answer might lie in a commentary about the tablets on which the Ten Commandments were written, the same Ten Commandments that the Jews received when liberated from Egypt. The Torah states: "... the writing was the writing of G-d, *charut* (engraved) on the Tablets." (Exo-

dus 32, 16). Say our sages, "Do not read *charut* but *cherut* (freedom), for there is no free person except one who occupies himself with the Torah." (Avot 6,2)

Freedom from all restrictions has its dangers. Our elderly are forced to lock themselves up in their apartments, children are required to be fingerprinted, we need elaborate and expensive alarm systems on our homes and "No Radio" signs on our cars.

But the Torah, which teaches love and respect for our fellow creatures, and love and awe of G-d, provides true freedom. Those who learn and keep its laws are truly liberated.

Become liberated this Passover by connecting with the Jewish people and the Torah.

Chometz And Matza Arrogance And Humility

We are strictly forbidden to eat any leavened foods on Passover. Bread is replaced by kosher for Passover matza-flat baked wafers made only of flour and water. Jews the world over are scrupulous to avoid eating even the smallest particle of chometz.

The characteristic of leavened food (chometz) is that it rises and swells, symbolizing pride and boastfulness. Matza, on the other hand, is thin and flat, suggesting meekness and humility. Passover teaches us that "chometz" — arrogance — is the antithesis of the Torah ideal.

An arrogant person will dream up all kinds of mitigating circumstances to justify his

conduct. When the opportunity arises to do a mitzvah, he finds reasons why not to fulfill it. If the mitzvah involves a degree of self-sacrifice, such as charity, he is doubly certain not to perform it.

He believes he deserves what he has, so why give away some of his own possessions to someone obviously less deserving. The arrogant person's sensitivity toward others is deadened.

The humble person, however, thinks along quite opposite lines. "Am I really so much better than this poor individual that I deserve to have what he has not?" His self-analysis is strict and it brings him to the conclusion that he must give charity to another individual.

As it is with charity, so it is

with all other mitzvos, the ecological reasoning of the haughty individual leads him to more and more unwholesome acts. But, he doesn't see these faults. The unassuming individual, however, does not attempt to justify his incorrect behavior when confronted with it.

Each year on Passover we are commanded to rid our domain of all traces of chometz. We must also see to ridding ourselves of every particle of spiritual chometz — arrogance — and enable ourselves to more clearly perceive our own faults and our fellowman's good qualities.

From "A Thought for the Week" Detroit. Adapted from the works of the Lubavitcher Rebbe. Submitted by Rabbi Y. Laufer.

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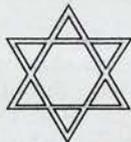
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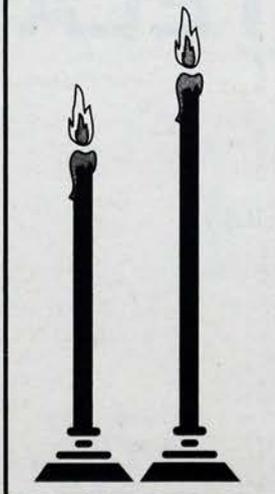
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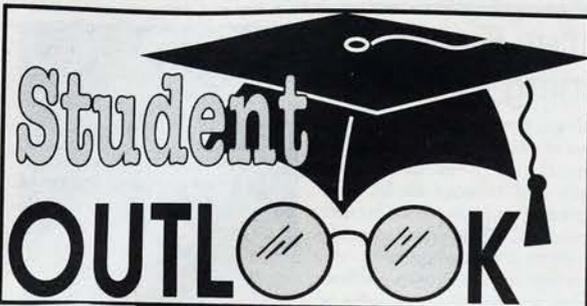
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Feldman's Foibles: The Questionable Plight Of The Ethiopian Jews

by Tj Feldman

The present government of Ethiopia is in trouble. As the possibility of its demise become greater, the fate of the Jews remaining there becomes more of a crucial question.

In last Sunday's (3/17) N.Y. Times it was reported that the Ethiopian government had suspended the emigration of Eth-

iopean Jews to Israel. It (the article) said the emigrations were stopped because of unspecified "irregularities" by Jewish aid agencies. In 1984 Jewish emigration from Ethiopia was suspended when foreign press reports disclosed what was happening. At the time, Ethiopia and Israel had no diplomatic ties.

In November 1989, diplomatic ties between the two countries were renewed, but only about 3,500 Ethiopian Jews were allowed to emigrate in 1990.

American pressure resulted in the Ethiopians agreeing to a stepped up reunification program. Since the first of the year, about 2,000 people a month have been leaving for Israel. It should also be noted that since the N.Y. Times article last Sunday, the emigration program has resumed.

I could stop this article here by saying emigration is running smoothly. But I ask "for how long?" The answer is not simple.

The March 22, N.Y. Times reported that the government seems near its end as the rebels gain in strength. According to the article, rebel forces are only 90 miles from the capital and 30 miles from Assah, the

government's only remaining port. Although President Mengistu is widely disliked by his people and accusations of human rights abuses by Western governments are a constant, he is also believed to be the only hope the Jews have to get to Israel.

The Eritrean rebels have been fighting for 31 years for the secession of Eritrea, Ethiopia's northeastern province. The group controls the majority of Eritrea. The other rebel group, the Tigrean front, which is based in the province of Tigre has been trying to overthrow the government since Col. Mengistu came to power in 1974. The group holds the provinces of Tigre, Gojjam, Gondar, and a few other areas. If either or both of these groups came to power, the Jews remaining in Ethiopia would probably face a very bleak future, and emigration would

probably stop indefinitely.

When Mengistu halted the emigrations of Jews from Addis Ababa a few weeks ago, a Western diplomat said he was convinced that the objective was to squeeze aid from Israel. However, as stated already, the emigrations have resumed.

On April 9-10, the Student Association for Ethiopian Jewry will sponsor an Ethiopian Jewry lobby in Washington, D.C. When I participated in the program last year, the issue(s) were crucial. This year, as the question of how long the current government will be able to hold on looms, this lobby is even more important. Hopefully, the current government will remain in power long enough for all the Jews to emigrate to Israel. May they all be there for next Passover, and may we think of them as we celebrate ours! Happy Passover!

Passover Story

by Ray Eichenbaum

Now that the Holiday of Passover is upon us, comparisons of troubled times for Jews are in order.

Naturally, the slavery of our forefathers in the Land of the Pharaohs and the enslavement and destruction by the Hitlerite regime comes to mind.

Both tyrants wanted to exterminate the Jewish people, because of the latter's belief in the One Almighty G-d. The Pharaoh of Egypt went about it, albeit very clumsily, because he thought of himself as being a G-d. Thus, he could not tolerate a race of "disbelievers" in his own country who seemed to prefer to worship their own Deity.

Hitler, on the other hand, used the Jew as the scapegoat for strictly political purposes. He skillfully managed to utilize the prevalent anti-Semitic tendencies of the German people to divert their attention from his fanatical, almost idiotic ideas of the Aryan race supremacy and other nonsensical visionary ideals.

Once he duped them into following his crazed racial purity laws, he had achieved his goals via the most convenient vehicle — the hatred of the Jew. But underneath all these causes, I believe was the layer of latent, virulent anti-Semitism which Hitler acquired already in his early youth.

On with the comparisons — the story of the 40 years of

wandering in the desert does not have a parallel in the occurrences in the European Holocaust, although it might have been the will of the Almighty to "waste" the generations of the Jews in both cases.

In the first instance there arose the strident voices among the Jews against G-d's will in the debacle of the Golden Calf. This can be set against the divergent voices and views of the European Jewry, who could not speak in one voice when it came to deciding to strive to regain Eretz Israel and return to Jerusalem. In both cases we had passed through horrifying, terrible purges.

Thus, we reach the evolutionary stage of our series of comparisons. In either case, the

Land of Israel, be it Canaan or Palestine was the ultimate goal of our people — the fulfillment of their dreams and aspirations after all the trials and all the vicissitudes.

Hence, the happy prognosis for our future and the future of present-day Israel. Because the generations who followed the "wandering slaves of the desert" found their Promised Land and lived, prospered and died there for many, many generations. Whole new religious customs, indeed new civilizations came from this "cradle of modern mankind," which was and still is called Jerusalem.

Yes, as in the days of the Pharaoh, we suffered, oh how we suffered, under the Nazi boots. But some of us made it to

the era of the "New" Promised Land for the Jewish people. For this, we, the survivors, are grateful and very humble.

This Passover, in spite of the interval of the Scud missiles scourge, let us be of good cheer and pray hard to the Almighty. We hope and wish that this time around, the old Promised Land — Israel — the same ultimate goal of all these generations of Jews — will live, progress and prosper forever. Amen.

Our Loved Ones

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Her grandmother's eyes misted over.

"You always become very quiet whenever I mention that time," Nancy persisted. Then, cautiously, she continued, "Was my father involved in the Resistance?"

Her grandmother turned pale. She looked stricken, forlorn, and Nancy hesitated to coax the misery that lay deep in her heart to the surface. But soon Nancy's heartbeat quickened as a spark of life returned to her grandmother's eyes; — it appeared the moment she started to speak. It was as though the very attempt to be truthful was in itself an act of defiance.

"Your father was a journalist," her eyes flashed stubbornly. "But he refused to print Nazi lies."

Her breath rattled in her throat, but she went on. "Families were living together because so many homes were destroyed during the bombings. That's why your father and his first wife lived with me."

"Daddy told me that his first wife died of tuberculosis," Nancy said softly.

The sadness in her grandmother's eyes reflected horror and pain.

"This is my family, Grandma," Nancy begged. "Don't

shut me out. Please... tell me the truth!"

She had to listen carefully because her grandmother's voice became so very weak. "We were awakened one night by pounding on the door. When we ran into the hall two stormtroopers with clubs were racing up the stairs. They grabbed your father and dragged him out of the house, even though it was winter and he was wearing only pajamas.

His wife, Helga, screamed as she tried to stop them." She turned away to avoid Nancy's gaze. "Helga was only 18 years old; — only three years older than you are."

Nancy felt a sinking feeling in her stomach as she asked, "What happened to them?"

Her grandmother sighed; a mournful sound filled with anguish. She was shivering, so Nancy went to her closet for a sweater. But even as she

draped it across her frail shoulders, her back became straighter, her weary chin lifted, her blue eyes became determined as she decided to be honest. "Your father had

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World and National News

Britain Prepares To Prosecute Nazis

by Anne Sacks
London Jewish Chronicle
 LONDON (JTA) — Scotland Yard is poised "to hit the ground running" in the investigation of suspected Nazi war criminals living in Britain as soon as royal assent is given to the new war crimes bill, which Parliament passed overwhelmingly last week.

According to Britain's famous criminal investigations agency, the final authorization is likely soon after Passover and the first suspects could be brought to trial within three years.

Commander Roy Penrose, head of Scotland Yard's international and organized crime branch, said time is of the essence because the people

involved are elderly and nature could allow them to elude justice. Therefore, a special detective squad has been set up to begin interviewing suspects as soon as the bill becomes law.

At the moment, at least three alleged war criminals are known to the police and the Home Office, which reported that evidence has been prepared against them.

The names of eight more suspects will be handed over to the authorities by the Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Center as soon as the law takes effect. All are said to have been involved in crimes against Jews in Lithuania during World War II.

Author Contributes Funds To Soviet Retraining Project

Popular author Judith Krantz, whose six novels have all been on the best-seller lists (five were made into TV mini-series), was so moved by Hadassah's program for retraining Soviet physicians, dentists and nurses who recently emigrated to Israel that she and her husband Stephen made a \$30,000 contribution to Hadassah to further this work.

In the note accompanying her generous gift, she said: "As usual, Hadassah's vision and wisdom were translated into action. I feel it is a privilege to participate in this far-seeing project, and I think it is wonderful that Hadassah is using

this gift to retrain six physicians and ten nurses to give them the opportunity to restructure their lives and become useful contributing members to Israel's economy. This will enable them to live in dignity by returning to their own professions, and fulfilling the aims of their education.

"As a life member of Hadassah for many years, it warms my heart to know that Israel can always count on Hadassah to see the necessary tasks and to be in the forefront in solving problems.

Hadassah is the largest Zionist organization in the world with 385,000 members in 1,500 chapters and groups in the United States. It supports health and educational projects in Israel, including the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center, youth resettlement programs, the Career Counseling Institute and the Hadassah College of Technology in



Judith Krantz

Jerusalem. Through the Young Judea youth movement, Hadassah seeks to ensure a strong Zionist and Jewish commitment in American youth for the future. It also mobilizes support for its medical work in Israel through Hadassah-International, a network of friends of the Medical Center in Canada, Europe and South America.

Rebuilding Israel



Max Syrkin (left), an experienced tile layer from the Soviet Union, works on rebuilding a wall in an apartment outside Tel Aviv destroyed by an Iraqi Scud missile. His assistant, Reuven Gainulof, is also a Soviet immigrant. Both are part of Aliyah Ltd., a construction company made up entirely of Soviet olim. 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 David Haas, JAFI Communications.

Board Of Jewish Education Seeks Qualified Students

College students will once again have a unique opportunity to combine Jewish commitment with summer jobs through the Jewish Leadership Camping Program, sponsored by the Board of Jewish Education of Greater New York (BJE), as part of a special grant from UJA-Federation.

With over a decade of experience in serving camps, the Jewish Leadership Camping Program (JLCP) is designed to develop and enhance programs with Jewish content by enlisting and training qualified college students as counselors. During the summer, JLCP counselors serve as Jewish role models for over five hundred youngsters in UJA-Federation summer camps and provide them with effective and creative approaches to Jewish programming, both on a small group and camp-wide level.

The JLCP program seeks Jewishly knowledgeable students who are able to work with children. Counselors will not only receive a stipend of \$500 over their camp salaries, but will undergo extensive training which will aid them in developing skills that may be useful in their future careers.

"We are looking for dynamic individuals with a clear Jewish commitment and a knowledge of Judaism they want to share with others," said Sandra Kil-

stein, program coordinator. "They should be personally charismatic as well as flexible, and have a high degree of sensitivity to camper needs."

Training for counselors will consist of seminar sessions, including an orientation today and residential camping procedure, learning to integrate one's skills into the camp program, and resource materials which will be helpful in programming. There will also be in-service consultation and program resources available during the camping season.

College students interested in applying to the Jewish Leadership Camping Program should contact Sandra Kilstein, BJE Informal Education and Outreach Center, 426 West 58th Street, New York, N.Y. 10019, (212) 245-8200, ext. 377.

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National

The New England region of ARZA (Association of Reform Zionists of America) announced a general meeting on Sunday, April 21, 1991 at 4 p.m. at Temple Shalom of Newton. Rabbi Roland B. Gittelsohn will speak on "Peace for Israel: Reality or Illusion?" There will be an Israeli response.

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Miami (JTA) — The Miami Beach City Commission has approved the building of a mikvah by the Daughters of Israel on Jefferson Avenue and 17th Street, despite protests by residents in the neighborhood. The Jefferson Avenue residents, who have already lost one appeal before City Commission, plan to continue their fight against the resolution. They say a residential area is no place for a mikvah, and they fear the ritual bath house will cause a disturbance.

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The Providence Journal reported that in an attempt to strengthen compliance with the global arms and financial embargo against Iraq, the Bush administration made public this week the names of 52 companies and 37 individuals that it says are acting as agents and fronts for Baghdad. Two of the companies are American, yet officials would not provide details regarding the list.

International

Amsterdam (JTA) — Kuwait, doubly devastated by six months of Iraqi occupation and the seven-week Persian Gulf war, is still demanding that firms submitting bids for work in that country include statements that they are not Jewish and do not employ Jews, according to Israeli officials. Also, the Saudi and Kuwaiti governments have denied visitor's visas to Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-N.Y.) because his passport contained Israeli entrance stamps.

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Jerusalem — 14 Carbon test on a few of the Dead Sea Scrolls revealed they were written from the second century B.C. to the third century A.D., officials said this week. The testing appeared to confirm most scholars' belief that the works were those of a Jewish sect, the Essenes, Said Magan Broshi, custodian of the Israel Museum's Shrine of the Book.

Israeli Authorities Arrest U.S. Couple

by David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel may finally comply with a longstanding U.S. request for the extradition of Rochelle and Robert Manning, an American Jewish couple suspected in the mailbomb killing of an employee of a Los Angeles computer firm.

The Mannings, who are active in Kach, the anti-Arab movement founded by the late Rabbi Meir Kahane, were arrested recently at their home in the West Bank settlement of Kiryat Arba and will be deported to the United States shortly at the U.S. Justice Department's request, Israel Radio reported.

The couple is wanted for the killing of Patricia Wilkerson, a secretary for Prowest Computer Corp. of Los Angeles. Wilkerson was killed in July 1980 when she plugged in a device that had been described as a new invention but was actually a bomb. No motive was given for the bombing then. But it was reported recently that the company was in competition with the firm with which Rochelle Manning was associated at the time.

The couple has also been linked to the unsolved murder case of Arab-American activist Alex Odeh, the regional head of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee who was killed in October 1985 when a bomb exploded in the group's Santa Ana, Calif., office. Odeh had defended the Palestine Liberation Organization in a television interview the night before the bombing but was not a formal member of the PLO, according to the Palestinian community.

The Mannings have also been tied to the bombings of suspected Nazi war criminals in New Jersey and New York. One of the men, Tschermi Soobzokov, died of his

wounds. The other, Elmars Sprogis, an alleged wartime police chief in Latvia, escaped injury when a bomb exploded outside his house in Brentwood, N.Y. Another person was injured.

In Washington, however, the State Department said recently that the United States was seeking the Mannings' extradition in connection with Wilkerson's death. Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler said the United States was working closely with Israel on the case.

Israel normally resists extraditing Jews for criminal activity abroad. But the Mannings' alleged offenses occurred before they became citizens of Israel.

Rochelle Manning, 50, was arrested in June 1988 when she arrived at Los Angeles International Airport, accompanied by the couple's two children. Robert Manning, 38, remained in Kiryat Arba. However, she was released and allowed to return to Israel.

Meanwhile, the Kach movement has announced the election of a new chairman to replace Kahane, who was assassinated in New York last Nov. 5. He is Avraham Toledano, a 33-year-old engineer from Kiryat Arba who says he could never fill Kahane's shoes but will be an organizer for the movement. Toledano announced that Kach would seek seats in the Knesset in the next elections without changing its platform.

The platform, calling for the forcible expulsion of all Arabs from Israel and the administered territories, disqualified Kach from the 1988 elections on grounds of racism.

(Contributing to this report were JTA correspondent Howard Rosenberg in Washington and staff writer Susan Birnbaum in New York.)

Chaim Potok To Speak

FRANKLIN, Mass. — Noted author Chaim Potok will speak on "The Artist Against Society" at the Dean Junior College Campus Center on Tuesday, April 9, at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public. The program is being sponsored by the Dean Department of Humanities and Division of Student Affairs as part of the college's 125th anniversary celebration.

A powerful and widely acclaimed writer, Chaim Potok's work focuses on not only the interplay of the Jewish tradition with the secular twentieth century, but also on the confrontations that exist within all ethnic groups as they interact with the larger fabric of society. Potok's characters display a striking sense of continuity with national history and are most often presented against a backdrop of the demands of family and religion. His novels include *My Name is Asher Lev*,



Chaim Potok

The Gift of Asher Lev (published last year), *The Chosen*, and *The Promise*. He is also the author of *Wanderings: Chaim Potok's History of the Jews*, and of numerous articles, short stories, and reviews.

Dean Junior College is located 45 minutes south of Boston off Exit 17 of Rt. 495.

U.T.J. To Help Communities Build Russian Jewish Literacy

The Union for Traditional Judaism is embarking on a special Russian/Jewish library project that will help synagogues and communities fill the Jewish educational gap among Soviet Jewish immigrants.

According to Rabbi Ronald D. Price, Executive Vice President of the U.T.J., the Jewish community missed a major opportunity in the late seventies when the gates of the Soviet Union opened a crack and thousands of Jews poured out, primarily to America. "We weren't ready then," Rabbi Price said, "and we lost the majority of those Jews to mainstream secular society. They assimilated. We cannot afford to make the same mistake again."

Although the vast majority of Jews leaving the USSR are going to Israel, almost 60,000 every year will be coming to the United States. While most of the Jewish community's efforts on their behalf are concentrated on material needs, the U.T.J. is seeking ways to provide for spiritual needs.

U.T.J. volunteers have sifted through materials from twelve publishers (American and Israeli), and have chosen appropriate and useful volumes in Russian.

Through the U.T.J., a community or individual can now purchase a "Basic Russian/Jewish Library" for Soviet Jews. The Library contains the foundations upon which a Jewish

lifestyle can be built. The Hebrew/Russian volumes include the Torah, a *siddur* (prayerbook), and a *haggadah*. Also, Rabbi Hayim Donin's *To Be A Jew*, Prager and Telushkin's *Nine Questions People Ask About Judaism*, and a transliterated *birchon* (grace after meals and blessings) booklet are provided in Russian.

Rabbi Edward Snitkoff of Harrisburg, Pa., coordinator of the project for the Union, recalled a situation that demonstrated to him the need for the program:

"Twenty Soviet Jews came to my synagogue one Friday night, and all I had was an old Hebrew/Russian *mahzor* (High Holiday prayerbook) to pass among them. For many of these people it was the first time inside a synagogue, and I did not have any Jewish reading material in Russian to give them. They were reaching out, looking for a Jewish connection, but we were not ready."

Those wishing to acquire or donate a library should send \$39.95 to the Union for Traditional Judaism, 261 E. Lincoln Ave., Mt. Vernon, N.Y. 10552. The contributor may choose to receive the volumes or designate a specific family or synagogue. Alternately, the U.T.J. will be happy to choose a recipient. All recipients will be informed of the name of the sponsor.

The Russian Jewish Literacy initiative is one of many outreach projects undertaken by the Union at cost. The goal of the U.T.J. is to encourage Jews to live an open-minded observant Jewish lifestyle.

Street To Commemorate 'Desert Storm'

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Jerusalem municipality has decided to name a street or square in the city after Operation Desert Storm, the code name for the U.S.-led military operation that drove Iraqi forces out of Kuwait.

The decision was made unanimously by the City Council's names committee. The full council is expected to approve without dissent. The street or square selected has not been announced, but a naming ceremony is expected to be held in the next few weeks.

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AROUND TOWN

by Dorothea Snyder

The 15 minutes prior to landing at Fort Lauderdale Airport always seem endless.

I'm on *shpilkie*s to wiggle out of my strait-jacket aisle seat and race up the ramp to my smiling ear-to-ear mom and dad. After hugs, kisses and news flashes hot off the press, our visit becomes a marvelous medley of touching conversational bases and enjoying reunions with Boston kin converted to Florida natives.

On occasion, I've been lucky to come back with some wonderful stories like "The Kid From Brooklyn," all about my dad's close friend and pinochle-playing buddy, Lenny Cohen, who once was head sports writer for the now defunct *New York Post*. Sadly, Lenny passed away a year and a half ago.

Another year, I visited my folks and covered the Kosher Foods Expo, not an easy assignment, since I succumbed to all the sampling and had to be rolled out of the Miami Exposition Center.

And this past year, I was lucky enough to have my Florida visit coincide with Loren Levy Miller's investiture as Dade County Judge in Miami.

My own wonderful visits with my parents sparked my interest in Warren Adler's fictional accounts inspired by his numerous trips to visits with his parents once they retired to Century Village at West Palm Beach in 1971.

His visits, he said, "helped rediscover the mysterious joys of connection. I became aware of changes in my own parents as well as the other residents as they made the transition from northern urbanites to southern country clubbers."

Those visits inspired a collection of nine short stories called *The Sunset Gang*. Sunset Village became Adler's fictional name for Century Village. The stories were published by Viking 15 years ago and have been checked out many times from libraries. The stories have also become a vehicle for stage dramatizations by senior citizens groups.

"To my mother," Adler said, "Florida, in the early years of their sojourn was Nirvana. She reveled in it. My father, used to his subway commute, coffee shop bagel and coffee breakfast, *New York Times* and the bustle of city heat, merely tolerated it.

"Visiting them periodically, I discovered that these people had created for themselves a hybrid culture patched together out of their own rich experience. They would, of course, deny to themselves the richness of it, their view distorted by the economic struggle and pain of displacement. The idea of tropical Florida for this generation of northern survivors was a fantastic irony and the humor of it could provoke both a wryness and a belly laugh."

Two years ago, actress Linda Lavin was in search of material to be used by her production company. When she came across *The Sunset Gang*, she approached Warren Adler's agent for rights. "The stories," Adler remarked, "had struck an emotional chord since Linda's father was currently living a similar lifestyle in Florida."

Realizing that his stories had a universal truth and appeal that extended beyond ethnic barriers, Linda Lavin brought the project to Lindsay Law, executive producer of public television's weekly "American Playhouse" drama. *The Sunset Gang*, a trilogy about life in a south Florida retirement community, will be aired on public television starting this weekend.

"American Playhouse" has a

tagline on their stationery ... Television with a dramatic difference.

The quality of their presentations are always of the highest calibre. *The Sunset Gang* ranks high among them and surely shouldn't be missed.

It touches a button of emotions. *The Sunset Gang* has a warm, wonderfully poignant and sometimes comical insight into the way people deal with changes in their life as they enter the threshold of their golden years.

Yiddish explores the magic of falling in love again at 70. Velvil (Harold Gould) and his wife Mimi (Doris Roberts) have retired in Sunset Village where Velvil "rediscovers his Jewishness" and combats boredom by joining the Sunset Village Yiddish Club. There he meets Genendel (Tresa Hughes), another married retiree. Their friendship blossoms into love, but produces a dilemma, whether or not to leave their spouses.

The Detective, with Anne Meara and Jerry Stiller revolves around a restless and bored retired teacher who turns a harmless hobby into a full-time obsession.

The Home stars Uta Hagen as Sophie Berger, a widow, who lives alone in Sunset Village. She falls and breaks her hip. Her children worry that the accident will permanently prevent their mother from taking care of herself. Sophie Berger is determined to remain independent.

What surprised me the most was that Warren Adler, writer of this most absorbing and heartwarming trilogy, is the author of the heartless, bleak black comedy, *War of the Roses*.

The Sunset Gang translates into genuine feelings and caring which nurture the growth and development of all three story lines!

Warren Adler said, "As the originator of the material, I am ecstatic with every phase of the adaptation ... production values, the wonderfully sensitive (true to the original) screenplays of the talented Ronald Ribman, and the performances by an outstanding cast."

For years, Adler has been baffled by the amazing survival of *The Sunset Gang*.

"Only recently has it begun to dawn on me that something is embedded in those stories that I should have recognized from an incident back in 1976, a week after the book's publication.

"A man called me for an autographed copy of the book during a snowstorm and found his way two hours later to my home. Why would this man brave his way through a snowstorm for a signature?

"He told me that his mother lived in a nursing home in Jacksonville. The stories in that book had given her great happiness. She wanted to, in some way, touch the author.

"The man who had come through the snow wasn't Jewish," Adler said, "yet his mother related to these stories on her own terms.

"It is only now as the aging process begins to work its way into greater personal awareness, that I have begun to understand the universality of the theme. Like birth, aging flattens all differences.

"There is nothing exclusively ethnic, or exclusively anything in the process. It is nondiscriminatory and nonjudgmental. It is the last lap of the human journey, the way of all flesh. It is also, in its own way, more of a triumph than a tragedy."

More Of A Triumph



Yiddish opens the "American Playhouse" presentation of Warren Adler's *The Sunset Gang* trilogy. Problems rise when love strikes a pair of unsuspecting senior citizens. Shown from left are Tresa Hughes, Harold Gould, and Doris Roberts.



Jerry Stiller, right, and Anne Meara, second from right, are faced with a major mystery when food disappears from their refrigerator in "The Detective," the second episode of "The Sunset Gang."



Uta Hagen stars as an older woman living alone in a Florida retirement community in "The Home," the final episode of "The Sunset Gang" trilogy. Shown are her children played by Ronald Rifkin, Leslie Ayvazian and Kathryn Grody.

The set of three films for *The Sunset Gang* airs on WGBH/Channel 2 on Fridays, April 5, 12 and 19 at 9 p.m.; WSBE/Channel 36 on Sundays, April 7 and 14 at 10 p.m., skipping a week for the third film to April 28 at 11 p.m. The trilogy also airs on WGBX/Channel 44 on Mondays, April 8, 15, and 22 at 4 p.m.

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Books in Review

Uneasy Endings

by Eleanor F. Horvitz

Dilemmas abound in the book, *Uneasy Endings, Daily Life in an American Nursing Home*, researched and written by Renee Rose Shield, Ph.D. (Cornell University Press, 1988).

The author has used several methods of approach in considering her three theoretical premises: the impersonal, organizational principles which account for many of the conflicts and divisiveness in the nursing home; the mostly passive and receiving role that residents of the home are placed in; and, most significantly, that "the nursing home residents find themselves without anchor in a rite of passage between adulthood and death."

The study takes place in a nursing home, the Franklin Nursing Home, (a pseudonym), a nonprofit Jewish home in the fictitious community of Harrison. The author spent 14 months in which she studied and researched the many facets involved in the operation of a nursing home. She combines resident oral history with the interviews and observations of the many individuals con-

nected with the home — the doctors, nurses, custodians, kitchen workers, administrators, social workers as well as the relatives of the residents. It is often the interaction between these various groups which is responsible for the dilemmas created in the functioning of the home and its effect upon the residents.

At the time in which the author carried on her research there were over 250 staff members which included administrators, registered nurses, nursing assistants, orderlies, maintenance and housekeeping staff, social workers, dietitians, and occupational and recreational therapists. Seventy-five percent of the employees, excluding registered nurses, social workers, etc., were unionized. There is an interesting account of a threatened strike during this period. Preparations for the care of the residents in the event of a walk-out were extensive and seemingly impossible. Fortunately that strike was averted.

There were three main groups of residents who had separate needs in the nursing home. One was the very ill physically, consisting of those

who might be capable of understanding and communicating. The second and largest group was termed the "demented." It encompassed the anxious, the forgetful, the confused. This group required little nursing care, but needed guidance and supervision. The third group was made up of those who were most capable both physically and mentally, but were heterogeneous in their needs. Although categorized differently, these three groups of residents were housed in the same institution.

Interspersed throughout the book are recorded histories of several residents, which the author calls their "voice." From these accounts the reader gains an insight into the history and life of the resident prior to his or her admittance to the nursing home. Another term is "notebook" which is the author's observations of events. For example, she presents excerpts from resident-care conferences which may include the doctor, nurses, dietitians, social workers, members of the resident family and the residents themselves. There appears no solution to some of the dilemmas posed in these conferences whereas in

others a resolution does appear probable.

Another approach is the documentation of a staff member's hours on duty. In one chapter Renee Shield accompanies a dietician. She describes her many duties, her thoughts, the pressures she copes with, and her role with the kitchen staff as well as with the residents.

The author makes some suggestions:

(1) To increase the strengths of the residents in order to enhance their independence; and
(2) To create community rituals to provide cohesion and solidarity, which aid the transition in the rite of passage. People need to 'do something' in order to feel worthwhile and count as human beings.

Furthermore, the author offers these practical solutions:

"The emotional, cultural gulf separating the Franklin Nursing Home from the Harrison community could and should be bridged. Perhaps the easiest route would begin with initiatives from the nursing home family members and others from Harrison could be invited to the nursing home to participate in educational or festive occasions that would

help shrink the gap between them. If the Jewish community of Harrison made more of a concerted effort to be involved in the nursing home, the aged individuals among them might not be perceived as scary and alien. Fear and distaste too often prevent younger people from acknowledging that they will one day be old, made dependent, choiceless and receiving. The very first steps come from our understanding that the old people are 'us' eventually, that there is continuity between the ages, and that dependency recurs throughout the life cycle. In recognizing these links, perhaps we all have a future."

This many faceted study presents a realistic portrait of life in a nursing home. For those of us who have had parents, relatives or friends as residents in a nursing home, the author's findings offer no surprises.

Renee Rose Shield in her aptly titled book, *Uneasy Endings*, has given us an insight into the complex world of a nursing home, its staff and its residents. Whatever our age, this excellent study is highly recommended.

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R.I. Philharmonic Presents Pavel Berman

Pavel Berman, winner of the prestigious International Violin Competition of Indianapolis will perform the Tchaikovsky "Violin Concerto in D major, Opus 35" with the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra on Saturday evening, April 6, at 8:30 p.m. at the Providence Performing Arts Center at 220 Weybosset St., Providence, R.I. Music Director Andrew Massey will conduct. Also on the program is contemporary composer James Drew's innovative "Symphony No. 3" and excerpts from Suites 1 and 2 of Prokofiev's "Romeo and Juliet" one of his best-loved ballet music compositions. This Philharmonic concert is sponsored by Citizens Bank.

Pavel Berman was born in 1970 and is the son of noted pianist, Lazar Berman. Deciding early in life that violin was to be his instrument, he began lessons at the age of five. He entered the Moscow State Conservatory in 1988 where he currently studies with Igor Bezrodnyay. In 1985, Mr. Berman won the third prize in the International Competition of Young Violin Players, the Wieniawski-Lipinsky, in Lublin, Poland; in 1987, second prize in the Paganini International Violin Competition in Genoa, Italy, and now, has taken first prize in the International Violin Competition of Indianapolis.

Tickets for the April 6 concert may be purchased by phone at the Philharmonic office, 222 Richmond St., Providence (401) 831-3123, 9-5 Mon.-Fri., the Providence Performing Arts Center (421-ARTS), and at all Ticketron outlets. Ticket prices for this performance are \$16, \$19, \$23, and \$37, with \$12 tickets for seniors and students.

Dream Books

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Editor
Spending a sabbatical semester brings you back to boyhood. Or it forces you fast forward to retirement. I don't know which. I ramble round town. I find myself poring over dictionaries and encyclopedias in quiet corners of my local Rochambeau branch library, or the nearest Temple Emanu-El reading room a block or so away.

Guess where I picked up "WORDS," a big red book by Isaac Mozeson that lists terms in English that come out of Hebrew. "Giraffe" means "neck" and "skunk" means "stink" in their Semitic origins. "Sparrow" grew from "tsipora." The founding fathers knew all about it. They came within a few votes of taking on Hebrew as the native language of the United States. Anyone who says the Indo-European

languages went their own way is some kind of Nazi nut. All names grow out of the Bible.

Figure out where I stuck my nose in a fact catalogue. The saga of Snow White moved to Germany from Italy. The fierce wintry details got added in up North. How the basic plot — envious designs of a Queen against a young Princess — reached Italy, or if it grew on Italian soil — would make another *megillah*. I said to myself, maybe Saul's envy of David changed gender somewhere along the road. The same pages credit China with the unraveling of the Cinderella yarn. But maybe she too jumped out of the Torah. Joseph is envied for his beauty and charm by his brothers, who try and be rid of him.

I get sleepy from all this "research." I doze off. If I dream during my forty winks, I can't turn to Joseph for interpretation, so I look up symbols in my new "Dreamer's Dictionary" by Lady Steam Robinson.

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I paid a few coins for this one at a small bookstall behind the Warwick Mall. I added it to my shelf of dream source books. I used to fix only on ladders and trees in my nightmares. So I use those surreal alphabets to dig out the allegorical life not only of deep sleep but of the minor events of memory. Or even of every passing day. According to Lady Steam, you should worry about your peonies. They stand for anxiety and doubt. But penguins when you come across them mean your worries will be minor and will dive and swim away. I did meet some penguins recently, both at the park and in the Biltmore. And I do get distressed if my peonies are too small one year, or no ants come to them.

Sometimes as I drive or walk, or only sit still, I let my mind wander down its own paths. I get lost in mental underbrush so to speak. I read the news or listen in on the radio at a cafe. If I were this country or that instead of just a person, could I handle big prob-

lems any better than my small ones? When I was a small boy my eldest brother would walk right straight into my room. But I had no right to go into his holy sanctuary. One day I marched in and messed up the neat things in his sacred bureau drawers. Is this what nations do to one another? Other personal affairs go wrong and get tangled like a kid's shoelaces. Is this the way of all flesh?

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by Sarah Baird
Herald Associate Editor

Details are not what many people think of, when they dream of their weddings. Details, however, play an enormous part in any successful party including the well-planned wedding. From the wedding dress to the table settings, every special celebration has its own unique touches.

Today, many brides and grooms are opting for more formal weddings than those of their parents. A wave of detail mania has taken hold of young couples, who want to help arrange the entire wedding.

One of the most crucial factors to consider in your preparations is the element of time. Although you may wish to explore every avenue, cover all your fashion bases, select every flower, the element of time may foil even the best laid plans.

Take, for instance, the bridal gown. Most gowns need to be ordered at least three to six months prior to the wedding. Therefore, although many brides decide to browse every bridal shop for months until the perfect dress arrives, in the end they may not allow enough time to order the heavenly gown.

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We hear stories of brides and grooms who have only a few good photographs of the ceremony. A photograph album is what you have ever in your life as the years go by. Research your wedding and have a preview of shots exchanged, be about the style you prefer.

Do you prefer formal, candid action photos and friends talking. A florist for your wedding who has been successful with hundreds of weddings. The florist is a creative and elegant

candles, greenery and ribbons into your floral designs upon request and will honor your color and conceptual schemes.

At least two months prior to the wedding, discuss expected availability of different kinds of flowers. Remember, some flowers can be dyed, while others look fake and absurd in unnatural hues. The florist should also be able to advise you on headpieces, corsages, and boutonnieres. Make sure that you discuss total cost and receive a printed estimate of the final bill.

Brides and grooms should also remember that thank you notes should be promptly addressed and sent as soon as possible after the gifts are received. Personalized thank you notes are a lovely touch. In all the confusion, do not forget to give your attendants and ushers and other wedding party participants something special.

The details may make your heads spin during the preparations; but when the wonderful day rolls around, the details will make the day as spectacular as expected. For all of those brides out there in the wilds of pre-wedding plans, remember that you are not alone. And remember to thank your mothers. After all, we couldn't do it without them!

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Milestones

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The congregation completed its co-sponsorship of a unique five-lesson "Hebrew Reading Crash Course" on Tuesday, March 19, and the response was both heartening to us and appreciated by the participants. The course was co-sponsored with the New York-based "National Jewish Outreach Program." The following students completed the course: Zee Anolik, Marcia Cohen, Seymour Davis, Hilda DelRoss, Bruce Eipperle, Dawn Emmel, Doris Feinberg, Barr Flynn, Jessica Gallipeau, Elaine Glashow, Penelope Goff, Ben Johnson, Owen Kirby, Phyllis

Kramer, Ruth Meierowitz, Tracy Miner, Charles Quinn, Evelyn Schulz, Sharon Schwartz, Dr. Antoinette Sutherland, Barbara and Richard Tucker, Eleanor Ward, Shirley Waterman, Heidi Watson, Michael Watson, and Bella Werner.

"Diplomas" were distributed to all the successful "graduates" and they were also honored at the "Adult Bat-Mitzvah" program. We are already getting requests for our next program and we hope to sponsor this course again in the near future.

Pawtucket Resident Recognized

Brian Rivard, of Pawtucket, recently received an award from the Hebrew Rehabilitation Center for Aged in Boston for his years of service.

Maurice I. May, HRCA president, commended Rivard for his 10 years of service in the Engineering department.

HRCA is a multi-site, multi-service geriatric care organiza-

tion which includes a 725-bed chronic care teaching hospital, two specialized housing complexes for seniors and a nationally renowned gerontological research program. The organization is dedicated to serving the elderly with the highest quality of life through care, research and training.

B'nai Israel Events

Sisterhood Meeting

There will be a Sisterhood meeting on April 7, at 10 a.m. for the planning of donor event and the future of Sisterhood.

ALL Welcome! Please join us.

Soviet Artists Exhibit Works

This month Raphy Gallery is featuring two Soviet artists Hagop Keledjian and Vladimir Savadian.

Vladimir Savadian has been very successful in the Soviet Union and has exhibited his art in Moscow, Kiev, Prague, Sofia, Leipzig, Montreal.

Hagop Keledjian has unfortunately been denied that privilege due to his philosophy of art and anti-Communist stand. He has left his country and come to the United States to seek religious and artistic freedom.

Raphy Gallery is very excited to be showing their art work for the first time in Providence. Their work will be showing from April 8 to April 27.

Goldbergs Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Mark and Ilana (Gross) Goldberg of Newington, Conn., joyfully announce the birth of their daughter, Alicia Sara Goldberg, who was born on Saturday, March 16, 1991.

Maternal grandparents are Barbara Gross of Carillon Drive, Rocky Hill, Conn., and Jerry Gross of Mayflower St., West Hartford, Conn.

Paternal grandparents are Raymond and Zelda Goldberg of Aunt Park Lane, Newton, Conn.

Maternal great-grandparents are Russell and Selma Golden of South Clarendon St., Cranston, R.I., and paternal great-grandparents are Benjamin and Ida Gross of Harris Ave., Cranston, R.I.

Adlers Announce Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Adler of Cranston, R.I., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Ann Adler to David Thomas Caudill, son of Lewalta Haney of Louisa, Va., and Thomas Caudill of Chicago, Ill. An October wedding is planned.

Ms. Adler is a graduate of the University of R.I. and T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond. She is an attorney with the law firm of Morchower, Luxton and Whaley in Richmond, Va.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Virginia State University. He is presently employed by the State of Virginia.

Holocaust Memorial Service Scheduled

On Thursday, April 11, at 7 p.m. there will be a special Holocaust memorial service held at Congregation Beth Shalom at Camp Street and Rochambeau Avenue. This service with special readings and a unique presentation will conclude Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Day) observances. The program is jointly sponsored by Congregations Ohave Shalom, Beth Shalom, Mishkon Tfiloh and the Providence Hebrew Day School. The entire Jewish community is urged to attend.

When you send a wedding or engagement announcement, why not include a photo? Black and white only, please.



Katzmans Announce Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Katzman of 19 Lachance Ave., Warwick, R.I., announce the engagement of their daughter, Gayle I. Katzman of Los Angeles, Calif., to Mr. Ed Wilner of Los Angeles, Calif., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wilner, of Los Angeles, Calif. The bride is the daughter of the late Frances Katzman. Ms. Katzman graduated from Boston University.

The wedding date has been set for October 12, 1991.

Family Life Education Provides Support For Interfaith Couples

Interfaith couples often face personal challenges as a result of their differing backgrounds. The concerns that invariably come up include relations with the families, how children will be raised and how holidays will be celebrated. A Jewish Family Service family religion workshop, "One Marriage - Two Religions," provides a safe, non-judgmental atmosphere where these issues and others can be explored and discussed with other interfaith couples sharing

a common experience. "One Marriage - Two Religions," sponsored by Jewish Family Service and led by JFS Executive Director Paul L. Segal, will be held on three consecutive Thursdays, April 11, 18 and 25, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The fee is \$35 per couple.

The workshop will be held at the offices of JFS, 229 Waterman St., Providence. Pre-registration is required. To register or for further information, please call 331-1244.

Host Families Help New Emigrés

Jewish Family Service, in its continuing effort to help recent Soviet Jewish emigres resettle, is coordinating a new program, Family to Family.

Through Family to Family, Rhode Island's American Jewish families have the opportunity to be involved in the resettlement effort by being matched with and befriending a Soviet Jewish family new to the community. The matched families make regular phone calls and arrange activities themselves, establishing an important and valuable relationship. In the context of friendship, host families can help emigres learn more about Rhode Island and American

culture as well as develop a Jewish identity by sharing holidays. Host families become "friends in need" by being a source of support during difficult times.

Volunteering as a host family is a commitment and means becoming a regular part of another person's life. The emigres will come to count on their new American friends and will value the service provided. All ages are welcome as are families with children, couples and singles.

For further information or to volunteer, please call Temma Holland at Jewish Family Service, 331-1244.

Touro Tour Program Resumes

Our nationally acclaimed synagogue tour programs have been re-instituted with the conclusion of the Persian Gulf hostilities. These tours were suspended from January 15 until March 10 for security considerations during the Gulf crisis. At present, the Sunday 1-3 p.m.

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Thursday, April 4 - Candle-lighting at 5:54 p.m. Forty-four days to Kabolos Hatorah.

Friday, April 5 - Seventh day of Pesach - Twenty-one days in NISAN. Candlelighting at 5:55 p.m. Regular Yom Tov services. Torah reading is "Vayehi b'shalach Par'oh" and "Vehikravtem," two Torahs, 43 days to Kabolos Hatorah. Morning services are at 8:30 a.m. followed by Kiddush. Mincha is at 6 p.m. Ma'ariv is at 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 6 - Eighth day of Pesach. Twenty-two days in NISAN. Torah readings today are recited. In the first we read "Aser Te'aser" and from the second "Vehikravtem." (Forty-two days to Kabolos Hatorah). Yiskor service is at 10 a.m. Morning services are at 8:30 a.m. followed by Kiddush. Mincha is at 6:05 p.m. Ma'ariv is at 6:45 p.m. Shabbos ends at 6:59 p.m. Regular Havdalah service is at 7:05 p.m.

Do not use Chometz products or utensils until 8 p.m., as it takes time for the Rabbi to repurchase the Chometz.

Sunday, April 7 - (Forty-one days to Kabolos Hatorah). Morning services are at 7:45

a.m. Morning services for Monday and Thursday are at 6:30 a.m. and for Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday are at 6:45 a.m.

Mincha for the week is at 6:20 p.m.

Thursday, April 11, is Yom Hashoah - Holocaust Remembrance Day. 27 NISAN. On Saturday, April 13-29 NISAN - We will be blessing the coming month of IYAR.

Palestine Journalist Backs Saddam Hussein

Why are the overwhelming majority of Israelis wary of a Palestine state? One important reason is the Palestinians' history of embracing tyrants seeking to destroy the Jewish state! One Arab who is quite candid about this is Mohammed Abu Shilbaya, a veteran Palestinian journalist based in East Jerusalem, who has written a book explaining his support of Saddam Hussein.

In the past he and the other Palestinians supported Gamal Abdul Nasser, Khomeini, and now Hussein. When Saddam Hussein fails they will wait for a new Saladin. The book (*Jerusalem Post*, Nov. 14, 1990) - which is dedicated in part to

the PLO - opens with a 15-page prayer ending with a passage asking Allah to "obliterate the enemies of peace" and "President Bush, the commander of the new crazed Crusaders' war." The *Post* continues in their review of the book, "After heaping ridicule on Yaron London and Yossi Sarid (noted Israeli Doves who have repudiated negotiations with the PLO over its endorsement of Saddam Hussein), Shilbaya turns to the Israel Center as represented by the Labor Party."

The rest of the book is a "long, bitter, and often repetitive polemic against the Kuwaitis, the Saudis, the Syrians, the Egyptians, and all those Arabs who dared line themselves up against Saddam Hussein. The work ends with 25 pages of cartoons, all in keeping with the author's outlook condemning the U.N., the U.S., and all other members of the anti-Iraqi coalition."

During our daily chores, business, pleasures, etc., please keep in mind the safe return from the Middle East for all of our men and women in the Armed Forces, and for the continuing safety and growth of Israel.

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Providence Teachers Receive "Never Again Award"

A special interfaith service commemorating Yom Hashoah will be held at Temple Emanuel, on Taft Avenue in Providence, on April 10 at 7:30 p.m. Poetry and music will be included to make this a moving and meaningful service.

The Never Again Award of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island will be presented to this year's recipients, Providence teachers Fred Suzman and Mike Eckenroth. Mr. Suzman, a teacher at Mount Pleasant High School, has taught Holocaust studies on his own initiative for twelve years. Last year he attended the teachers workshop at the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum, "Facing History And Ourselves." This year he served on the planning committee for the February workshop. Mr. Ecken-

roth currently teaches at Classical High School. He includes the Holocaust in his social studies curriculum and has brought five classes to the Museum. He attended the 1990 "Facing History And Ourselves" workshop and this year was co-presenter.

A candle-lit walk to the Memorial Garden of the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum, adjacent to the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, will follow the service, where relatives lost in the Holocaust will be remembered as their names are read aloud.

Members of the community wishing to have the name of a relative remembered during the service, please call Beth Cohen, Curator of the Museum, at 861-8800.

Renowned Ethicists Speak On Human Research

"Ends and Means: Ethics in Research," a series of lectures sponsored by Brown-RISD Hillel, will conclude this month with two important lectures on the ethics of human research.

Dr. Michael Grodin, Associate Director of the Law, Medicine and Ethics Program and Director of Medical Ethics at Boston University Schools of Medicine and Public Health, will talk on "The Nazi Doctors and the Nuremberg Code: Human Rights in Human Experimentation." Delivering the Annual Holocaust Commemorative Lecture of Brown-RISD Hillel and the Chaplains of Brown University, Dr. Grodin will speak on Monday, April 8, at 8 p.m. in Wilson Hall, Room 102 on the campus of Brown University. Dr. Grodin's talk will be accompanied by rare footage from the Nuremberg Medical Trials.

Dr. Benjamin Freedman, Professor at the McGill Centre for Medicine, Ethics and Law and Clinical Ethicist at the Sir Mortimer B. Davis-Jewish General Hospital of Montreal, will talk on "The Ethics of Human Research: The Current Approach and a Sideways Jewish Glance" on Wednesday, April 17, at 8 p.m. in Wilson Hall, Room 102.

"Ends and Means: Ethics in Research" is a lecture series sponsored by the Brown and Rhode Island School of Design Hillel Foundation. Made possible by a grant from the Jacob Burns Endowment on Ethics of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations, the series is addressing current views on the ethics of conducting research in medicine and other areas of inquiry in the university with attention paid to the ways in which Judaism views the various ethi-

cal dilemmas inherent in this research.

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

The Hillel Foundations' Jacob Burns Endowment on Ethics, now in its second year, funds programs to bring to the attention of university communities the growing need to exercise ethical standards, morality and integrity in human relations.

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Cranston Historical Society

Sieglinde Ruskaup, a tour guide at the Varnum Homestead in East Greenwich will be guest speaker at the April 16 meeting of the Cranston Historical Society.

Ruskaup, who is an authority on General James Varnum, will give a history of the homestead which belonged to the Revolutionary War hero. A history buff, Ruskaup has visited many of the major museums in the United States and Europe and is well-versed in her subject.

A brief business meeting at 7:30 p.m. will precede Ruskaup's talk. Refreshments will conclude the evening's program.

Social Seniors Of Warwick

The Social Seniors of Warwick will hold a meeting Wednesday, April 10, at 1 p.m. at Temple Am David, Gardner St. Entertainment will be furnished by the "Silvertones." Refreshments will be served. On April 23 members will go to New Bedford for lunch and the Zeiterion theatre to see the play "Into the Woods."

Mystery Buffs At JCCRI

To have not heard of the Mystery Buffs of Rhode Island is a crime! This book club of armchair detectives has been in business for over two years, co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island and the Rochambeau Branch of the Providence Public Library.

A meeting to welcome new sleuths will be held on Monday, April 22, at 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Avenue.

If you would like to join, please call Jackie Cooper at 455-8110, Bob Halpert at 274-6795 or Sally Marks at 331-3286.

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.

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 Pass-over.

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.

"The Jews In Eastern Europe Today"

The Program in Judaic Studies presents a lecture by Professor Michael F. Stanislawski, Nathan Miller Professor of Jewish History, Columbia University and Visiting Professor of Judaic Studies, at Brown University. "The Jews in Eastern Europe Today — An Historical Perspective," Wilson 101, on Thursday, April 11, at 8 p.m.

A native of Montreal, Professor Michael Stanislawski completed his undergraduate and graduate education at Harvard University. A specialist in modern Russian Jewish history, his books include studies of Judah Leib Gordon (1989) and Tsar Nicholas I (1983), a work which received

the National Jewish Book Award in History in 1984. His academic career has included appointments at the University of Washington and Columbia University where he presently serves as Nathan Miller Professor of Jewish History. At Columbia he has served as acting chairperson of the History Department and acting director of the Center for Israel and Jewish Studies. Professor Stanislawski serves on the Board of Directors of the Association for Jewish Studies, the Editorial Board of the YIVO Annual, and Academic Council of the National Foundation for Jewish Culture.

Cranston-Warwick Chapter Of Hadassah

The Cranston-Warwick Chapter of Hadassah announced plans for its Annual Donor Dinner to be held on Monday evening, May 13, at the Johnson-Wales Airport Hotel in Warwick.

The Committee, which has held its initial planning meeting, is as follows: Goldie Greene, Doris Jacober, Dorothy Kramer, Hope Mellion, Shirley Schreiber, Fran Sadler, Lynn Silverman, Bea Sydney, and Sylvia Taubman.

The theme will be "Hadassah, Around the World." In addition to a program of entertainment, the chapter will hold its annual installation of officers. Invitations to the Donor Dinner will be mailed early in April.

A DONOR AD BOOK is a most important part of the Donor fund-raising activity. Chairwoman of the Donor Ad Book this year is Lorraine Webber.

Study Group

The Cranston/Warwick Hadassah Study Group will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, April 10, at 12:30 p.m. at the home of Miriam Abrams, 175 Merry Mount Drive, Governor Francis Farms, Warwick.

Coffee and cake will be served followed by the film, "Enemies: A Love Story" based on the novel by Isaac B. Singer. A discussion will follow comparing the plot to the Book of Job, Hadassah's Education theme this year. Please R.S.V.P. by April 7 to Peggy Fuerst, 723-1722.

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We are not so unfortunate! After our Passover celebration, we can break our seven-day fast in a way our ancestors could not have imagined. Join us for the second annual MATIV Passover breakfast at Aspara Restaurant, on Friday, April 5, at 6:15 p.m. This is early enough for those who might want to go to services (at 8:15 p.m.) to attend. Space is limited; to reserve one call me at 861-4227 or Sue at 274-4169 and leave a reservation on one of our machines. Directions are enclosed; hope to see you there.

On Sunday, April 14, the Providence Jewish Community and the Jewish Community Center, will host a dance celebrating Israeli Independence Day. A flyer is enclosed with all the details.

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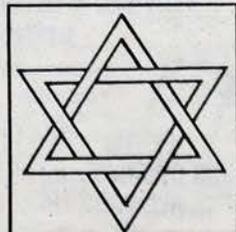
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Chair of R.I. Holocaust Museum Speaks At Temple Emanu-El

Jenny M. Klein, chairperson of the R.I. Holocaust Memorial Museum, will speak at Temple Emanu-El on Sunday, April 7. Ms. Klein will talk on the successful role the museum has played in Holocaust education. Since its dedication in 1988, the museum has attracted thousands of visitors from 114 cities in 18 states in the U.S. and from 16 foreign countries. Every eighth grade student in the Providence public school system has spent two hours at the museum learning about the Holocaust.

Ms. Klein's talk is part of the Minyan program offered by Temple Emanu-El's Men's Club. The program, chaired by Ralph Levitt and Doris Mc-

Garry, offers the talks along with breakfast on Sunday mornings at Temple Emanu-El.

Ms. Klein graduated from the Teacher's Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary. She has been actively associated with Temple Emanu-El for 48 years in a variety of capacities: teacher, youth director, director of the Institute of Jewish Studies, and Temple archivist.

Ms. Klein's talk begins at 10:00 a.m. in Temple Emanu-El's Bohnen Vestry. Preceding the talk will be Minyan Shacharit services at 9:00 and breakfast at 9:30. Invited are Men's Club members, wives, sponsors, contributors, relatives and friends.

NCJW Rhode Island Section

Open Meeting

The often-asked question — why women don't go into science professionally — will be explored by Dr. Phyllis R. Brown at the open meeting of the Rhode Island Section of the National Council of Jewish Women. To be held at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence, on Wednesday, April 10, the meeting will begin with coffee at 9:30 a.m. followed by the meeting and talk at 10 a.m.

Dr. Brown, Professor of Chemistry at the University of Rhode Island, will offer an overview of the opportunities in science for women and why more women must avail themselves of them in order to be prepared for the 21st century.

Dr. Brown received her B.S. in chemistry at George Washington University, and after an educational hiatus of eighteen years, entered Brown University and received her Ph.D. in chemistry in 1968. She did post-doctoral work in the Pharmacology Section at Brown and became instructor and then assistant professor in research in that Section at Brown. Teaching at the University of Rhode Island since 1973, she has been full professor of chemistry since 1980.

In 1983 Dr. Brown was a visiting professor at Hebrew University in Jerusalem and in 1987 was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to return to Israel to continue her research there.

The recipient of many scholarly awards, in 1989 she received a special citation from Brown University for her contributions to chemistry. In 1990 she received the Governor's Science and Technology Award from the State of Rhode Island.

All are welcome to hear Dr. Brown espouse the cause of women in science.

Luncheon

Rhode Island Section National Council of Jewish Women will initiate plans for their 14th annual Community Service Award Luncheon on Thursday, April 11, with a coffee hour for captains and workers at the home of Beth Weiss.

The honoree for this year's luncheon to be held at the Providence Marriott on May 15, is Irma Gross, community volunteer and humanitarian. More than 90 women are involved in the major fund-raiser. Proceeds from the event directly benefit the NCJW Scholarship Fund which offers financial assistance to college students and camperships to needy children.

Co-chairing the affair are Judith Litchman and Hinda Semonoff. Their committee includes Marion Goldsmith, Barbara Long, Abigail Leavitt, Sheri Singer, Joan Abrams, Ardean Botvin, Evelyn Gompertz, Bonnie Goldowsky, Shirley Lichtman, Beth Weiss, Gertrude Gordon and Mardelle Berman.

Environmental Issues Day Set For April 6

The Environment Council of Rhode Island has invited all interested persons to a discussion of important Rhode Island environmental issues on Saturday, April 6 (8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.).

ISSUES DAY 1991: ACTION FOR RHODE ISLAND'S ENVIRONMENT will focus on pending legislation and other concerns in a series of workshops. Workshop topics include: Narragansett Bay, Air Pollution / Energy / Transportation, Toxics, Waste Management, Water Conservation and Preservation, Land Use, Environmental Education, and tips on Lobbying. The featured keynote speakers are: Louise Durfee, new Director of the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, on "The DEM under the Sundun Administration" and Dr. Harold Ward of Brown University on the "Green Rhode Island" initiative.

This second annual all-day program is co-sponsored by the Environment Council of Rhode Island and Brown University's Center for Environmental Studies. It will be held in Providence at the Salomon Center on Brown's campus. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Participants are invited to bring their own lunch, but beverages and muffins will be provided. The registration fee is \$5 in advance (\$6 at the door). Students and senior citizens are offered a reduced rate of \$3. Please call 421-6487 or 231-6444 for additional information.

Temple Shalom

The annual Holocaust Service of Remembrance of Temple Shalom will take place on Wednesday evening, April 10, at 7 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary. Rabbi Marc S. Jagoliner will conduct the worship, complete with creative readings, testimonies, the kindling of the memorial candles and a special musical selection, written and performed by Larry Zimmerman. Soloist for the evening will be Georgette Ross Hutchins. Members of the Congregation as well as the children of the Samuel Zilman Bazarsky Religious School will participate.

This annual observance is open to the entire community. All are cordially invited to attend.

Yom Hashoah, Day of the Holocaust takes place each year on the 27th of Nisan in the Hebrew calendar and is an opportunity for all people to come together to remember and to pay tribute to all those Jews and righteous Gentiles who gave their lives during this tragic period in world history.

This is the fourteenth annual observance at Temple Shalom.

Dr. Lisa Aiken To Lecture At Touro

Dr. Lisa Aiken, a well-known Jewish psychologist, has agreed to deliver a series of lectures at Touro Synagogue of Newport on the weekend of April 26-28. A unique weekend program has been organized around her talks, by a committee of women from the Newport community, with Rabbi Dr. Chaim Shapiro serving as the coordinator of this event.

The tentative schedule of events includes the following:

1. *Friday evening, April 26, 8 p.m.* - Dr. Aiken will be the speaker for an Oneg Shabbat program in the Main Sanctuary of the Synagogue. Her topic will be "G-d, What Have You Done For Us Lately?" This program is open to the public, with no admission charge. To accommodate the regular Friday evening worshippers, traditional services will be held at 5 p.m., which will enable them to return for the lecture. A collation will be served in the Touro Community Center Social Hall after the talk.

2. *Saturday, April 27 - Dr. Aiken will speak on (Eve to Adam) "Honey, How About An Apple For Dessert?", a Biblical analysis. The lecture will be presented after a special Shabbat Lunch Seudah, at 1:30 p.m. For those who are interested in joining the meal, reservations can be made through Touro's office. Those who would like to attend only the lecture may do so without cost.*

3. The final part of the program will take place on *Sunday morning, April 28, 9:30 a.m.* in the Social Hall of the Touro Community Center. Dr. Aiken will then speak at a communal breakfast, with the subject being "The Id And The Yid," a talk on the relationship between psychological concepts and Judaism. The entrance fee is only \$4 per person for this event. The committee which is arranging this weekend program consists of: Rosalie Goldman, Renee Kaminitz, Ruth Meierowitz, Laura Pedrick, Bea Ross, Rhonda Sabo, Rita Slom, Rebitzen Sheila



Dr. Lisa Aiken

Shapiro and Bella Werner.

Dr. Lisa Aiken, a Ph.D. recipient from Loyola University, is an author and practicing clinical psychologist. At present she has a private practice in addition to serving on the staff of the Forest Hills I.P.A. at the Holliswood Hospital of Queens, New York. She served for seven years as the Chief Psychologist at the prestigious Lenox Hill Hospital of New York City, and has had extensive experience in various psychological and educational capacities, both in the New York and Boston areas. She recently completed the unique book, *The Art of Jewish Prayer*, in joint authorship with Y. Kirzner. In addition, she is nearing completion on *To Be A Jewish Woman*, her next publication. She has conducted extensive research and study in Jewish subjects as well, and has traveled throughout the country on lecture tours. She has taught in New York University, in her dual specialties of Psychology and Judaism, and therefore brings with her a treasure of knowledge and insights.

At present, the committee and the Touro office are accepting sponsors for this outstanding event. Sponsors will be entitled to reserved seats for both the Friday night and Sunday morning lectures, and will be listed in the accompanying program brochure. The Touro Synagogue office is located at 85 Touro Street, Newport, R.I. 02840, (401) 847-4794.

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Holocaust Observance Program At U.R.I.

The 1991 U.R.I. Holocaust Observance Program will be held on Thursday evening, April 11, beginning at 7 p.m. with a candlelight memorial service on the Quad.

The program, which is organized by the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at the University of Rhode Island and co-sponsored by many other University organizations, is held annually in an effort to remember the six million Jews and other victims of

Nazism who were killed in the Holocaust.

On Thursday, April 11, at 7 p.m. on the Quad, an Ecumenical candlelight memorial service will be held. Representatives from all the co-sponsoring organizations will hold candles in a show of unity and humanity against the atrocities committed towards all of humankind during the Holocaust. The public is welcome to attend.

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Focus

Woonsocket — The Few, The Forgotten, The Proud

(Part II of III)

by Kathy Cohen
Herald Associate Editor

This three-part story came about in response to the concern of Rabbi Joel D. Chernikoff of Temple B'nai Israel over the well being of the city of Woonsocket. He took this reporter through the once bountiful city and helped to set up interviews with the people most involved with solving the city's homelessness problem. He was once chair to WSCAP.

The approach to homelessness in Woonsocket is very different from other shelters throughout the state. The city takes the "whole person" approach to rehabilitate people. The goal is to find out what causes the homelessness, solve it and in the meantime find alternative living quarters. It's not always as easy as it sounds. There's much to do and little money.

Even with the closing of the Marquette Credit Union and a generally poor economic climate, the stagnant city has not yet gone into what George Merchacos, executive director of Woonsocket Human Resources, calls "right at the critical line — at the Human Services overwhelming line."

Yet Woonsocket leads the state in several statistics. The medium family income is



George Merchacos

around \$16,000 to \$18,000. The medium education is tenth grade level.

The city's unemployment rate, by the department of employment's calculations, is 8%. However, Woonsocket's Human Services says differently.

"We claim to be about 11%, but if you take the three kinds of unemployed people — if someone's benefit ran out and you no longer count in the system; if you're not an employee and don't receive unemployment benefits and if you are unfamiliar with the unemployment system, I'd say you're looking at 15%," says Merchacos.

The causes of that unemployment according to Merchacos are the 40% high school dropout rates. "If you check with the schools they are going to tell you it's 31% or 32%. I'm a realist. You have to go to school and sign out. If you go the first day and never go again you're not counted as a drop-out (at the schools)."

"Teen pregnancy — 92 out of every 1000 girls between the ages of 13 to 18 years are either pregnant or already have a child. The only community that

is ahead of us in that aspect is South Providence."

Taxes and the cost of living are extremely high. "We have close to the highest taxes in the state because there's no industry, no manufacturing, no business opportunities. Some of it goes onto the property owners. If you look around Woonsocket you'll see plenty of triple decker apartment buildings built in the 1920's and 1940's."

"In order for anybody to own one of these houses and pay taxes they must raise the rent. We have one of the highest rents in the area — just to keep up with the upkeep of a house that's 60 to 80 years old. A lot of the roofs are slate and to renovate one is a major project. So, we have people raising their rents to update their apartments and keep up with the rising taxes; you raise the rent and people can't afford the rent."

"For instance, if you are on general public assistance in the city of Woonsocket you receive \$78 a week. What can you do with \$78 a week? You certainly can't pay your rent, pay for your food and live too."

According to Nancy Paradee, executive director of Woonsocket Shelter Community Action Program (WSCAP), the number of people going to shelters for the first time has grown. Also, the number of food vouchers for first-time users doubled in January.

People who normally get called back from layoffs are not getting called back. There are no jobs. The city's employment services can offer nothing.

"There's nothing booming in Woonsocket. We're a dead community," says Merchacos. "Human Services need is so great. We have between 900 and 1000 homeless families."



Nancy Paradee

Merchacos' definition of a homeless family is one which cannot live in their own apartment or house. They are on the street, in a shelter, or they're living with their relatives or friends.

"When two families live in a one room apartment guess what happens. When you mix four kids and two single parents you get stress, alcohol and drug abuse, and incest. Woonsocket probably leads the state in incest. 40% of every child going into the head start program is an abused child."

There are people walking the streets who are mentally ill, who should be institutionalized. But, according to Merchacos, the state pays for local mental help centers find alternatives group homes, psychiatric apartments that are 24-hour manned, with counselors.

"The Human Resources department is a \$20 million industry," says Merchacos. "We service 350 programs. We have 654 part time employees and we spend about \$7 million in goods and services in the city of Woonsocket."

"The city gives \$581,000 in support of these agencies. I'm

trying to get the other communities to give more because we are really northern Rhode Island."

The Human Resources department gives money to 16 agencies in Woonsocket, but has a total 34 agencies. The city tries to fund as many programs as they can so that agencies can give services.

He says the only good thing about Woonsocket is their strong human services network like Thunder Mist Hospital, Tri-hab, road counseling, visiting nurses, Woonsocket religious services, WSCAP, etc.

"When you make a call in Woonsocket, you get results, however, there are some waiting lists, now," explains Merchacos. "For all the people we want to serve, we wish we could serve more, but the waiting list is just getting that much longer."

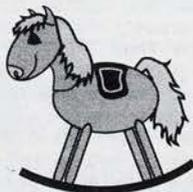
Most small to medium cities, he feels, died during the 80's Woonsocket' strength was strong family structure. His hometown was made up of a number of Canadians "who knew right from wrong."

But, when these family units don't work any more — when they can't find jobs — families start to fragment.

How are the city's agencies handling this problem?

Rabbi Joel D. Chernikoff of Temple B'nai Israel, who has been involved with Woonsocket's WSCAP since its inception, said, "The answer is very simple. We believe that even now with both these shelters we are barely touching the surface of homelessness in the greater Woonsocket area. We need assistance from the federal government, state government, private industry, and the average citizen."

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"Bombs Fell But I Felt No Fear"

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Editor

Born and bred in Providence, Sandi Afsai has always been an activist. In the years before Operation Moses she organized a group to help bring out the Beta Israel from Ethiopia. Falashas stayed at her house on the East Side.

Sandi lives in Israel now, but came here for Pesach with her family. She looks serene and super. "I was so glad I got back to Israel from my last visit in time for the war. The bombs fell, but I felt no fear. Israeli flags flew everywhere. I put a bumper sticker on my car, 'I'm Staying in Tel Aviv.'"

Over coffee at Michael's, Sandi went on. "I never even had time to put on my gas mask. I helped the old and the young. Survivors said, 'We've lived through worse than this. It will be over. We'll be here.'"

"The sense of being together overwhelmed me." Smiling ironically, calmly, Sandi added, "I was almost sorry to see it end. I'm more afraid of terrorism than I ever was of explosions from outside."

New Israelis kept coming in. Sandi welcomed them. Sometimes ten hours a day she teaches English to high school age kids and also to the military. You won't hear her say a bad word about Israelis. "They're smart and they're proud."

Of course Sandi herself is a fighter by nature. Her father is buried in Israel. Her mother lives in Pawtucket. Her sons go to the Day School here. They have also studied in Israel. "There is quite a Rhode Island contingent in Israel."

Sandi defies not only the enemies of the Jewish people. She also lives down the logic of the sociologists. She went to schools in Providence. But she is a daughter of Zion. She made her mark in Rhode Island. She seeks her joy in Jerusalem.

Retirees Can Avoid Quarterly Tax Payments

Many retirees can have federal income tax withheld from their pensions and annuities to avoid making estimated tax payments the Internal Revenue said. A retiree who chooses not to have tax withheld may have to make estimated tax payments during the tax year if enough tax is not withheld from other income subject to withholding.

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'Gestures'

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Rehavam Ze'evi of the Moledet party demanded the immediate expulsion of 1,000 Palestinians suspected of violence, along with their families and all known leaders of the intifada.

Ne'eman, who is minister of science and energy, referred specifically to Faisal Husseini, the East Jerusalem activist who headed a delegation of 10 local Palestinian leaders at a March 12 meeting in Jerusalem with U.S. Secretary of State James Baker.

Ze'evi, who holds no portfolio, delivered a scathing attack on government security policy. His party's platform favors expelling the 1.75 million Palestinians from the territories.

Housing Minister Ariel Sharon of Likud took the occasion to lambast Defense Ministry policy, with the clear implication that Arens should resign.

The outspoken Sharon, who was himself forced to resign as defense minister in 1982 during the Lebanon war, has made no secret that he aspires to Arens' job.

Arens, meanwhile, is reported not to see eye-to-eye with Police Minister Milo on how to protect Israeli citizens inside their own country.

Milo has proposed that all unmarried Palestinian males under 30 be barred from working in or entering Israel proper from the administered territories.

According to Milo, most of

the assailants in the recent knife attacks fit that category. He has the backing of Police Inspector General Ya'acov Ternor.

But the Defense Ministry and other security agencies oppose the idea.

IDF officers propose a drastic tightening of controls at cross-points on the "Green Line" and a concomitant crackdown on Palestinians working inside Israel without the requisite IDF-issued passes. They would also crack down on Israeli employers who persist in ignoring the requirement for work passes.

But restrictions that would emphasize the separateness of Israel and the territories make many coalition politicians uncomfortable, particularly the Greater Israel advocates, who believe the West Bank and Gaza Strip are as much part of Israel as Tel Aviv.

Israel's internal conflict is overshadowed by a larger one involving the United States, its primary source of political and economic support, which has a Middle East agenda of its own.

Shamir irritated Washington when he dismissed Faisal Husseini and his colleagues, the group received by Baker, as creatures of the Palestine Liberation Organization unfit to talk to Israel.

That triggered an angry private response from the Bush administration. The American attitude was very much in evidence, according to Israeli media reports of a conversation recently between Baker and the Israeli ambassador, Zalman

Shoval.

According to the reports, Baker and his aides indicated they saw the Palestinian group as suitable future negotiators with both the United States and Israel.

The media reports said Baker is pushing, through Shoval, for significant Israeli "confidence-building steps" toward the Palestinians — precisely the reverse of the kind of steps that the Cabinet ministers were contemplating at their meeting recently.

Shoval, on home leave for Passover, was noncommittal. The Israeli media nevertheless quoted U.S. officials in Washington to the effect that Baker's meeting with him was one of the opening shots in the administration's diplomatic effort to revive the peace process in the wake of the Gulf war.

Washington recently hosted Osama el-Baz, the key political aide to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, and Adnan Abu Odeih, an adviser to King Hussein of Jordan.

Those conversations are also seen to be part of the administration's game plan.

Israeli observers, meanwhile, are watching the U.S. performance in ongoing discussions at the U.N. Security Council over the pending deportation of four Palestinian activists from the Gaza Strip.

Several council members are pressing for a condemnation of Israel. The nature of the U.S. response could signal the tenor of Washington-Jerusalem relations in the immediate future.

Passover Seders On Cunard Line Ship



The Cunard Line's ship "Princess," a magnificent vessel, is being used for a rather surprising purpose. The ship has been leased by the U.S. Department of Defense as a Rest and Recreation ("R&R") vessel for troops in the Persian Gulf.

Even more surprisingly, this elegant ship has been selected to be the site of observances for the first two days of Passover, including seder dinners on March 29 and 30, announced Rabbi David Lapp, Director of the JWB Jewish Chaplains Council, an agency of the Jewish Community Centers Association of North America.

Our Loved Ones

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dared to speak out against Hitler; he was declared a traitor."

"Was he sent to a concentration camp?" Nancy hugged her shoulders for warmth.

"No. The Nazis sent him to a forced labor camp."

"And his wife?"

"They took her away, too. . ."

Oh, Nancy, I dread to think what might have happened to her. . . Heartsick at the memory, she brought her hands up to her face. "It was as though she had disappeared from the face of the earth."

Suddenly her grandmother looked at her as though she were mature, a young woman whom she could talk to openly, not a child who had to be protected.

"Grandma," she urged, "You will attend this year's service, won't you?" And before her grandmother could answer, she added, "And Daddy can go with you!"

"He always wanted to go with me," her grandmother reflected. "But I discouraged him. — I wanted to spare him."

"But you didn't spare him," Nancy shook her head. "You

excluded him from the comfort he would have gained!" Then, pausing to collect her thoughts, she added, "I just know Mother would want to attend, too. . . We all should go. It's the least we can do."

Her grandmother's eyes held relief even as a tear slid down her cheek.

"Don't cry, Grandma," Nancy urged as she wiped it with her fingers.

"Grandmother's always cry when their granddaughters grow wise," the older woman answered. And her voice held pride.

Please Note: This story was inspired by the united effort in which the city of New Bedford, Mass., annually commemorates National Holocaust Week every May in Tifereth Israel Synagogue. The public schools conduct essay and art contests dealing with the subject, and history teachers concentrate on the Second World War in Europe. Numerous church and public school choirs join Tifereth Israel's choir in an expression of community feeling.

Eleanor Roth, a frequent contributor to The Herald, submits fiction and nonfiction. She is a native of North Dartmouth, Mass.

Security Measures

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Gurwitz of Providence agrees. "Everyone feels more vulnerable, more in jeopardy because of the severe economic times," she said. "We in the Jewish community have seen it historically that when economic times are bad, minorities are the scapegoats."

Historically one of the most important interethnic relationships has been that between the black and Jewish communities, a partnership that developed through the late 1940s, 1950s and halfway through the 1960s as blacks and Jews together built the civil rights movement.

But the groups' agendas diverged in the 1960s with the advent of the Black Power movement, the exodus of Jews from inner cities to the suburbs, and the Six-Day War, which pushed Israel to the fore of American Jewish interests.

"Problems began developing then which poison the atmosphere until today," according to Jerome Chanes, co-director for domestic concerns at the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council.

While there still remain issues of common interest to the American black and Jewish communities, the two groups are likely to grow even further apart.

"The chief concern of American blacks is that they're living in a society in which cities are falling apart, many families are falling apart and the schools are useless," according to Al Vorspan, a civil rights activist who is senior vice president of

the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

"Economic strains lead to a lot of lashing out," he explained. "The frustration level leads to scapegoating and bashing. Some pretty demagogic characters have emerged within the black community — people who hate whites. Anti-Semitism is growing in young and leadership blacks."

By the same token, he said, "the level of stereotyping and racist comments by Jews is growing."

The Persian Gulf war drove the two communities even further apart. The war was supported by most Jews, but not by many blacks, who make up a disproportionate share of the armed forces because of the financial and educational benefits they offer.

During times like these, "it's incumbent upon us to make more of an effort and say yes we are here, yes we want to work together," said Gurwitz of Providence.

Many of the successful connections between blacks and Jews are made through inter-religious efforts.

A long-running Jewish Theological Seminary program called the Louis Finkelstein Institute for Religious and

Social Studies brings Conservative rabbis together with leaders from black and Hispanic churches in Harlem and the Bronx. Along with representatives of Orthodox and Quaker churches, they engage in theological discussion.

Interreligious coalitions can create interesting paradoxes, as in the case in Orange County, Calif., where there is a large community of Evangelical Christians.

While the Jewish community finds itself working against attempts by the "born again" groups to change public school curricula and defeat city resolutions relating to the civil rights of gays and lesbians, it does cooperate with the staunchly pro-Israel Christian groups on Israel-related issues.

One cooperative effort is called "Orange County Loves Israel," an annual festival celebrating the Jewish state.

"The difficulty is getting other mainline church leaders to join us because of how they feel about Evangelicals, not Israel," according to Chelle Friedman, director of community and public relations for the Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Orange County.

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Obituaries

MORRIS ARONS

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Morris Arons of 22479 Vista Wood Way, a sales manager for Clayton Mfg. Co. in Norwood, Mass., and Hallandale, Fla., for 20 years before retiring five years ago, died Monday, March 18, 1991, at home. He was the husband of Ruth (Baker) Arons.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Joseph and Eva (Greenberg) Aronvitz. He lived in Cranston 30 years before moving to Florida six years ago.

Mr. Arons was a founder of Bond Foods Inc. in Providence and was its president for 15 years.

Mr. Arons was a member of the Red Cross of Israel.

Besides his wife he leaves a daughter, Barbara Arons-Lewis; and a sister, Edith Wax, both of Warwick.

A private funeral service was held at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

HARRY BERMAN

PROVIDENCE — Harry Berman, 87, a resident of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., founder and proprietor of the former Berman's Scrap Metal Co., died Wednesday, March 20, 1991, at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of the late Martha (Blazer) Berman.

Born in Russia, he was a son of the late Max and Tillie (Berman). He had lived in Providence more than 60 years.

Mr. Berman operated his company for 40 years before he retired 20 years ago.

He leaves two daughters, Sandra Goldberg of Cranston and Beverly Marcus of Thousand Oaks, Calif.; a son, Samuel Berman of Cranston; a brother, George Berman of West Palm Beach, Fla.; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A graveside funeral service was held Friday, March 22, in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Post Road, Warwick, and was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St.

Providence, she lived in Providence for a year. She previously lived in the Bronx, N.Y.

MIRIAM FISCHER

NORTH MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — Miriam Fischer, 88, of the Hebrew Home of North Miami Beach, died Saturday, March 30, 1991, at the Home. She was the widow of Solomon Fischer.

Born in Newport, R.I., she was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Aron. Mrs. Fischer was a resident of Miami Beach for over 30 years, previously residing in Providence.

She was a jewelry worker in a Providence jewelry manufacturing company for many years before retiring to Miami Beach.

She is survived by several nephews and cousins.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, April 3, at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements by the Sugarman-Smith Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

CYNTHIA GOLDIS

PROVIDENCE — Cynthia Goldis, 79, of 395 Angell St., died Monday, March 18, 1991, at Broward Medical Center in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., while on a trip to visit relatives. She was the widow of Herbert Goldis.

A lifelong resident of Providence, she was a daughter of the late Abraham and Sarah Gershkoff.

She leaves three daughters, Arlene Bromberg of Providence and Ft. Lauderdale, Barbara Rhian of Providence and Audrey Benjamin of Phoenix, Ariz.; a sister, Rose Horvitz of Providence; two brothers, Stanley Gershkoff of Miramar, Fla., and Irving Gershkoff of Albuquerque, N.M.; ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Friday, March 22, at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St. Burial was in Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon, Mass.

GENIA KRANZ

PROVIDENCE — Genia Kranz, 98, of Highland Court, 101 Highland Ave., died Tuesday, March 26, 1991. She was the wife of Mark "Max" Kranz. She was the widow of Emil Gottfried.

Born in Poland, a daughter of the late Victor and Amalia

Fensterheim, she lived in Providence for a year. She previously lived in the Bronx, N.Y.

Besides her husband she leaves a son, Eric Gottfried of Flushing, N.Y.; five grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. She was mother of the late Kurt Gottfried.

A graveside service was held Thursday, March 28, at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick, and was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

EDITH MARKOWITZ

PROVIDENCE — Edith Markowitz, 91, of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., died Tuesday, March 26, 1991. She was the widow of Benjamin Markowitz.

Born in Russia, she was a daughter of the late Oscar and Rachel Dimond. She had lived in Providence 50 years and in Warwick for 15 years before returning to Providence six years ago.

Mrs. Markowitz was a member of Temple Beth-El and Hadassah. She was a life member of the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged.

She leaves a son, Stanley Markowitz of Sarasota, Fla.; two sisters, Sara Cokin of Providence and Fay Goldwyn of Boca Raton, Fla.; and two brothers, Harry Dimond of Rockledge, Fla.; and Robert Diamond of Silver Spring, Md.

A private funeral service was held Wednesday, March 27, and was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

EVA MAZO

PROVIDENCE — Eva Mazo, 95, a resident of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., died Sunday, March 17, 1991, at the home. She was the widow of Nathan Mazo.

Born in Russia, she was a daughter of the late Louis and Jennie Polofsky. She had lived in Providence since she was a child.

Mrs. Mazo was a life member of the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged, and was a former member of Temple Am David and its Sisterhood.

She leaves three daughters, Charlotte Feldman of Cranston, Bessie Kaplan of Warwick and Jeanne Weinberg of Brockton, Mass.; a son, Gerald Mazo of Cerrillos, N.M.; two sisters, Sarah Fradin and Dorothy Peskin, both of Cranston; a brother, Peter Polofsky of Cranston; 11 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and a great-great-granddaughter.

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

SARA H. MILLER

PROVIDENCE — Sara H. Miller, 94, of Summit Medical Center, 1085 N. Main St., a bookkeeper for a Boston textile firm before retiring, died Wednesday, March 27, 1991, at the medical center. She was the widow of Alex Miller.

Born in Boston, a daughter of the late Barnet and Mary Hurwitch, she had lived in Providence, Smithfield and Boston.

Mrs. Miller was a member of Hadassah and past president of the Providence Chapter of the League of Women Voters. She was an active volunteer for many community organizations.

She leaves two sons, Daniel B. Miller of Cataumet, Mass., and Charles D. Miller of Smithfield; a daughter, Mary Bille of Copenhagen, Denmark; a brother, George Hurwitch of San Mateo, Calif.; a sister, Ceil Schwartz of Rockport, Mass.; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral services were private. Arrangements by the Sugarman-Smith Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St.

ANNA R. SHOLES

CRANSTON — Anna R. Sholes, 76, of 310 Norwood Ave., a book reviewer and speaker, died Thursday, March 28, 1991, at Cranston General Hospital. She was the wife of Leonard J. Sholes.

Born in South Norwalk, Conn., a daughter of the late Julius and Tillie Kohn, she had lived in Cranston 50 years.

Mrs. Sholes was a 1935 cum laude graduate of New York University, and a member of Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society. While teaching English and

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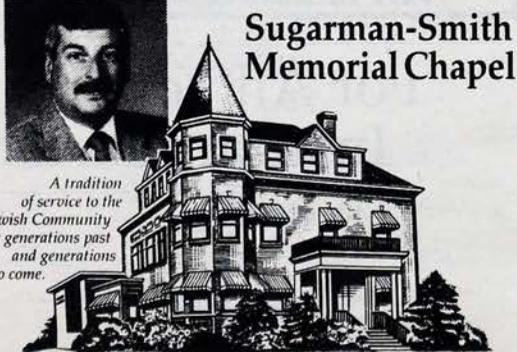
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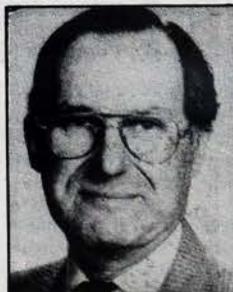
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Latin in the Stamford public schools in the late 1930's, she pursued post-graduate studies at Columbia University.

In 1956-57, she was president of the Sisterhood of the former Temple Beth Israel. She was a past worthy matron of the Hope Link Chapter of the Order of the Golden Chain. In 1966-67, she served as vice president of the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for Aged, and also served as a member of the board for many years. In 1969-70, she was president of the Roger Williams chapter of B'nai B'rith Women. She was a life member of the Miriam Hospital Women's Association. She was also a member of the Providence Israel Bond Campaign, Hadassah and the National Council of Jewish Women. She was a member of Temple Torat Yisrael and its Sisterhood.

Mrs. Sholes presented book reviews before many groups throughout the state. She and her husband traveled extensively, and Mrs. Sholes frequently spoke to various groups and organizations about her travels.

Besides her husband she leaves four sons, Richard K. Sholes and state Sen. David H. Sholes, both of Cranston, and Andrew G. Sholes and Steven T. Sholes, both of Warwick; a brother, Morton Kohn of Greenwich, Conn.; and 10 grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Monday, April 1, at Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Services were coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

SHIRLEY WINTMAN

PAWTUCKET — Shirley Wintman, 68, of 33 Newman Rd., died Monday, March 25, 1991, at Miriam Hospital. She was the wife of Milton J. Wintman.

Born in Providence, a daughter of Jennie (Goldsmith) Kaufman of Providence and the late Louis Kaufman, she moved to Pawtucket a year ago.

Mrs. Wintman attended Rhode Island College. She was a member of Temple Emanu-El and its Sisterhood, the Women's Associations of the Jewish Home for Aged, and Miriam Hospital, and the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and Hadassah.

Besides her husband and

mother she leaves a daughter, Susan Levy of Pawtucket; a son, Lewis Wintman of Providence; and two grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Wednesday, March 27, at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

BENJAMIN YAFFE

DELRAY BEACH, Fla. — Benjamin Yaffe, 90, of 5859 Heritage Parkway, founder, and proprietor for 27 years of the former Dunbar Shoes, Pawtucket, before selling the company in 1966, died Wednesday, March 27, 1991, in West Boca Medical Center, Boca Raton. He was the husband of the late Selma (Weintraub) Yaffe.

Born in Chelsea, Mass., a son of the late Simon and Sarah Yaffe, he had lived in Florida since 1988. He lived in Rumford for 35 years and in Providence for 50 years.

He was a member of Temple Masonic Lodge, Bridgeport, Conn.

He leaves a daughter, Marilyn Dickens of Boca Raton; a sister, Flossie Devore of Miami Beach, Fla.; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Monday, April 1, in Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon, Mass.

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Barney's Rises Above the Rest

by Kathy Cohen
Herald Associate Editor

Barney's located at 727 East Avenue (at the end of Blackstone Blvd.), Pawtucket, R.I. doesn't look like a typical bakery until you go into the back, where all the baking is done. The front has a new fresh look to it with red and white tiled floors and a neon clock above the center of the counter. One can walk in to the self-serve counter, then sit down at one of the rounded cafe tables and enjoy a breakfast, lunch or dinner here.

For centuries a baker's products have been a commodity that everyone loves to sink their teeth into. This kind of food also seems to change a person into a New York Times food critic. There's no scientific explanation as to why bagels turn normal folks into judges, but it's become a constant in life — people are just very choosy about where they buy baked breads and bagels. Anyone who's tasted New York bagels and challah may never buy elsewhere. The only other product that may receive as much competition is pizza but that's another story.

To combat the problem of competition, most bakeries combine their own secret blend of spices, flour, and dough with a certain method of baking,

thereby producing different tasting breads and their own customer following. Barney's has that and more.

"It takes a skilled person to make and bake bagels," says Mrs. Lois Kaplan, who handles the paperwork and bookkeeping, while her husband bakes. "He cares what comes out, using only first rate (u) ingredients."

In keeping up with today's health conscious individuals, the Kaplans bake cholesterol-free and fat-free breads, bagels and some pastries. Lois Kaplan says they use Canola Oil instead of tropical or animal fats. In fact, she says, she knew of this secret before other companies were coming out with healthy products.

Danny Kaplan has always had a love of baking. He works up to 70 hours a week, baking twice daily, if not more. Lois exclaims, he even cooks at home every once in a while!

Baking has been the Kaplan's family business since 1905. The first store, called Kaplan's Bakery, was run by grandfather Kaplan. He opened the store in South Providence after moving from Russia; but it was open only a few years. Danny's father, the late Barney Kaplan, reopened Kaplan's Bakery in South Providence where the brothers, Danny and Murray,

were trained. Kaplan's was sold around 1946. In 1957 Barney Kaplan opened Rainbow Bakery in Cranston, where his family was based.

In 1980 the brothers took over Rainbow Bakery, and about four years ago branched out on their own. Today, Murray owns Rainbow Bakery and Danny has Barney's — both of which are very well-known, successful businesses.

The Kaplans' eighteen-year-old daughter, Michelle, helps out at the store while the eldest, Bruce, 22, attends law school.

Barney's differs from the more traditional bakery shops, like Rainbow Bakery, because it's also a specialty sandwich shop. The addition of sandwiches was an experiment that succeeded, says Lois Kaplan.

"When we first opened we thought we'd sell a few deli products, but it took off," explains Lois Kaplan.

Although bagels are the biggest seller (they bake between 1,400 and 1,500 a day), it's not the only item made on Barney's premises. Kaplan produces 15 different varieties of jumbo muffins and bagels every day with a sixteenth flavor in the works. Some meats, like roasted kosher corned beef, non-kosher roasted turkey breast, and whole barbecued chickens, are cooked at Barney's. All salads, two kinds of soup, challah, potato knishes, bagel dogs, several flavors of cream cheese, and more are made fresh every day. Sometimes Danny is up at 2 a.m. baking for the holidays.

After the Passover holiday is over go down to Barney's and see the tremendous variety of products. Barney's also offers party platters and gift certificates. Call ahead via telephone at 727-1010 or fax at 724-0075, and your order will be ready.

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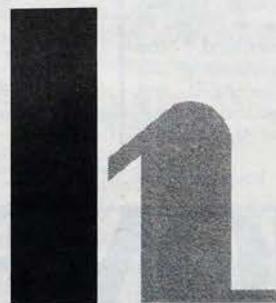
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